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# Livonia furloughs 37% of workforce

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## A black and white photograph of a woman with long, wavy hair and glasses, wearing a letterman-style jacket with "NORTH" and a large "F" on it. She is standing outdoors on a sidewalk, looking off to the side. The background shows trees and a building.

North Farmington High senior Emily Treger walks around her neighborhood March 23. Treger often gets together with friends to go outside and safely break the isolation caused by the coronavirus pandemic. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# North Farmington teens focused on mental health

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

# Canton Twp., public safety director plan to part ways

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# High court upholds dismissal in toddler death

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# Where to get tested for COVID-19 locally

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Many locations in the Hometown Life area are offering COVID-19 tests.

The conditions for each site have been compiled from our own research and from the list maintained by the State of Michigan. Testing has been expanded to include people with mild symptoms and employees still reporting to work in person, regardless if they show symptoms.

If there are testing sites not listed, or there's an incorrect or outdated listing, email [dveselenak@hometownlife.com](mailto:dveselenak@hometownlife.com).

## Wayne County

### Livonia

■ **MedPost Urgent Care**, 11502 Middlebelt, offers COVID-19 testing 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Those looking for a test can inquire for more information, including what needs to be done when visiting the clinic, by calling 734-762-0739.

■ **Healthy Urgent Care**, 29531 Plymouth, offers testing for the coronavirus 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, though an appointment is required. More information can be found at [healthyurgentcare.com/livonia](http://healthyurgentcare.com/livonia).

■ **St. Mary Mercy Hospital**, 36475 Five Mile, provides screening and testing for the coronavirus for those who qualify 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Those with symptoms can enter the hospital campus from the Five Mile entrance to outside the emergency department. Those who arrive will be screened and those who show symptoms can then be tested. Patients are encouraged to do a virtual screening online at home before heading to the hospital. More information can be found at [stjoeshealth.org](http://stjoeshealth.org).

### Canton Township

■ **The University of Michigan Health Center**, 1051 N. Canton Center, offers testing for established Michi-

gan Medicine patients. Patients are encouraged to call the center's 24-hour hotline at 734-763-6336 to get more information. Established patients may get tested with an appointment. Visit [UofMHealth.org](http://UofMHealth.org) for more information.

### Plymouth

■ **Plymouth Urgent Care**, 41424 Ann Arbor Road, provides testing for the coronavirus. Call ahead for an appointment at 734-404-7508. [BloomfieldUrgent-MedCare.com](http://BloomfieldUrgent-MedCare.com).

### Northville Township

■ **Emcura Immediate Care Novi/Northville**, 20490 Haggerty, provides COVID-19 screening and testing 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Patients can drive up for curbside screening and then testing if certain conditions are met. The center also provides testing for COVID-19 antibodies. The clinic can be reached at 734-956-6336 and by visiting [emcura.com](http://emcura.com).

### Dearborn

■ **Beaumont Hospital in Dearborn**, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., is the lone Beaumont hospital in metro Detroit that conducts COVID-19 curbside testing. Testing and screening are available noon to 8 p.m. each day at the hospital. More information, including how to do a virtual screening, is available at [beaumont.org](http://beaumont.org).

## Oakland County

### New Hudson

■ **Healthy Urgent Care**, 30488 Milford Road in New Hudson, offers testing for the coronavirus 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. An appointment is required. More information can be found at [healthyurgentcare.com/lyon-township](http://healthyurgentcare.com/lyon-township).

### Novi

■ **Ascension Providence Hospital**, 47601 Grand River, can provide testing after a phone screening done by a nurse. Those with symptoms can call 833-981-0738 before coming to the hospital for testing. Online

screening is also available. [Ascension.org](http://Ascension.org).

■ **Healthy Urgent Care-Novi**, 27204 Beck, provides COVID-19 testing for those with an appointment. Contact the clinic at 248-513-3719 and visit its website at [healthyurgentcarenovi.com](http://healthyurgentcarenovi.com).

### White Lake Township

■ **White Lake Family Medicine**, 9178 Highland Road, offers COVID-19 screening and testing to the practice's patients. Those who are not patients are required to have a telehealth consultation via smartphone. Call at 248-698-1999. [WhiteLakeFamilyMedicine.com](http://WhiteLakeFamilyMedicine.com).

