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## MDOT postpones major I-275 construction

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The few drivers regularly traversing Interstate 275 right now won't have to worry about construction any time soon. A major \$50 million project planned for a stretch of the expressway between Ford and Six Mile roads,

scheduled to start this month, has been postponed to 2021.

According to Diane Cross, spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Transportation in metro Detroit, the postponement is not in any way related to Michigan's coronavirus outbreak.

She said the state hopes to secure additional funding to do a complete remodel

of the stretch, rather than the originally planned "mill and refill" asphalt replacement.

"'Mill and refill' is milling down the current surface and refilling it again," Cross wrote in an email. "A total reconstruction removes all the material and rebuilds the road from the ground up."

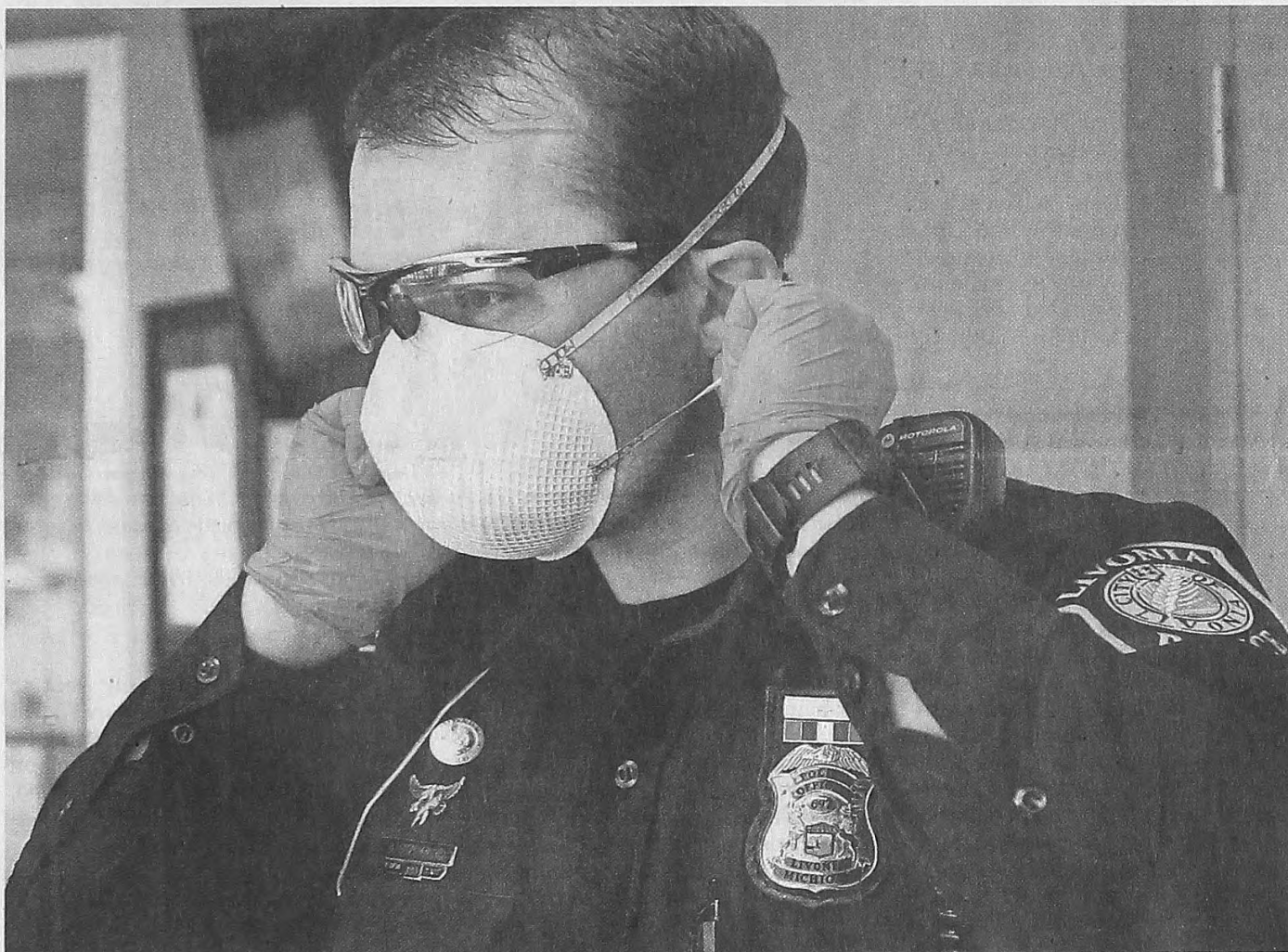
MDOT doesn't know what the ex-

panded project will cost and hasn't worked out the details yet. The project will likely take place from early spring to mid-fall in 2021 and affect drivers heading through Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Canton.

Other MDOT projects, including four

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### SOCIAL DISTANCING



Livonia Police Department officer Bradley Fitzsimmons wears personal protective equipment, including gloves, an N95 mask and goggles, when he must have any face-to-face contact with residents in the city. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Police opt to teach safety before ticketing violators

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For the time being, police officers probably aren't going to bust anyone for violating social distancing guidelines.

On March 23, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

issued a stay-at-home order, closing nonessential businesses and urging residents to stay home as much as possible and, when out, to keep at least six feet away from others. Whitmer has expanded the order through April 30.

Violators of the order can be reported

to local law enforcement and could face a \$1,000 civil fine. But Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid said his department is trying to educate the public before it starts writing tickets.

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## Canton mystery house has compelling history

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Drivers who start at Ford Road and head south on Canton Township's five-lane Canton Center Road will pass modern-day sights: strip malls, condominiums, urgent cares, daycare centers, and the fringes of well-maintained subdivisions.

Once past Palmer Road, however, there is an eye-catching property on the right that attracts attention even from those who have driven by 1,000 times before.

It's frequently the subject of social media posts; few township residents seem to know much, if anything, about the property.

Built in 1896 by John S. Haggerty, who serves as Michigan's secretary of state from 1927-29, the one-of-a-kind mansion with beige exterior walls and a red roof is intriguing, to say the least.

According to public records, Haggerty was an original member of the Wayne County Road Commission and a front-runner in the good roads movement.

The Haggerty House has over 10,000 square feet of floor space and a 3,500-square-foot basement, and the property sprawls over approximately 20 acres, according to records.

The house has been vacant since 2011, when owner John Lasko died. Lasko reportedly created a trust to care for the property, appointing a nephew as trustee.

According to township historians, Lasko insisted that there be very limited use of the property after his death; however, there is a meeting room in the carriage house that can be used by nonprofits.

Lasko's final resting place is marked by a shrine near the southwest corner of the property. Michigan allows home burials if a funeral director is hired to file the death certificate and oversee disposition, all local zoning laws are checked and the deceased did not have a contagious disease, according to romemonuments.com.

According to visitors to the home, it has an elevator and its third floor is large enough to host gatherings.

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### SUICIDE AWARENESS

## Woman works to make sure others feel heard

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Christmas was over, and a young Sara Majoros was preparing to return to Albion College when she learned her baby brother tried to die by suicide.

"It was just like this bomb exploded

at our house," she said. "Then it was a secret."

She returned to campus upset, mad and ashamed because of her brother. She managed to tell a few people at Albion, but stayed mostly silent on the matter.

With her family, it never seemed like

the right time to discuss it.

Guilt lingers despite Majoros' volunteer work for the Common Ground Resource & Crisis Center in Pontiac. Her brother died by suicide about 20 years ago in a subsequent attempt.

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# Farmington Schools plans to honor seniors

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Districts around the state are seeking ways to continue distance learning and hold year-end events following Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's announcement April 2 that schools would remain closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Farmington Public Schools has plans to keep students on track as the school year comes to a close. Here's what the district has in store:

### The plan for graduating seniors

Superintendent Robert Herrera said graduation and prom are still up in the air.

"It's going to be something that we just have to play out here," he said. "If this were to all be lifted sometime in June, a June graduation date isn't that late. If this continues on through the summer, folks may very well just lose interest in participating."

Regardless whether commencement for the district's three high schools happens, Herrera said seniors will be recognized in some way.

"Any opportunity we have to recognize and put together an event to celebrate our kids' efforts and successes, we'll be committed to doing that," he said.

### Learning online

On March 16, the district started providing retaining and enriching material online for students. To move forward, teachers were scheduled to train early this week on the district's education continuity plan. That plan was expected to pick up with students today.

"A lot of the components of what we've been doing will actually just be enhanced as we move into our continuity of learning plan," said Margaret Hendrickson, the district's director of curriculum, instruction and assessment.

The district does not anticipate a need to extend the school year. Students who were on track to graduate will do so and the majority of students will move up to the next grade.

"Per the executive order, the anticipation from the governor was that kids continue to move into the next grade level for K-12," Hendrickson said. "That is still our plan."

"With that said, there are students on any given year outside of the coronavirus outbreak that might need some special consideration in terms of thinking about retention."

For students who need it, the district has already loaned out between 800 and 900 Google Chromebooks. If families need a computer or internet access, they can contact the district.

"We gave out a significant number of Chromebooks right after we dismissed school the last time. ... For those parents that still need them, we'll give them additional opportunities to come in and grab those," Herrera said.

### Feeding students in need

The district has provided breakfast and lunch to students in need since schools closed in mid-March. Through the remainder of the school year, students can pick up seven breakfasts and seven lunches on Wednesdays at one of two locations:

- East Middle School, 25000 Middlebelt
- North Farmington High School, 32900 W 13 Mile

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## Man accused of sexual assault waives court exam

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A man accused of sexually assaulting a woman in Farmington Hills waived his district court hearing with testimony.

Jesse Alexander Newton, of Redford Township, now faces the possibility of a trial in Oakland County Circuit Court.

He's scheduled to be arraigned on five felony charges later this month. They include first-degree criminal sexual conduct, assault with the intent to do great bodily harm and first-degree home invasion.