### West Bloomfield Township

■ **Healthy Urgent Care**, 7125 Orchard Lake Suite 100, offers testing for the coronavirus 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, though an appointment is required. More information can be found at [healthyurgentcare.com/west-bloomfield](http://healthyurgentcare.com/west-bloomfield).

### Birmingham

■ **MyHealth Urgent Care Birmingham**, 33772 Woodward Ave., offers testing for the coronavirus. Testing is available for patients with a doctor referral or after a telehealth visit with the clinic. Contact the clinic at 248-919-4900 and online at [Meadowbrook-Birmingham.com](http://Meadowbrook-Birmingham.com).

### Bloomfield Township

■ **Bloomfield Urgent Care**, 43141 Woodward Ave., provides testing for the coronavirus. Call ahead for an appointment at 248-230-2918. [BloomfieldUrgentMed-Care.com](http://BloomfieldUrgentMed-Care.com).

■ **Telegraph Urgent Care**, 2510 S. Telegraph, offers testing for the coronavirus. Testing is available for patients with a doctor referral or after a telehealth visit with the clinic. Contact the clinic at 248-454-0442 and online at [TelegraphUrgentCare.com](http://TelegraphUrgentCare.com).

■ **Medpost Urgent Care of Bloomfield Township**, 2274 S. Telegraph, offers COVID-19 testing 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Those looking for a test can inquire for more information, including what needs to be done when visiting the clinic, by calling 248-639-4345.

# Liberty Fest heads list of canceled Canton events

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Citing its commitment to mitigating the spread of coronavirus, Canton Township announced April 22 the cancellation or postponement of several popular summer events.

The biggest event to be canceled is the annual Lib-

erty Fest, which was scheduled to run June 18-20. All special events through June 30 have been canceled.

Postponed events include the DDA Shred Event (moved to Aug. 22) and the Senior Summit.

Canton Sports Center leagues and programs have been postponed until May 26, and Pheasant Run Golf Club's and Fellows Creek Golf Club's opening dates will follow Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders.

Canton's popular Farmers Market's opening day, originally scheduled for May 10, will be postponed until further notice. The opening of the Canton Community Gardens has also been postponed.

Individuals registered for a class, program, facility rental, or camp that was scheduled through July 3, but has been canceled or suspended, will automatically receive a refund.

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## BUDGET HEARING

### Canton Preparatory High School

A public budget hearing will be held for Canton Preparatory High School on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 6:00pm. Meeting details will be made available at <https://cantonprep.com/our-school/board-of-directors/>

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## P-CCS prepares to issue refunds for canceled extracurricular programs

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The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools finance department is working on reimbursing students and families who paid for extracurricular activities that were then canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Activities under the reimbursement umbrella include pay-to-play for athletics and clubs, trips, field trips, community education classes, Kids Time and Club Connection.

"Please be assured that the process is ongoing and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we seek to ... process each refund," the school district announced in an email. "We also ask ... that you do not dispute any of these related charges on your credit card bill to allow us ... to process the refund using our internal methods."

Public Budget Hearing will be held for the following Public School Academy  
**[Canton-meet.google.com/igd-hndv-nzd](https://canton-meet.google.com/igd-hndv-nzd)**  
or Phone: 347-696-8229  
PIN: 323693350#-May 6, 6pm  
A copy of the Budget for the listed Public-School Academy will be available on the transparency reporting page of the school's website.

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## Prom, graduation still possibility for P-CCS seniors

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If you're a Plymouth-Canton Community Schools senior, don't take back that prom dress or cancel your tuxedo rental reservation just yet.

And if the school district's decision makers have their way, you still may throw your graduation cap into the air along with your peers.

Superintendent Monica Merritt has pledged to do everything in the district's power to ensure milestone events unfold.

"To our seniors, our class of 2020, our heart breaks for you," Merritt said during the April 14 virtual school board meeting. "But we have not forgotten you. Our high school staff is working hard to ensure we are able to provide a prom, honors convocation and graduation ceremonies ... for you once (Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's) executive order has been lifted and we are able to gather again in large groups. ...