Farmington Hills police have said Newton sexually assaulted a woman who considered him a friend in the Middlebelt Road area, near Ten Mile Road, on Dec. 18.

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### Ivywood Classical Academy Request for Proposals For Audit Services

Public Notice

Ivywood Classical Academy Board of Directors seeks proposals for the selection of audit services by an independent audit firm to provide audit services for fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022. The auditor offers a full range of audit services to be expected by a growing, diverse public school academy. Ivywood Classical Academy is a tuition-free kindergarten through fifth grade Public School Academy.

Interested firms may receive additional information by contacting Kurt Naber at [kurntner@choiceschools.com](mailto:kurntner@choiceschools.com).

Firms interested in providing audit services shall submit an electronic copy of their proposal by 4:00 PM (EST) on Friday, April 17, 2020 to Kurt Naber at [kurntner@choiceschools.com](mailto:kurntner@choiceschools.com).

Proposals received after the due date and time will be rejected. The Academy Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, any and all proposals received and to waive informalities and irregularities. Proposals shall be binding for ninety days following the proposal opening date.

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## Northville, Plymouth news that made headlines a century ago

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Our newspapers provide a treasure trove of insight into what life was like in our communities long ago.

The Northville Record newspaper dates back to 1869, and The Plymouth Mail to 1887. We can peruse online issues of each through local libraries and historical societies.

Here's a look at some headlines from these newspapers, precursors to today's Hometown Life community papers, from 1920 – 100 years ago.

### State police made a fruitless raid

This Nov. 12, 1920, sign-of-the-times Northville Record headline speaks to a commonplace law enforcement concern – the illegal sale of liquor.

The article names only "the bowling alley" as the raid's target, saying police traveled from Plymouth to Northville.

"Not being satisfied with their search of the bowling alley the police went to the residence of the proprietors on Dunlap Street and searched everything from cellar to garret," the article states. No liquor was found save "two bottles which contained a small quantity of liquor – no more doubtless than might be found in many family medicine closets."

### Northville must provide houses

An April 23, 1920, Northville Record article speaks to the "crying need in Northville for more houses." What's



The Penn Theatre in Plymouth hearkens back to the original Penniman Allen Theatre, built in 1918 and formerly just down the street from the present theater on Penniman Avenue. That building burned down in 1968. Harry Lush, an employee of the Penniman Allen Theatres in Plymouth and Northville, opened the Penn in 1941. PAMELA A. ZINKOSKY/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

interesting is that the anonymous front page article reads like an editorial, admonishing Northville for not jumping on the bandwagon of building houses for those moving out of Detroit.

"If we sit and wait until conditions become normal again the demand for houses by those who feel they must get out of city will not be so great and Northville will have lost its chance to add many families to its citizenship," the article states.

### The contract has been awarded

A March 16, 1920, Northville Record article proclaims that the city of Detroit will build a sanatorium "among the hills west of town." A Feb. 7, 1919 article provides more details about the tuberculosis sanatorium, stating that the Detroit common council authorized the board of health to spend \$100,000 on the land "between the U.S. Fishery road and the Base Line road west of this village," and made up of several former farms.

Eventually dubbed Maybury Sanatorium, named for William H. Maybury, who oversaw its development, it opened in 1921 and officially closed in 1969. The land is today known as Maybury State Park, on Eight Mile (Base Line) and Beck roads.

### Woman may hold any office

On December 24, 1920, this Plymouth Mail headline reports a radical fact: "a woman's services, thoughts and actions are not the property of her husband." Plaintiff William Leibnitz filed for a writ of prohibition against Phoebe Patterson, Michigan's first female judge, asserting that "as a married woman, she has no authority to be a judge of Michigan."

Judge Henry Mandell dismissed the case, agreeing with Patterson's lawyer, Paul Voorhies, who cited the 1918 ratification of women's suffrage as evidence that women do, indeed, have the right to hold "any township office open to other electors of the township."

### Plymouth man held for murder of wife

The 1920s might have been a simpler time, but they still had their share of problems. This June 18, 1920, Plymouth Mail headline reports the murder of a woman named only as "Mrs. Arthur Sprague" by her husband, a Plymouth resident.

"Sprague shot his wife twice after entering the cottage of Arthur Hood ... where she was employed as a housekeeper," the article reports.

Apparently, Mrs. Sprague had left her husband, intending to di-

voice him, and went to work for Hood in Walled Lake. Arthur Sprague, who turned the gun on himself but did not die, was eventually sentenced to life in prison.

### Theater management criticized

A Jan. 30, 1920 Plymouth Mail article reveals friction between Kate Allen, manager of the Penniman Allen Theatre, and the local Women's Christian Temperance Union. A reprint of a Jan. 22, 1920, letter to Allen from the Temperance Union asks that theater management "exercise a more rigid censorship of the pictures exhibited, that productions of the class of 'Broken Blossoms' may hereafter be excluded."

Allen's clipped response to the ladies' group calls their remarks "a personal criticism" and says the film "was passed by the board of review as excellent." The Temperance Union responds to Allen in a Feb. 6, 1920, Plymouth Mail article, stating that the organization was not criticizing Allen and that, "The youthful mind is very impressionable, and pictured scenes of murders and other crimes that would have no effect upon the adult mind, do often have an ill effect on the mind of the child."

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# Saxtons property redevelopment moves forward

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The former Saxtons property recently took one step closer to having some new life.

The Plymouth Planning Commission on April 8 approved a final site plan and recommended approval of a planned unit development for the property along Ann Arbor Trail east of Deer Street. The meeting was held online due to the coronavirus pandemic.

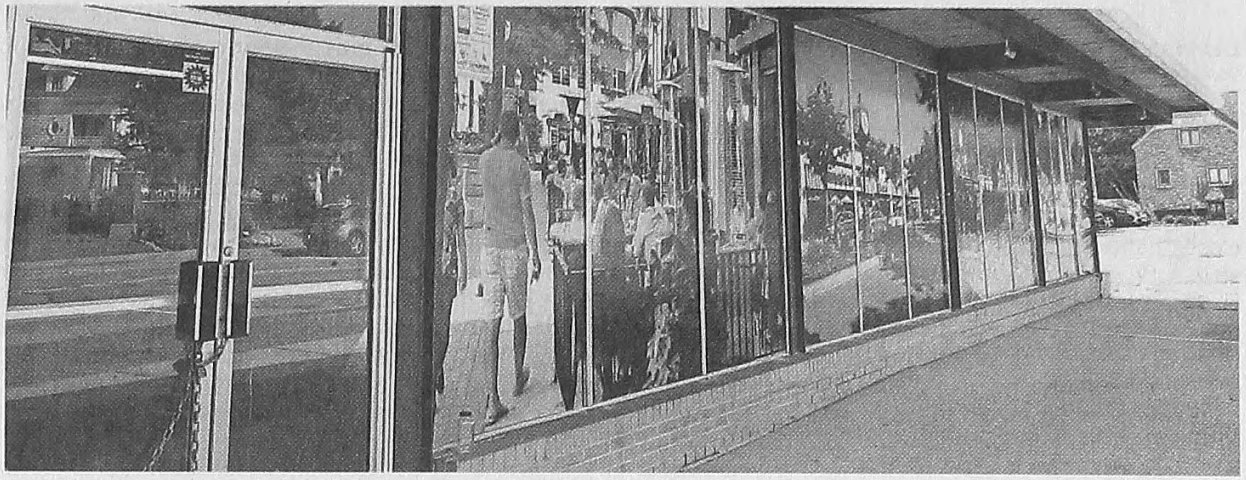
The commission voted 5-3 in favor of the plan, with commissioner Hollie Saraswat, vice chairwoman Jennifer Kehoe and chairwoman Karen Sisolak voting “no.” Commissioner Chuck Myslinski was not in attendance.

The planned unit development will now be sent to the city commission for its review and decision.

The proposal would result in renovations to the Jewell building, demolition of the building that housed Saxtons and the addition of 10 residential units at the rear of the property along Maple Street.

Commissioners talked about several conditions they wished to see in the plan moving forward, including a maximum height for the townhomes, making sure the Jewell building receives a certificate of occupancy before the townhomes are constructed and placing money in the city’s tree fund.

Commissioner Adam Offerman brought up that commissioners should take into account the coronavirus pandemic when reviewing the plans. He said the world had changed rapidly since the plan was first brought before the city last fall. He cited a meeting the



The Saxtons property sits at 587 Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

commission had discussing the project March 11.

“Our economy is not booming like it was in October, November,” he said. “I just want to make sure everybody has that in the back of their mind. It’s not the same anymore.”

But other commissioners rebuked the talk of economic conditions, saying they were there only to decide on the merits of the application and not whether the pandemic would factor into the conversation.

“We’ve answered that so it aligned with our ordinances in a way that we would like to rezone it for a PUD,” Kehoe said. “We don’t ask for financial informa-

tion. We don’t ask for the ability of an applicant to build this at all. That is simply not the question that we’re answering.”

Sisolak told the petitioners, Ann Arbor-based Jewell-Maple Development, that the commission looked forward to seeing work begin.

“We wish you the best. We’re looking forward to you being successful,” she said. “I hope that you know that you’ve got our support for this.”

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Wearing a bandanna as a face mask, a man walks his dog in Lansing. ROBERT KILLIPS/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

## What to know about cloth masks, preventing spread of coronavirus

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LANSING – Michigan and federal health officials are now telling people to wear cloth masks as part of the latest effort to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently recommended people wear a cloth face mask when going to places where community spread is possible, including grocery stores, gas stations and pharmacies, or where social distancing could be difficult.

Here’s what you need to know about cloth masks:

### How does a cloth face mask protect me?

A cloth mask has two purposes in preventing the spread of COVID-19: It prevents someone from spreading the virus if they’ve not shown symptoms or are asymptomatic, and it stops them from touching their face, a leading source of transmission.

The primary purpose of a mask is more to prevent someone from spreading the virus than it is to prevent them from contracting it, the CDC said. A person who has the virus can spread it through the air or through particles deposited on a surface.

Masks also help keep people from touching their faces, Ingham County Health Officer Linda Vail said. That’s a primary way the virus is spread between people and surfaces.

### Where can I find a cloth mask?

Health officials say medical-type masks should be reserved for health care workers, but a homemade cloth mask, bandana, scarf or handkerchief will work.

The CDC has several templates for people to make a mask at home, even how to repurpose an old T-shirt.

### Should I get an N-95 or surgical mask?

Surgical masks or N-95 masks are in short supply and should be reserved for medical professionals and first responders, the CDC said.

Vail said a cloth mask will do the job sufficiently. “The masks should not be medical masks,”

Vail said.

### What’s the best type of cloth mask?

A cloth mask should cover your mouth and nose. The CDC has given tips on what makes a cloth mask most effective against the virus:

- It should fit snugly but comfortably against the sides of a person’s face.
- It should be secured with ties or loops around the ears.
- It should include multiple layers of fabric.
- It should allow for breathing without restriction.
- It should be able to be laundered and dried without damage.

### How should I clean a mask?

Putting a cloth mask in with regular laundry should sufficiently clean it. Even laundry soap should break down the virus.

The masks should be washed regularly.

If people have a disposable mask, like a painter’s mask, they should try to avoid reusing them, health officials say.

The CDC does not recommend reusing a disposable face mask.

### Should I still take other precautions?

Yes.

The CDC says people should still practice social distancing and take other preventative actions, including frequently washing their hands.

There are steps residents can take to prevent spread of flu and the common cold that will also help prevent COVID-19, including:

- Washing your hands with soap and water.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoiding contact with people who are sick.
- Staying home if you are sick and contact your healthcare provider.

More information on COVID-19 in Michigan is online at [Michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://Michigan.gov/coronavirus).

## Two nursing homes, 21 deaths in Livonia linked to COVID-19

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Two Livonia nursing homes are linked to the deaths of more than 20 residents from the coronavirus, according to Wayne County.

The county on Friday reported that 15 residents at Regency at Livonia and six at SKLD Livonia had died after being diagnosed with COVID-19. Including the deaths, Regency at Livonia had 26 cases of residents with COVID-19 and SKLD Livonia had 20 residents fall ill with the virus, according to the county.

In a statement Friday, Regency at Livonia said the facility had “discharged residents with and without COVID-19-like symptoms to local hospitals for treatment. Based on information received from county health officials, it is being reported that numbers of former residents have later tested COVID-19 positive, as well as passed away from COVID-19. We do not always have firsthand knowledge of the status of discharged residents, but have no reason to doubt the accuracy of the information from the county health department.”

The county’s data was pulled from the Michigan Disease Surveillance System, said county spokesman Bill Nowling. The system is an online communicable disease reporting system used to facilitate coordination with local, state and federal health agencies.

Both facilities had indicated in statements this week that they had isolation units and the ability to treat COVID-19 patients. It’s unclear whether any of the deaths were of patients who had been transferred from other locations, including hospitals.

Henry Boutros, vice president of Illuminate HC, which manages SKLD Livonia, said in a statement earlier this week that the nursing home has an isolation unit and is working with area hospitals and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to free up hospital beds.

“We have treated COVID-19 patients [and] will continue to do so,” he said in the statement.

Boutros said they are in close contact with health departments and agencies “to stay up to date on the information to prevent and manage the spread of coronavirus.”

In its statement Friday, Regency at Livonia said: “All of our staff offer their deepest condolences and thoughts to the families and loved ones of residents who have passed away from COVID-19-related illnesses. Our staff has worked tirelessly to care for and protect the residents of Regency at Livonia, and continue to do so.”

The statement says the facility now has the “ability to treat a limited amount of existing and/or admitted positive COVID-19 patients in an isolated, contained unit consistent with guidelines and directives from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).”

The statement says staff is being screened before each shift and “is monitoring changing conditions, including the presence of elevated temperatures and respiratory illness in our facility, daily on each shift.





# Whitmer extends stay-at-home order

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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer extended her stay-at-home order to April 30.

The stay-at-home order extends the initial order made March 23. The order closes nonessential businesses and restricts movement across the state.

Essential businesses that can stay open include grocery stores, restaurants (for carryout or delivery only), and critical manufacturing.

The new order adds some restric-

tions: large stores, for instance, are limited to allowing four people per 1,000 square feet of customer space, and smaller stores are limited to 25% occupancy. To regulate entry, stores must establish lines with markings for patrons at least six feet apart. Areas of stores that are dedicated to carpeting, flooring, furniture, garden centers, plant nurseries, or paint must be closed.

"We are prepared to follow the governor's lead on this," Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan said. "If she extends the stay-home order to the end of the

month, we will extend our program as well."

Livonia City Hall is mostly empty right now, with many employees, Brosnan included, working from home as much as possible.

The state's order comes to help mitigate the spread of coronavirus. As of Monday, more than 25,000 people in Michigan have been infected with the virus, with 1,602 deaths since it was first detected in the state March 10.

The majority of cases have been in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Westland Mayor William Wild said the city will mirror its decisions with Whitmer's order.

"The first week was a little tough as we got our legs under us," Wild said. "We've settled into a pretty good routine."

Whitmer said the next few weeks are critical.

"That doesn't mean that everything is going to go back to normal on the 30th," she said. "We know for the next three weeks, we need to take these important actions."

# Has stock market hit bottom of pandemic fall?



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Over the last 35 years, I have always tried to teach people how to make better decisions with their money. I've always felt that money looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else.

Recently, because of the coronavirus, a few of my scheduled talks at public libraries have been canceled. Because of this, last week I hosted an open conference call to talk about our current situation and to take questions from callers. I thought I would share with you some of those questions and my responses.

One popular question was whether I feel the market has already reached its bottom, or do I think the market will fall further?

As I told the listeners, in my opinion, the market has reached its bottom. I believe that the actions of the Federal Re-

serve and the federal government have helped rally the market from its recent lows. Let's not forget that we have seen a significant rally just over the last couple of weeks. On March 23, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at a little over 18,500. Fast forward to today; the Dow has rallied nearly 5,000 points since then.

Of course, that doesn't mean that we're out of the woods yet. After all, the markets do not like uncertainty and that is exactly what we have.

Therefore, it is possible that if we have another major outbreak of the virus, markets could test new lows. Anything is possible. However, I do believe we have tested the bottom.

Another popular question was, what can investors do to protect themselves from something like this in the future?

My answer was that the best way for investors to protect themselves is to have well-balanced and diversified portfolios based upon their goals, objectives and risk-tolerance level. I know

this sounds like canned financial talk, but it is true. No one could have predicted the effect that this virus would have on the world economy. Regardless of the type of stock portfolio you have, your account has suffered over the last month or so.

Even investors who have balanced and diversified portfolios saw their accounts go south. However, the real issue is not that your accounts dropped in value, but that you're in a position that you can ride the downturn without being forced to sell into weakness. My belief is that people with diversified portfolios, coupled with an emergency fund of at least three to six months of living expenses, are able to get through periods of extreme volatility and uncertainty.

Just think, if you needed money and were forced to sell stocks a couple weeks ago, you would have taken a significant hit compared to today.

As investors, market volatility is the norm. Markets are constantly in flux and we know that over the short run,

markets can be irrational. The key to being a good investor is to never have to sell at an inopportune time. When investors invest based upon their goals and objectives and have balanced and diversified portfolios, it allows them to get through times like this.

On the other hand, investors who try to bet on the market like they would in a casino find that, just like gamblers, they generally end up on the short end. That is why I've always believed that having a balanced and diversified portfolio, based upon your goals and objectives, and having a proper emergency fund, allows investors to survive difficult markets like the one we're currently in. In addition, they are generally best positioned for the rebound when it comes, which it will.

Good luck!

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Livonia Police Department Officer Bradley Fitzsimmons prepares to head out on a call while wearing personal protective equipment. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Police

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### Getting people to stay home

"We are getting a lot of calls from people that are, whether they're complaining about people gathering or businesses being open, worried about it being nonessential," Caid said. "We are doing our best to address that. My plan with that is more of an educational process than enforcement."

Wayne Police Chief Ryan Strong and Farmington Hills Police Chief Jeff King are taking the same approach.

"Our focus is not on enforcement, our focus is one educating and keeping the community safe," King said. "We provide a document to the businesses directing them toward information on the Oakland County website."

But as time goes on, officers very well may start writing tickets and issuing fines to social distancing violators.

"Will we enforce the order if needed? Of course," Strong said. "But our strong priority would be to take an educational approach. We're not going to be pulling people over and asking them where they're going or anything foolish like that."

The chiefs said most local business violators are cooperative.

"This is a very difficult time for those that own small businesses," Caid said. "They have to have some income and keep the door open."

### Protecting officers and keeping morale high

In Livonia, five officers had either

tested positive or were symptomatic of COVID-19 as of April 7. Farmington Hills Police had one employee who tested positive who has since recovered and returned to work. Wayne officers have not had any cases within the force.

Even though first responders understand they're at greater than average risk, they still face challenges.

"Overall, morale is good," Caid said. "Of course, there's a lot of anxiety. This is something that is much, much different than what law enforcement trains for. But it is something that is always there in the back of our minds."

The chiefs have been impressed with how their staffs have pulled together.

"I'm certainly proud of the way every police officer in the city is working together in these unprecedented and challenging times," Strong said. "I mean, everyone is stepping up to the plate."

Officers are given personal protective equipment, or PPE, that depending on the issuing department can include N95 masks, gas masks, gloves, footwear, gowns, hazmat suits, extra uniforms and more. Officers are also regularly screened for symptoms of COVID-19.

In Farmington Hills, the department has gone as far as to clean cars once a shift, clean the whole department daily and provide alternate housing if an officer doesn't feel comfortable going home to his or her family because of the risk of unknowingly exposing them to the virus.