"Seniors, please be patient as we work through these unprecedented times because we are committed to giving you the send-off you deserve."

The Senior Honors Programs were scheduled for May 18-20. The annual event pays tribute to seniors who have earned scholarships and/or academic honors.

The senior prom for all three P-CCS high schools was scheduled for May 29 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, which, currently is serving as a field hospital for coronavirus patients.

Senior commencement and the senior party were both set for June 7.

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# Oakland, Wayne candidates prepare for primary

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The coronavirus pandemic kept candidates from campaigning outdoors but plenty of Oakland and Wayne county candidates met their April 21 filing deadline.

They are preparing for the Aug. 4 primary while some other candidates try to meet a new May 8 deadline for half of the required signatures.

The primary election will give voters the chance to narrow the choice of candidates to advance to the November presidential election.

One candidate from each political party can appear on the November ballot for any available political seat or races listed.

Candidates had until 4 p.m. Friday to withdraw their name from the ballot.

Contact reporter *Susan Vela* at [svela@hometownlife.com](mailto:svela@hometownlife.com) or 248-303-8432. Twitter: @susanvela.

Unofficial candidate list for races most affecting the Hometown Life area:

**Oakland County Michigan House District 37**

Michael Bridges, Farmington Hills (D)

Randy Bruce, Farmington Hills (D)

Samantha Steckloff, Farmington Hills (D)

Mitch Swoboda, Farmington Hills (R)

**Wayne County Michigan House District 11**

Jewell Jones, Inkster (D)

James Townsend, Garden City (R)

**Michigan House District 16**

Kevin Coleman, Westland (D)

Emily Bauman, Westland (R)

Josephine Brown, Westland (R)

**Michigan House District 19**

Laurie Pohutsky, Livonia (D)

Penny Crider, Livonia (R)

Regina Gargus, Livonia (R)

Martha Ptashnik, Livonia (R)

**Michigan House District 20**

Matt Koleszar, Plymouth (D)

John Lacny, Plymouth (R)

Laura Roush, Northville (R)

**Michigan House District 21**

Ethan Petzold, Canton Township (D)

Ranjeev Puri, Canton Township (D)

Harold Bullock, Van Buren Township (R)

James Chapman, Van Buren Township (R)

Laurel Hess, Canton Township (R)

James Nangle, Canton Township (R)

Jessica Sohoza, Van Buren Township (R)

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Sommer Foster (D)

Tania Ganguly (D)

Robb Grandon (D)

Gary Hotycki (D)

Steven Sneedman (D)

John Anthony (R)

Carly Sayre (R)

Devon Smith (R)

Brian Williams (R)

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP**

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Mark Clinton (R)

**Clerk**

Nancy Conzelman (D)

Sandy Groth (R)

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**Trustee**

Nancy Conzelman (D)

Becky Arnold (R)

Daniel Callahan (R)

Charles Curmi (R)

Bob Doroshewitz (R)

Audrey Monaghan (R)

Don Schnettler (R)

John Stewart (R)

## Teens

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They don't want to die by suicide. They don't want their friends to die by suicide. Despite some historic stigmas, they're more comfortable talking about mental health and suicide prevention more than their parents and grandparents ever were.

"We have definitely made an improvement," said Sonia Desai, a junior.

She helped plan for a new mental health series of discussions and presentations that debuted at her high school this year. The goal was to focus on mental health issues like grief, bullying, depression, anxiety and suicide.

The coronavirus pandemic interrupted the series, but Desai hopes to see it continue once students can return to school.

She began promoting mental health awareness after she experienced anxiety and panic attacks because of her class load.

### Bound to get better

Emily Treger and her classmates cried when they learned their school would close because of the pandemic.

They know how to stay connected through social media but they knew it wouldn't be the same as learning, laughing and socializing under the same roof, at their home away from home.

The school's shuttering canceled what would have been one last production for the senior class, "The Drowsy Chaperone," with a cast dinner and production party.

"It's the little things that everyone is really bummed about," she said. "Being secluded and not having any social interaction can really heighten any depression or anxiety I might have."

She's heard from others and said parents, as usual, can be a bit of a coronavirus conundrum since they're also confused by all the orders and advice.