As they try to keep their officers safe, the chiefs want the community to stay as safe as possible, too.

"I mean, the order literally says, 'stay safe, stay home, save lives' and that really sums it up pretty well," Strong said.



## House

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Haggerty built the home as a summer house for himself and his two sisters, who often fostered children.

Lasko grew up across the road from Haggerty and was dirt poor. Local folklore includes an unconfirmed story that he would tell his mom, "Someday I'll own that house!"

His supposed proclamation came true when his Belleville business, Republic Tool and Die, evolved into a major national business.

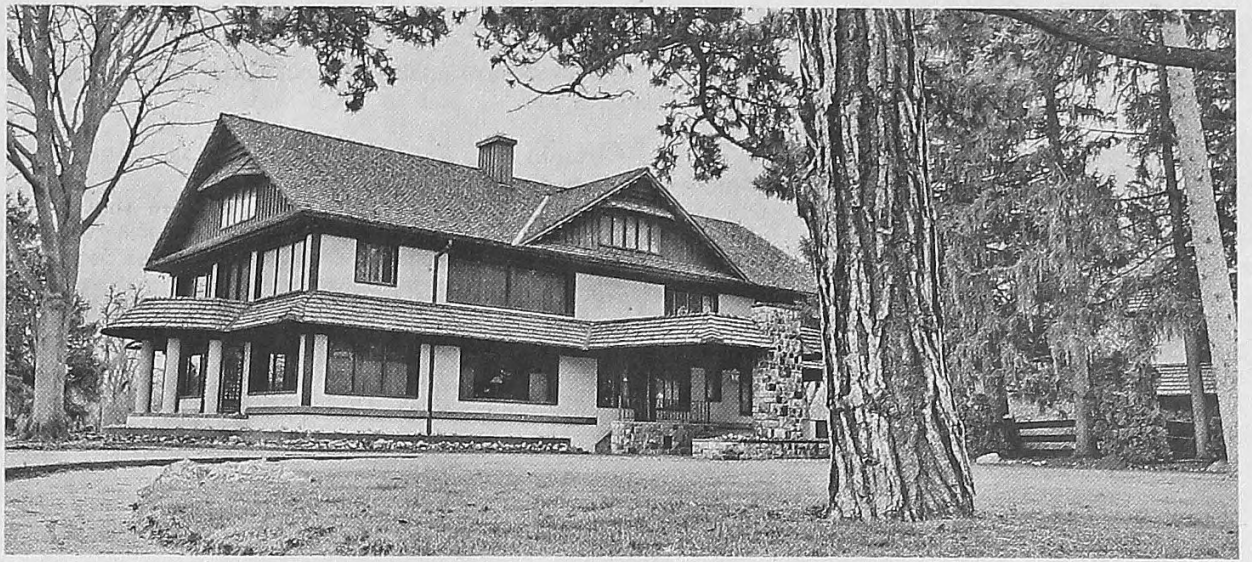
Lasko never married and was childless, public records confirm.

He was a big-game hunter and a very private person. Lasko's trust forbids anyone from setting foot on the property.

A Rouge River pedestrian trail runs parallel to the Rouge River nearby. The trust has agreed to grant an access easement to the township for future extension of the trail system along the south side of the property.

On Aug. 23, 2016, the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved a proposed minor planned development for the property maintained by the John C. Lasko Memorial Trust and managed by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

The plan was needed to allow the property to be



The Haggerty House has about 10,000 square feet of living space among its buildings on the nearly 20-acre plot. Many tall evergreen trees decorate the property on Canton Center Road. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

used for purposes other than single-family residential, specifically, the trust proposed, "small gatherings by non-profit organizations in the carriage house."

Overnight stays on the property are not permitted; however, sporadic tours are allowed if associated with the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, Canton

Township or the trust.

The trust has agreed to the construction of a sidewalk along Canton Center Road as its definite benefit for the Planned Development District.

Contact reporter Ed Wright at [edwright@hometownlife.com](mailto:edwright@hometownlife.com) or 517-375-1113.

## Obituaries

### Marion E. Johnesee

Marion E. Johnesee passed away April 1, 2020 at the age of 98. She was the loving wife of the late James for 60 years; devoted mother of Jim (Gayle), Bill (Pat), Mary (Rick) Glitz, and Pat (late Ron) Kowalski; cherished grandmother of 15; caring great grandmother of 16; dear sister of the late Helen, late Robert (late Lorraine), and sister-in-law to the late Everett (Mary Jayne). Marion was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. A Celebration of her Life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Vincent DePaul - St. Fabian in her name. [www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)



### James L. Niland, Jr. ("Jim")

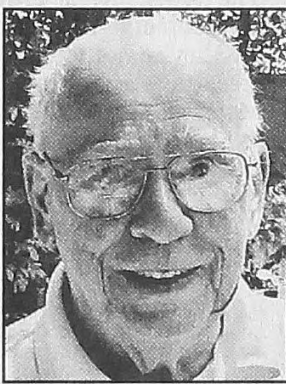
PETOSKEY - James L. Niland, Jr. ("Jim") passed away peacefully at home in Petoskey, MI on April 5, 2020. He was 91.

Jim was born on September 4, 1928 in Cincinnati, Ohio to his parents James and Merle (Muen-scher) Niland. He graduated from Fort Hamilton High School in Brooklyn, NY, served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and eventually received a Master's Degree in Education from Miami University of Ohio in 1955. That same year, he married E. Corrinne (Florian) Niland of Port Clinton, OH. They moved to Garden City, MI where they were both teachers in the Garden City school system. Jim later held several administrative posts, including a long tenure as principal of Garden City West High School. The family moved to Livonia in 1967. Jim retired in 1986 and bought a home on Crooked Lake in Petoskey, MI, where he had spent many childhood summers. He enjoyed his retirement immensely, and spent many hours trolling the lake for walleye and other treasures.

More than anything, Jim loved his wife and family, and especially enjoyed big gatherings at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Music was a big part of his life, and he loved to sing and play the piano. He also loved sports and was a diehard Michigan Wolverines fan.

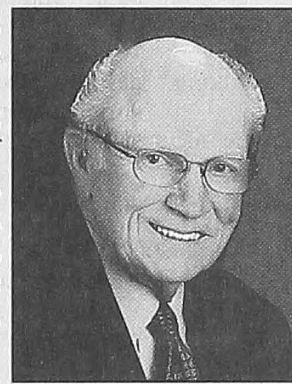
Jim is survived by his wife of 64 years, E. Corrinne Niland; his sons James L. Niland, III (Ronald Allen), Timothy W. (Jeannie) Niland, Scott H. Niland (Cecile Do); his sister Rosanne Robillard; and his granddaughter Courtney Nicole Niland.

Jim will be cremated at Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey, MI (<https://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com/>). A memorial and celebration of his extraordinary life will be held at a later date, to be announced. Condolences may be sent to Corrinne at 965 Hager Drive, Apartment 330, Petoskey, MI 49770-8749.

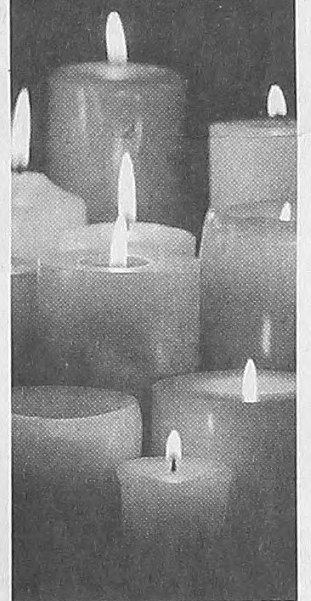


### James Vermeulen

PLYMOUTH - age 88, died peacefully at home on Easter Sunday. Beloved husband of 67 years to Sylvia. Dear father of Krista (Tim) Schaafsma, Jim (Nancy) Vermeulen, Ken (Shelly) Vermeulen, and the late Debra (the late Stan) Hoksbergen. Proud grandfather of Allison (Chris), Becky (Jason), Libby (Justin), Ross (Rumi), Alden (Mary), Mieke (Aaron), Derek (Jen), Kyle (Richenda), Alissa (Raimundo) Morgan, and Sarah. Also, dearest great grandpa of 18. Survived by three of his nine siblings, Casey, Gertrude & Elaine. Founder of the Vermeulen Funeral Homes in Plymouth and Westland. There will be a public Visitation Thursday, April 16th from 4-6 PM at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W. (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. For those who would prefer to not enter the funeral home building, there will be a Thursday 6-7 PM "Drive-by visitation". Friends will be able to pay respects from the privacy of their vehicle. The family will greet friends at the South Parking Lot Entrance. The Friday funeral service will be private. Entombment at Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation or the Plymouth Salvation Army. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfh.com](http://vermeulenfh.com)



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### Robert "Bob" and V. Claudine "Deanie" McFarling

FARMINGTON - Robert "Bob" McFarling passed away on March 10, 2020. V. Claudine "Deanie" "Mac" McFarling passed away on February 20, 2020. Bob was 97 years old, born in South Dakota to the late Cyrus Asa and Olive McFarling. Deanie was 96 years old, born in Kansas to the late William I. and Mildred. They spent over 75 years together in marriage. Bob was soft-spoken, kind, gentle, and had a heart of gold. Bob was a retired ordained minister, but Deanie was not the typical "preacher's wife." She was outspoken, brutally honest, quick-witted, friendly and charmingly sarcastic.

Raised on a farm in South Dakota, Bob earned a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Theology degrees from Anderson (College) University in Anderson, Indiana. Raised on a farm in Colorado, Deanie graduated from high school in Pueblo, Colorado. She attended Anderson (College) University in Anderson, Indiana.

Bob served as associate pastor at Park Place Church of God in Anderson, followed by service as pastor of the Church of God in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and then Boise, Idaho. Bob and Deanie moved to the Midwest where Bob served as associate pastor of Pennway Church of God in Lansing, Michigan and then associate pastor of Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia, Michigan. Deanie had a career as a ward clerk at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Michigan. Together they raised five children.

Bob's ministry included roles as Boy Scout leader, youth and young adults pastor, parenting class leader and daycare/nursery school director at New Schools Children's Center. He loved organizing camps and retreats for various groups. He served as Project Director for the Child Care Coordinating



Council of Detroit/Wayne County. In retirement, he taught leadership development, and led gardening and senior groups for Elderwise, and the greater community. Deanie enjoyed yardwork, baking (especially pizza and pie), needlework, sewing, home decorating and upholstering.

Bob and Deanie were talented creative writers and belonged to a writing group for seniors. They loved to travel to visit relatives all over the country. Both were loving grandparents and great-grandparents-- always interested in their descendants' lives from afar.

Bob and Deanie spent most of retirement at their home in Westland, Michigan, moving to Farmington, Michigan for their final years. After attending the Church of God for most of their lives, Bob and Deanie became members of First United Methodist Church in Northville, Michigan and attended there for more than 20 years.

Bob and Deanie are survived by sons Larry (Serita) McFarling and Scott McFarling, daughter Jeanette (Alex) Mills, grandchildren Jason (Liz) Kaan, Mark (Trisha) McFarling, Melissa Kaan, Aaron (Jennifer) McFarling, Lindsey McKennett, Jeremy (Adriana Keaton) Mills, and Cassandra (Jordan) Veres, and great-grandchildren, Brandon, Jacob, Casey and Hannah McFarling, Abbilyn, Brynley, and Brody Kaan, Vivienne, Evangeline and Beatrix Tabor, Kayden and Maia McKennett, and Odin and Frances Mills, and many siblings, nieces, and nephews. Bob and Deanie were preceded in death by their daughters Louise Kaan and Judy McKennett, their son-in-law Richard McKennett, and their grandchildren Michael and Megan McKennett.

A memorial service will be held in the future at First United Methodist Church, Northville, Michigan, 777 Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. Interment will be at the memorial garden of First United Methodist Church, Northville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Northville.



# Suicide

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“I never said anything,” Majoros said. “Now, I’m like, ‘OK. Now, I’ll say something.’ Because ... geez, we lost a person because we didn’t say anything. That’s terrible.”

Majoros shares her story while talking to other suicide survivors. She’s more committed to listening when answering crisis line calls.

She may hear about finances, loneliness, domestic violence and other hardships that could lead to thoughts of suicide.

Depending on what she hears, she’ll ask the callers whether they’ve considered suicide.

“Asking that question is amazing,” the Farmington resident said. “It’s such a scary question, I guess, if you think about it, but it can be such a lifesaving question.”

“You could be bringing up something that someone has held in. It can give them so much peace that you’re conjuring it up. I do ask that question more often than not.”

Majoros has been working the crisis line for about a decade. She has realized there’s no perfect call.

Connecting with a person who needs support should have positive benefits, no matter what. The best connections seem to come from asking questions.

“You dig in and you explore in a nice, nonjudgmental way,” she said. “It’s kind of cool to, like, excavate and figure out what’s happening.”

“It’s cool to be on the call when someone realizes something that they maybe didn’t know before when you’re talking to them.”

The experience has helped her come

## COMMON GROUND: HOW TO TALK ABOUT SUICIDE

If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, contact Common Ground at 1-800-231-1127.

Problematic	Preferred	
committed suicide	died by suicide	The word "committed" is associated with criminal behavior. Changing the phrase decriminalizes the act.
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successful suicide	took their own life	The word "successful" suggests that suicide is the desired outcome.

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### About this series

Suicide has long been a subject most people avoid talking about publicly, yet suicides in metro Detroit counties have increased in recent years.

This is the third in a series of stories examining the topic.

to terms with the past and her brother’s decision to die.

She described him as quirky, creative and super smart. They were never incredibly close. She remains sad that she didn’t know his favorite color.

She considers the intensity of the pain that drove him to die by suicide.

“I wish I could have been there for him and asked those questions that I now ask people every week,” Majoros said. “That kind of crushes me a little bit.”

She advises people to talk about suicide. People who want to end their lives should try finding someone, even if it’s a stranger, to share what they’re experi-

encing. They’re likely to learn what Majoros has: people feel like killing themselves all the time.

“When my brother tried to kill himself, I felt like we were the only people that had ever happened to,” she said. “We were terrible and we were broken and we were bad.”

“That’s what I’m guessing a suicidal person might feel – that isolation and aloneness, too.”

The crisis line is always available, and volunteers make sure to let others know they’re not alone and that there are resources available.

Majoros encourages those coping with a suicidal loved one to not give up



Sara Majoros lost her brother to suicide about 20 years ago. She works for Common Ground to help others.  
JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

on that person. Checking in with them and listening to them are approved strategies.

“Listening is the coolest and easiest thing,” Majoros said. “When someone feels really heard and understood, it kind of empowers them.”

On a yearly basis, Common Ground has about 80 active volunteers and interns doing work for its resource and crisis helpline.

To reach crisis line volunteers, dial 800-231-1127.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susan-vela.

# Construction

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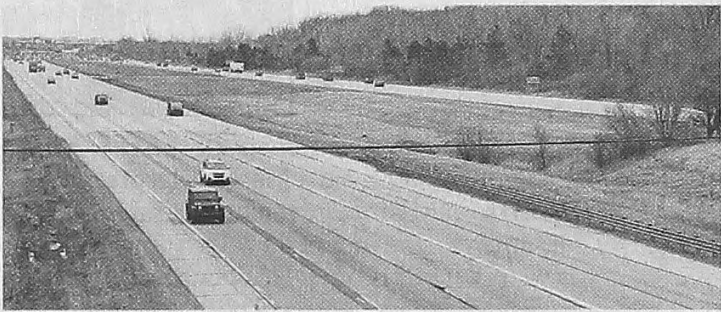
on I-94 and one on M-5, are delayed right now. Cross said most of MDOT’s road work is done by contractors, who have “ever-changing” staff numbers.

Though major work won’t be done in 2020, MDOT will continue to repair

I-275 as needed.

“Maintenance will be pothole repairs or any other issues that pop up on what is normally a very busy roadway, although currently, traffic volumes are down more than 50% on all roadways,” Cross said.

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



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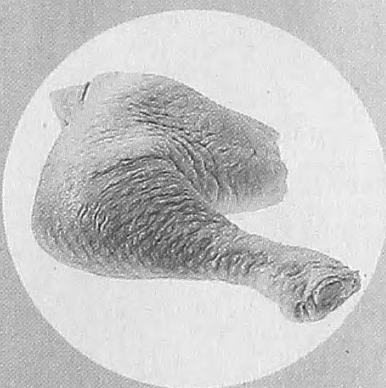
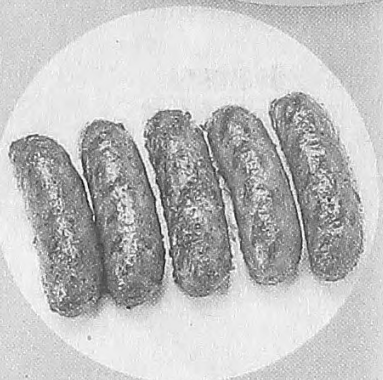
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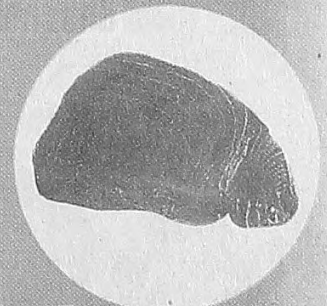
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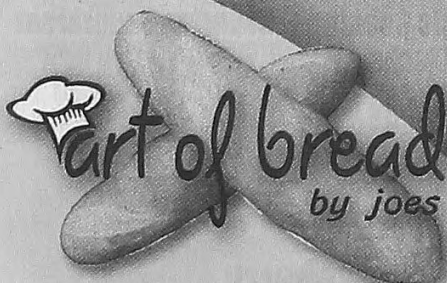
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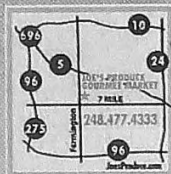
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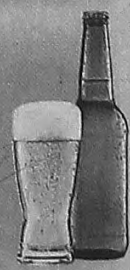
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# Sports

## CAN'T STOP, WON'T STOP



Milford senior Clayre Shaver was close to breaking several school records this spring before the pandemic halted sports.  
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### Milford track star refuses to let pandemic slow her down

**Andrew Vaillencourt**  
Hometownlife.com  
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The coronavirus outbreak may be taking away her senior season, but Milford senior Clayre Shaver isn't letting the virus ruin her spring. The track and field star is within striking distance of school records in

both discus throw and shot put, but with the season canceled, Shaver will remain at fifth and sixth, respectively, in the school record books. In one sense, Shaver is lucky. She is one of the few high school athletes who will be competing at the collegiate level, having signed with Eastern Illinois University where she plans to study sports management and kinesiology. However,

that doesn't take away from the goals she set for herself and the team this spring. "It was definitely rough at first to think of all the stuff I was missing out on," Shaver said. "I had all of these goals to break school records and stuff, but I have been trying to stay positive

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## Old Dominion cancels wrestling program

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Marc Shaeffer thought it was a poorly-timed April Fool's joke. When the Detroit Catholic Central senior wrestler looked at his phone after finishing his work on his family's farm, he saw it had exploded: notification after notification, call after call, text after text. Shaeffer, committed to Old Dominion wrestling at the time, returned the call of his upcoming assistant coach Kevin Beazley, a former All-American wrestler for the Shamrocks. "We don't know many details right now, but yeah, they are shutting us down," Shaeffer said Beazley told him. "I'm so sorry." Old Dominion, the wrestling program in Norfolk, Virginia, both Shaeffer and heavyweight Steven Kolcheff committed to join this fall, announced April 2 it would discontinue the sport. "No one wants to reduce opportunities for young men to compete and represent Old Dominion, but we are required to be responsible with departmental resources," Old Dominion director of athletics Dr. Camden Wood Selig said in a statement. "Our decision became even more clear during this coronavirus crisis, which we know will have significant impact on future athletic budgets." On the same day Michigan ended the in-person school year for all K-12 students in the state, on the same day Kolcheff and Shaeffer lost the remainder of their senior year, both lost their future at Old Dominion.