So she tunes into herself and her surroundings and posts Snapchat videos about what's going on in her world.

"Today has been a rough day," she said in a recent video. "It's been a rough

day for quite a couple of people, including myself. We're going to make today a better day than it was. If you can't make today better, then look forward to tomorrow. Because it will get better.

"Stay safe out there. Wash your hands."

She likes that her generation seems to be more outspoken about mental health awareness than others.

"There's a feeling of being alone that is a huge contributor to depression and suicidal thoughts," Treger said.

She advises teens to find inspiration from people who have wrestled with similar issues, survived and evolved into happier people.

### Being mindful

A few years ago, Jessica Goldberg founded Sib4Sib for 6- to 18-year-olds in need of a safe place to discuss challenges that come with siblings struggling with mental health issues.

"We're not being mindful in general," she said. "A great tool to limit our anxiety is mindfulness."

Goldberg explained that social dis-

tancing guidelines have forced people to be mindful of their actions.

"I can't just aimlessly walk anymore," she said. "I have to stay that six feet away from my neighbors. That is just a good example of how we're being mindful."

Starting high school was tough for Goldberg. She was a perfectionist putting a lot of pressure on herself. These days, she tries to do her best instead of being the best.

She does her best to act with purpose – not like an unthinking robot. Social media, therapy, role model parents and meditation are helping her along in her journey.

Hometown Life contacted local police agencies earlier this year for information on deaths found to be by suicide. Some provided details about juvenile suicides.

Farmington Hills police reported four juvenile suicides for the last five years of 2015 through 2019. There were 17 juvenile attempted suicides for the same years.

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# Director

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The cost to Canton to purchase the service credit has been calculated by MERS to be \$150,233. The settlement also includes a one-time joint payment of \$75,000 to Meier and his counsel, Todd Flood.

Meier filed the lawsuit Nov. 7 in Third Circuit Court against Supervisor Pat Williams, Human Resources Manager Korreen Conley, the board of trustees and the Merit Commission, claiming that the township erred when it reduced his pension from a 2.8 multiplier to a 2.5 multiplier.

A multiplier is the pension formula factor that determines the size of the lifetime annuity a pensioner receives, usually expressed as a percentage of final compensation times years of service, according to governing.com.

Meier initially made his case at a Merit Commission meeting July 22, testifying that the township's current interpretation of the pension rules is wrong.

The Merit Commission conducted a second hearing Sept. 16, voting 2-1 to refer the issue to the Board of Trustees, which voted 6-1 on a resolution in support of the township position on Meier's pension and denying his request to have it restored.

Once it becomes finalized, Meier will have 21 days to review and sign the settlement agreement, and seven days to revoke after signing the agreement, according to township counsel Kristin Bricker Kolb.

No further action will be taken to purchase service credit until the eighth day after the agreement is signed, she said.

Williams said it has not yet been determined whether the public safety director position will be eliminated or filled in the near future.

"We're focusing on getting through this coronavirus pandemic first," Williams said.

Meier did not respond to a request for comment.

Meier was hired by the township in 1997. He was promoted to the position of fire chief in 2012. In 2016, he was promoted to director of public safety, a role that put him in charge of approximately 200 employees in the township's police and fire departments.



Joshua Meier was promoted from Canton Township Fire Chief to public safety director in 2016.

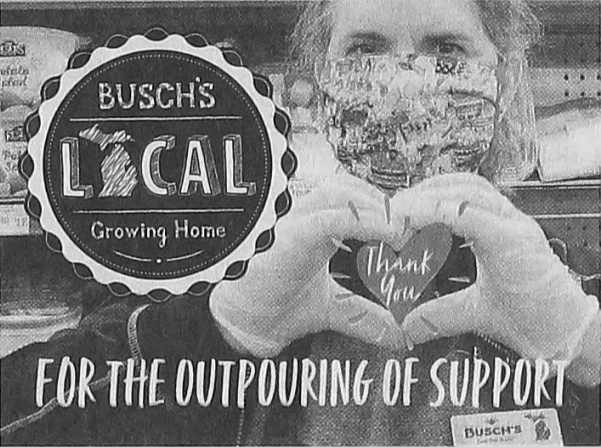
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"Whereas, having resolved Director Meier's concerns about the pension benefit, he has agreed to retire after 23 years of outstanding service and in good standing from employment with the township based on the purchase of 2.5 years MERS Service Credits," read a resolution approved in a closed session during the April 21 meeting of the Canton Township Board of

Trustees.