In a matter of moments, both Kolcheff's and Shaeffer's futures took a complete 180. "They were told in one day that they would have no prom, that they would have no senior baccalaureate mass, that they would have no graduation," Catholic Central wrestling head coach Mitch Hancock said. "All of these things that they were looking forward to as a senior were actually being taken away from them because of this virus. "On top of that, being told that not only is this stuff being taken from you, and something they were looking

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# Church virtually hosts Milford Easter Dash

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Oak Pointe Church, 1250 S. Hill Road, in Milford announced details for its seventh annual Milford Easter Dash – now a virtual run in light of the COVID-19 public health crisis.

The Milford Easter Dash features three separate races: a 5K run/walk, a 10K run, and a one-mile fun run. Competitors can walk, run or hop any course they like any time by April 18 by using the apps Strava or Garmin to record and submit results. Please note, although Strava or Garmin is needed to participate in the competitive part of the race, participants do not need these apps to participate in the event overall.

Proceeds will support Grace Centers of Hope, one of the largest faith-based life-skills programs in Michigan for the homeless and addicted.

“We are thrilled to continue offering our support to Grace Centers of Hope through our annual Milford Easter Dash,” Oak Pointe Church Connections Coordinator Debra Muller said. “We know many people have been craving a sense of normalcy right now and running or walking outside can greatly help. I hope in the midst of the difficulties we are facing that our community will come together – virtually – and run or walk in support of Grace Centers of Hope.”

Registration is open now through April 18 and will be capped at 300 participants. Every participant will have the opportunity to safely pick up their commemorative bib number and a finisher’s

medal from Oak Pointe Church from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 18. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female competitor on each course and will be announced on the event Facebook page.

“If speed’s not your game, we still have a way for our competitors to win through our costume contest,” Muller said. “Simply submit your race selfie to our Facebook page wearing your Easter-y best and you will be entered to win a pair of our fabulous social distancing socks.”

Registration is \$30 per person for the 5K, \$35 per person for the 10K, and \$17 for the one mile run and can be completed at [www.milfordeasterdash.com](http://www.milfordeasterdash.com).

GCH has helped men, women and children transition from homelessness and addiction to stable housing, sobriety and employment. The nonprofit organization’s comprehensive programs provide daily meals, clothing, personal hygiene, individual and group therapy, Bible study and church service, mentorship/discipleship, work therapy, and financial planning.

“We are so very thankful to our wonderful friends at Oak Pointe Church for their love and support of Grace Centers of Hope,” Grace Centers of Hope CEO Pastor Kent W. Clark said. “During these difficult times when we must come together as a community, we are truly humbled by the outpouring of support from the greater Milford community and everyone associated with the Milford Easter Dash.”

For more information about Grace Centers of Hope, call 1-855-HELP-GCH or visit [www.gracecentersofhope.org](http://www.gracecentersofhope.org).



Participants celebrate finishing last year’s Milford Easter Dash. This year, the competition returns in a slightly different way. COURTESY OF MILFORD EASTER DASH

## Track

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and control what I can control. I’ve been training on my own and I’ve been treating it as if the season was still on.”

In her newfound free time, Shaver continues to train and is making visits to the high school track on days where she would have otherwise had a team meet. She has already closed the gap on both school records and now trails the Milford school record in shot put by 4-foot-3 inches (was previously five feet) and in discus by 11 feet (was previously 20 feet).

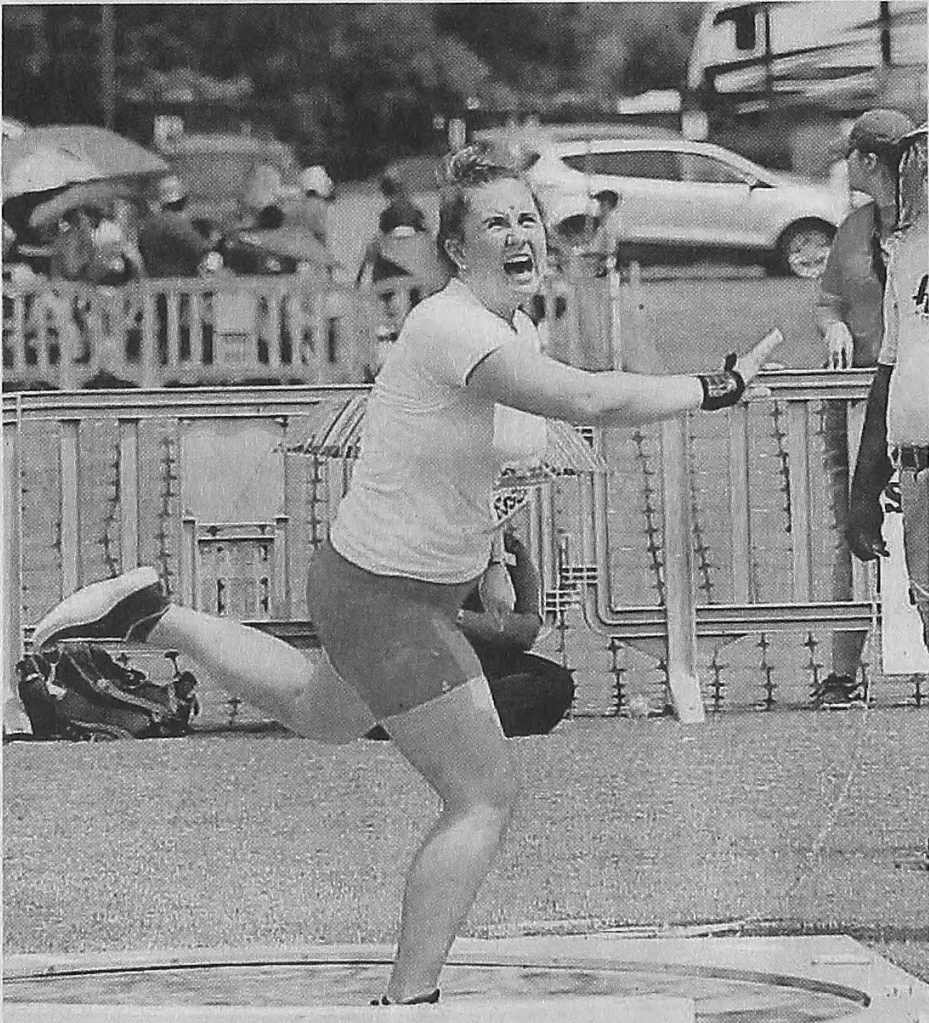
She’s posting her results from each meet day on her Twitter account.

“I still have my goals and I’m hoping to break numbers, even if they don’t count toward things,” Shaver said. “It still helps me get better before college.”

When she initially decided to continue the season on her own, the MHSAA had only suspended the high school sports calendar. Now that’s it’s been canceled, she still plans to train throughout the season and stick to her plan.

“I was still holding out hope that something was going to happen,” Shaver said. “It gave me more motivation to keep working because a lot of people can sit at home and be sad about what’s happening, or you can get up and do something. Having that schedule already in place has helped me keep on track with my training.”

Milford’s girls track and field team has been dominant in Lakes Valley Conference play during Shaver’s career, go-



Clayre Shaver competes during a meet last year. COURTESY OF CLAY SHAVER

ing undefeated in league play each of the past three seasons. She’ll still graduate undefeated in the conference, but wishes she had the chance to stretch the

streak to all four of her high school years.

She’ll also miss out on her last chance at making the state meet. She

qualified in the discus throw last spring, but had her sights set on qualifying in shot put this year, as well.

“I was pretty disappointed because I only qualified in one event last year and came up just short in the other,” Shaver said. “I was really hoping to double qualify this year and do both events and be able to show up on the big stage.”

She gave credit to the Mavericks coaching staff for staying positive with the team and keeping everyone in touch virtually. It’s been especially hard on her teammates and fellow seniors who aren’t competing at the next level.

“I know a lot of my senior friends were very disappointed about losing their opportunities,” Shaver said. “My message to them was that obviously this does hurt a lot that we’re losing this last season and this last little bit that we have together, but we can just think about all the memories we’ve already made and hold onto those and remember the past because we can’t really control the future, so we just have to stay safe.”

Shaver holds out hope that her club season, scheduled to start in June, will still go on as planned, but nothing is certain at this point. In the meantime, she’s staying focused on her training and the 10-12 meets she has planned for herself over the next couple of months.

“I love track and I love competing so this gives me a bit of a challenge and let’s things feel more normal,” Shaver said.

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## Wrestling

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forward to in going to Old Dominion, now that’s gone.”

Shaeffer’s mother saw him standing outside for 15-20 minutes, looking at his phone in apparent disbelief. When she asked him what had happened Shaeffer broke down in tears telling her the news.

Shaeffer, a second-year member of the CC wrestling team after transferring from Davison, said his faith is strong, feeling that this is all happening for a reason. He said he needs to keep his faith.

This faith is what allowed him to move forward.

“After about 10 minutes of crying,” Shaeffer said, “I kind of wiped the tears away and made some calls.”

### Next step

Kolcheff had been sitting outside with his father by a bonfire when he heard the news of Old Dominion discontinuing its wrestling program.

He felt a sense of disbelief, a sense of bewilderment. For the senior, it came

out of nowhere, but it quickly became reality.

“It didn’t really register to me,” Kolcheff said. “You could hear the sadness in Coach Beazley’s voice.”

But like Shaeffer, after the initial sadness, the immediate next step was to find a new home for the next four years, something Kolcheff, a two-time state individual champion at heavyweight, was extremely confident in.

“I’m a true believer in things happening for a reason,” Kolcheff said. “I’m thinking this will turn out better for me. I’m just keeping my eyes forward and the future is still bright for me.”

With the Catholic Central wrestling program behind them, both Shaeffer and Kolcheff reopened their recruitment, hearing from schools as soon as one hour after the announcement by Old Dominion was made.

Hancock was there for both of his wrestlers every step of the way, scheduling a Zoom call with both of them as soon as he could after they heard the news.

His one piece of advice to them was to keep faith in the recruiting process, that another door will open when the time it right.

It did not take long for that to be

proved correct.

“I think the recruiting is hotter now than it was this past fall when they were on the market,” Hancock said.

For Kolcheff, his decision came quickly. The senior decided to join Catholic Central teammate Josh Edmond in Columbia and commit to Missouri.

“The atmosphere at the University of Missouri is unmatched,” Kolcheff said. “The coaches, the team and the whole organization seems like a massive family who are extremely close with each other. It’s the perfect fit for me and I look forward to being a Tiger.”

Shaeffer has narrowed his college decision down to North Dakota State, Bucknell, Maryland, Navy, Cleveland State and Ohio University. He expects to make his decision within the next week or two, saying he wants time to make the right decision, but understanding that coaches want to fill their recruiting classes as soon as possible.

### Rich history erased

As a former Division 1 college wrestler — earning NCAA All-American honors at Central Michigan as a senior in 2005 — Hancock knows what wrestling

means to any college athletic program.

While trying to secure that experience for his two wrestlers that were committed to Old Dominion, he couldn’t help but feel for the other people that were affected.

“I feel terrible for the 30 guys there, the coaching staff that were recruited to go to school there and represent Old Dominion, and are told in the middle of this COVID virus that ‘You guys have to find another home,’” Hancock said.

Kolcheff and Shaeffer were planning on joining an Old Dominion wrestling program with a rich history.

The Monarchs have had 23 All-Americans since the program’s inception in the 1957-58 school year. Head coach Steve Martin has been with the program for 16 seasons.

“It seems like, in the world we are in today, wrestling is not valued as much as it should be,” Shaeffer said. “I think it teaches a lot of life lessons like hard work, setting goals, trusting the process. I definitely think right now, given what just happened at Old Dominion and their past success, it’s not valued at all, which is sad.”

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# Options opening up for Brighton hockey player

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Landon MacDonald of Brighton will have some options as he looks to further his hockey career.

One of them is to possibly play in the Ontario Hockey League after the Mississauga Steelheads chose him in the 10th round, 187th overall Saturday in the OHL Priority Selection.

The OHL, one of three major junior leagues in Canada, is one of the top producers of future National Hockey League talent.

He could have another opportunity open up after the United States Hockey League holds its Phase I draft on May 4. MacDonald could play college hockey if he plays in the USHL, but not if he plays in the OHL because that league has some players who have signed professional contracts.

Another option would be to skate at least one more season with Brighton High School, where he had a top-six forward role as a freshman.

"I don't really have any plans," said MacDonald, the only Michigan high school player selected by an OHL team this season. "I'm just taking it one step at a time. This summer I'll be working on and off the ice. I'll be attending Junior A camps this summer, competing for a spot, getting feedback from coaches, moving forward one day at a time. I'll figure out what's best for me."

MacDonald, 15, said he began to receive interest from Mississauga in January 2019 when he was playing Bantam Major AAA for the HoneyBaked Hockey Club, which had a record 12 players selected Saturday by OHL clubs from its under-15 team.

Most players selected by OHL teams don't join the league the following season. Teams are allowed to keep a maximum of four 16-year-old players. Two of them have to be the team's first two picks.

"It's a tremendous honor to be drafted by Mississauga," MacDonald said. "This wouldn't have been possible without help from my coaches and teammates throughout travel and high school. Both of my brothers, Evan and Brady, had a tremendous impact on my development."

Evan and Brady MacDonald were on



Landon MacDonald, right, had eight goals and five assists in 19 games for Brighton as a freshman.

Brighton's last state championship team in 2018. Brady was one of the Bulldogs' top players as a senior this season.

"It's an amazing experience to play for Brighton as a freshman, having a senior brother," Landon said. "The coaches are great. I love the organization. Playing high school hockey in front of your town is fun. The community is great. Brighton has a lot of fans and is well-known for hockey."

MacDonald scored eight goals and five assists in 19 games for Brighton, with five of those goals coming in games the Bulldogs won by one goal.

"Maybe going back to Luke Morgan (in 2012-13), I'm trying to think of a freshman who had the scoring finesse he has," said Brighton coach Paul Moggach, referring to a current University of Michigan forward. "He's got good vi-

sion. He was a team-first player. He's a talented young hockey player who will only get better with time."

One Michigan high school player has been drafted by the OHL each of the last three seasons. Jackson Kocur of Tri-Valley was chosen in the 10th round by Sarnia (199th overall) in 2018 and Dean Loukus of Calumet was taken in the 15th round (301st overall) by Saginaw in 2019. Both players remained with their high school teams.

"He's the first from Brighton ever drafted there," Moggach said. "Very few high school players ever get looked at by the OHL. We tell these guys, 'You never know who's watching. You've got to play like that. You can't take games off. You can't just play when it's a big game. They could be there any time.'"



MacDonald was chosen by Mississauga in the 10th round of the OHL Priority Selection. PHOTOS BY TIMOTHY ARRICK/ FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

## CHSL releases boys hoops postseason honors

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The Catholic High School League released its postseason awards for the 2019-20 boys basketball season.

Representatives from Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood and Detroit Catholic Central are on the list of All-Academic, All-League and All-Catholic

teams.

Here is a look at who made the list from the Hometown Life area:

### All-Academic

Grant Landry, senior, Cranbrook Kingswood  
Zach Maynard, senior, Brother Rice  
Josiah Smith, senior, Catholic Central

### All-League

Jack Fairman, senior, Cranbrook Kingswood  
Sam Hauxwell, senior, Cranbrook Kingswood  
Ryan Logan, senior, Catholic Central  
Xavier Thomas, freshman, Brother Rice  
Curtis Williams, freshman, Brother Rice

### All-Catholic

Jon Brantley, senior, Brother Rice  
Cooper Craggs, sophomore, Catholic Central  
Cameron Garner, junior, Cranbrook Kingswood  
Jordan Roebuck, senior, Cranbrook Kingswood  
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## South Lyon United swim team wins 3rd straight LVC title

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For the third year in a row, the South Lyon United (SLU) boys swim and dive team won the Lakes Valley Conference swim meet. South Lyon also won the regular season with a record of 5-0.

Max Topping and Jared Keeney were the top scorers of the night. Topping took first place finishes in 200 IM and 100 Breaststroke. Keeney took first in the 100 Backstroke where he qualified for the D1 state meet. Topping and Keeney were part of the first place relay finishes for the 200 medley relay and 200 free relay. Jacob Fischer had two second place finishes on 200 IM and 100 Breaststroke. John Abernethy had a second place finish for the 500 Freestyle. Eric Perczak also had a second place finish in the 100 fly.

### Lakes Valley Conference swim meet results

200 Yard Medley Relay: 1. South Lyon (Jared Keeney, Jacob Fischer, Max Topping, John Abernethy), 1:41.67; 2. Huron Valley; 3. Walled Lake Northern; 4. Waterford; 5. Walled Lake Central; 6. Walled Lake Western

200 Yard Freestyle: 1. Walled Lake Northern; 2. Walled Lake Western; 3. John Abernethy (SLU), 1:50.10; 4. Nick Finn (SLU) 1:50.30; 5. Andrew Brenner (SLU) 1:53.21; 6. Walled Lake Central; 7. Walled Lake Northern; 8. Waterford



The South Lyon United boys won the Lakes Valley Conference championship. COURTESY OF JENNIFER TOPPING

200 Individual Medley: 1. Max Topping (SLU), 2:02.22; 2. Jacob Fischer (SLU), 2:08.55; 3. Waterford; 4. Walled Lake Western; 5. Tyler Moody (SLU), 2:12.19; 6. Leo Vardanega (SLU), 2:14.33; 7. Walled Lake Northern; 8. Walled Lake Central

50 Freestyle: 1. Walled Lake Western; 2. Waterford; 2. Walled Lake Western; 4. Eric Perczak (SLU), 22.55; 5. Walled Lake Central; 6. Walled Lake Central; 7. Huron Valley; 8. Huron Valley  
1meter Diving: 1. Waterford; 2. Walled

Lake Northern; 3. Huron Valley; 4. Cole Heaman (SLU), 270.85; 5. Huron Valley; 6. Huron Valley; 7. Walled Lake Northern; 8. Huron Valley

100 Yard Butterfly: 1. Walled Lake Northern; 2. Eric Perczak (SLU), 52.34; 3. Huron Valley; 4. Jared Keeney (SLU), 53.54; 5. Waterford; 6. Aidan Moorehead (SLU), 56.60; 7. Walled Lake Western; 8. Huron Valley

100 Yard Freestyle: 1. Walled Lake Western; 2. Walled Lake Western; 3. Nick Finn (SLU), 51.32; 4. Huron Valley;

5. Huron Valley; 6. Huron Valley; 7. Owen Showek (SLU), 53.22; 8. Walled Lake Northern

500 Freestyle: 1. Walled Lake Western; 2. John Abernethy (SLU), 4:54.98; 3. Andrew Brenner (SLU), 5:07.70; 4. Walled Lake Western; 5. Walled Lake Northern; 6. Tyler Moody (SLU), 5:21.87; 7. Maguire Topping (SLU), 5:27.85; 8. Huron Valley

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. South Lyon (Jared Keeney, Nick Finn, Max Topping, Eric Perczak), 1:30.25; 2. Walled Lake Western; 3. Waterford; 4. Huron Valley; 5. Walled Lake Northern; 6. Walled Lake Central

100 Yard Backstroke: 1. Jared Keeney (SLU), 54.68; 2. Huron Valley; 3. Huron Valley; 4. Walled Lake Northern; 5. Aidan Moorehead (SLU), 59.55; 6. Leo Vardanega (SLU), 1:00.23; 7. Walled Lake Western; 8. Walled Lake Western

100 Yard Breaststroke: 1. Max Topping (SLU), 59.89; 2. Jacob Fischer (SLU), 1:03.87; 3. Walled Lake Northern; 4. Waterford; 5. Huron Valley; 6. Walled Lake Western; 7. Huron Valley; 8. Owen Showek (SLU), 1:10.42

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Walled Lake Western; 2. Huron Valley; 3. South Lyon (Nick Finn, John Abernethy, Andrew Brenner, Eric Perczak), 3:23.25; 4. Walled Lake Northern; 5. Walled Lake Central; 6. Waterford

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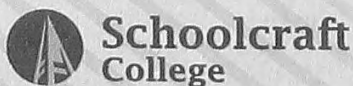
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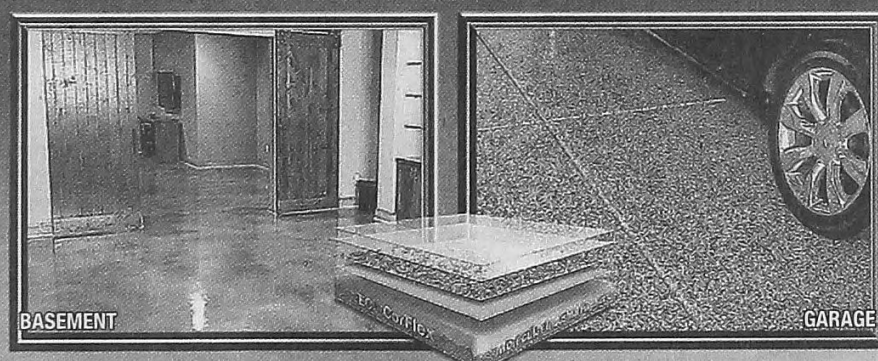


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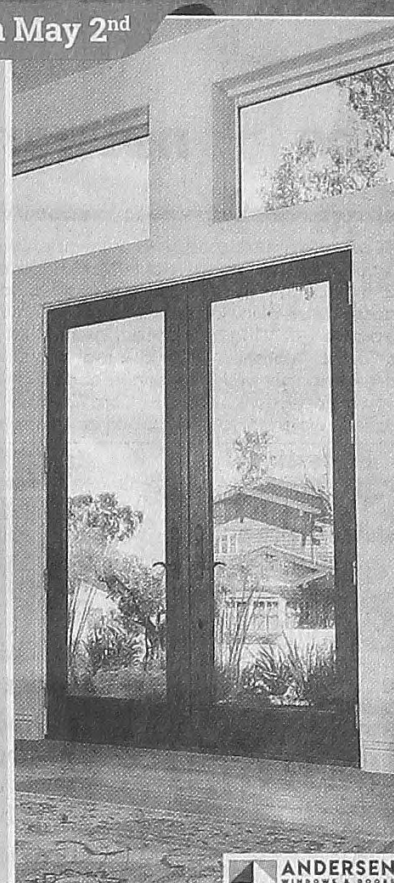
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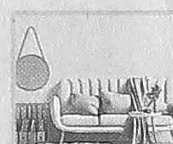
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLER

### ACROSS

- 1 Sore
- 4 Under the ocean
- 10 "Get what I'm sayin'?"
- 15 Store
- 19 Prior to, to poets
- 20 Gofer's job
- 21 Gut bacterium
- 22 Dana Perfumes fragrance
- 23 Person born in early October in Benghazi?
- 25 Family car in Khartoum?
- 27 Eddie — (leisurewear chain)
- 28 Carrere of the screen
- 29 Rock concert booster
- 30 Make furious
- 31 Silky cat in Luanda?
- 34 Beyond city limits
- 37 Merit badge displays
- 38 Kazan of filmmaking
- 39 It precedes omega
- 40 Clear-minded
- 41 Lead-in to history

44 Chess play in  
Banjul?

47 Ballroom  
dance in  
Apia?

53 Ency., e.g.

54 Ancient  
Central  
Americans

55 See 112-  
Down

56 Italian "my"

57 Russia's  
Alexis I, e.g.

59 Envy, e.g.

60 Dark-haired  
man in  
Bandar Seri  
Begawan?

63 Lumber tool

65 Former Oriole  
Ripken

68 Extremist

69 "Delta Dawn"  
Susan Tucker

71 Pathologist's  
study

74 Long time

75 Mo. in which  
fall starts

77 Doc in  
Tijuana?

79 Cinch —  
(trash bag  
brand)

81 "Keep this in"

83 Do a fist  
bump

84 Scandal-  
ridden  
company of  
2002

85 Japanese brew  
88 Old TV's "— Na Na"  
89 Tropical devil ray in Valletta?  
91 Sleeping garment in San Miguelito?  
95 Orig. copies  
96 Well out of range  
97 Precept  
98 Is the right size for  
100 "That made no sense to me"  
106 People rattling things off  
108 Engaged guy in Marseilles?  
111 Actress Saoirse  
112 Long time  
113 Hip-hop producer Gotti  
114 The Beatles' "I — Walrus"  
115 Buyable apartment in Brazzaville?  
118 Fish eggs in Barcelona?  
120 Wine city in California  
121 — a million

122 Secret recorder disguised as a writing instrument  
123 — gow poker  
124 Supermodel from Somalia  
125 "Check," to a card player  
126 Motown's Franklin  
127 Lingo suffix

**DOWN**

1 Peach — (desserts)  
2 Singer Grande  
3 Cleans up, as software  
4 NutraSweet developer  
5 Website ID  
6 Water filter brand  
7 Polio studier Albert  
8 Make furious  
9 Oklahoma city  
10 Polite reply to a lady  
11 Coffee pod  
12 Drift (off)  
13 Pay add-on?  
14 Hits the jackpot  
15 Piloting guy  
16 Gave birth  
17 Enthusiasm for Barack

18 Word-wit bit  
24 Michelle of  
"Crazy Rich  
Asians"  
26 Erwin of film  
29 Opera opus  
32 Some vipers  
33 Korbut of  
gymnastics  
34 Secretive  
viewers  
35 B-52 org.  
36 Ensnares  
42 Meander  
43 Arabian ruler  
45 Galic a bikini  
46 Half pal  
47 Native-born  
Israeli  
48 "What —"  
("Ho-hum")  
49 Harold's film  
partner  
50 Dodge of old  
51 "Hang on —"  
52 Boxing event  
57 Precept  
58 Hades river  
59 Go like a fish  
61 "May — a  
favor?"  
62 Personal ID  
64 Takes in  
— terrier  
66 Dressy tie  
67 Pop singer  
Lewis  
70 Verdi's slave  
72 With  
90-Down,  
appear that  
73 Writer Ferber

76 Dismissive remarks  
78 Not panicky  
79 Partaking of with others  
80 Aspiration  
82 — Mahal  
85 On — with  
86 Space that's invulnerable to attack  
87 Large boa  
88 Joust verbally  
89 — Hari  
90 See 72-Down  
92 Lace town  
    WSW of Paris  
93 Willful insult  
94 Sorvino of the screen  
99 Potshot taker  
101 Heavy vapor  
102 Genie houser  
103 Like early audiobooks  
104 Unstressed vowel sounds  
105 — -weenie  
107 Chinese ideal  
109 Large wader  
110 Kick out  
112 With  
    55-Across, she eloped with Ernie Kovacs  
115 Caesar's 151  
116 Artist Yoko  
117 Mo. neighbor  
118 Jacuzzi site  
119 "Nope"

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4	9			7			5	3
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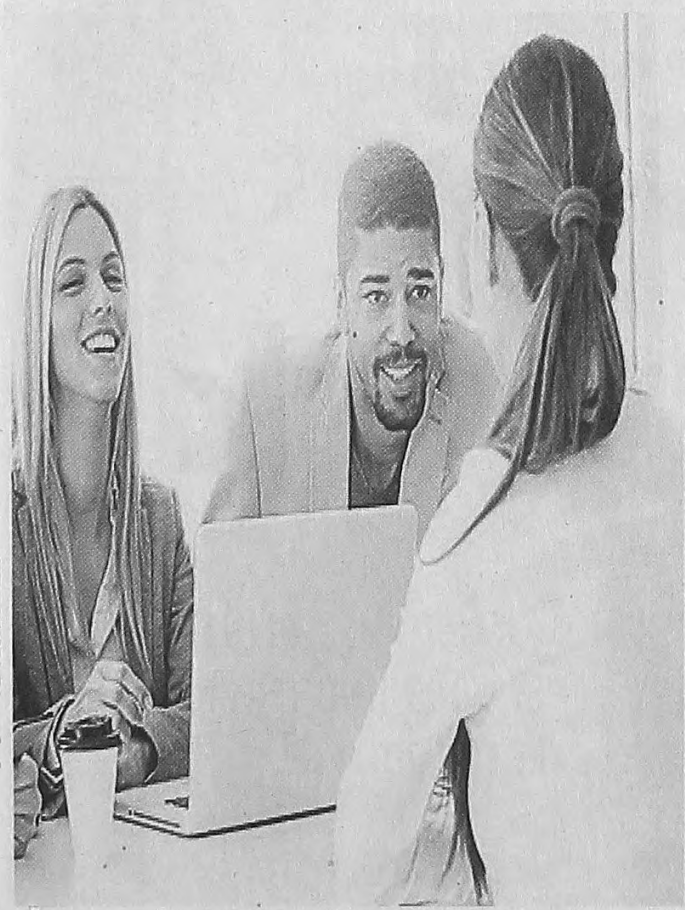
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