"At this point, the settlement is not finalized," Kolb said. "We are still negotiating the final details of the agreement and then, of course, waiting for Josh's signature."

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## Furlough

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for the city.

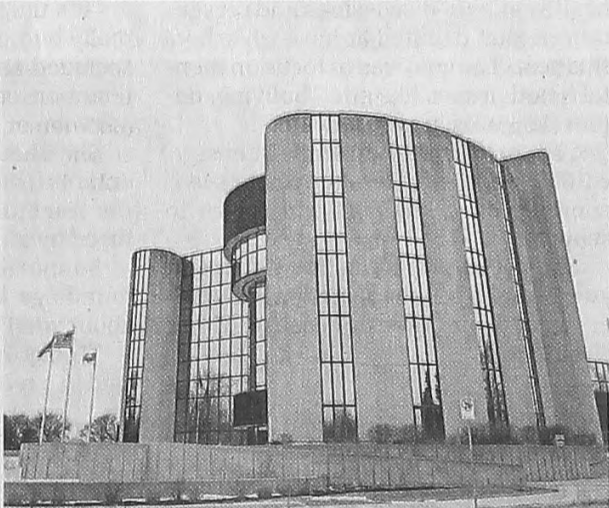
"It really is our best attempt to make sure we remain connected with our employees so we're able to bring them back as quickly as possible,"

Brosnan said. "It is really our hope that this turns around and we've got a way to bring folks back."

Federally, U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens co-led a letter to congressional leaders asking for federal funding to municipalities. The letter states federal help could slow or stop furloughs.

"Over the past several weeks, I have convened weekly calls with mayors and township supervisors representing each of the 24 municipalities in Michigan's 11th District, and they have made it clear that they need stabilization funds now to provide critical services to their residents," Stevens said in a release.

For context, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act only enables cities with 500,000 residents or



The City of Livonia announced Friday that it plans to furlough 37% of its workforce. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE


more to apply for direct relief, which does not include Livonia.

Brosnan said the city will honor Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home order, which could end May 15.

"We are obviously going to be abiding by the

governor's orders and opening up those operations that can be opened," Brosnan said. "We are still going to be encouraging people, as she is, to stay at home."

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## Dismissal

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preliminary exam that he was unable to determine the 22-month-old child's cause or manner of death in March 2018.

He said the autopsy and circumstances "were consistent" with asphyxiation.

"Upon further questioning by the prosecution – and over defendants' objections – (the assistant medical examiner) testified that Devin's death was consistent with Devin having attempted to climb out of the playpen, becoming stuck between the playpen and the baby gate, and suffocating," the appellate judges said. "But, this too was a possibility without medical certainty."

They also mentioned a DVD recording, where Luke stated to a detective that the child's death was his fault because he placed a baby gate on top of the child's playpen. The recording was shown the district courtroom.

The appellate judges said moving a district court case to the higher circuit court is warranted

when the prosecution produces evidence that a crime was committed and probable cause exists to consider the defendant committed it.

"The prosecution cannot point to any medical evidence that bolsters their theory concerning how Devin died, or more crucially, how Devin's death was caused by defendants' conduct," the judges said. "As (the assistant medical examiner) stated, we do not know what killed Devin. And because we do not know what killed Devin, we cannot know if defendants' conduct was the 'but for' cause of Devin's death."

They ruled the prosecution failed to meet its burden at the preliminary examination and the district court "based its decision to bind defendants over on an error of law, which is necessarily an abuse of discretion."

Mack officially retired March 1. She continues to manage 29th District Court cases as presiding judge. A court representative said, on Mack's behalf, the judge declined to comment for this story.

Third Circuit Judge Dalton Roberson dismissed the charges

against Luke and Starr in March 2019.

The two lower courts – 29th District Court in Wayne and Third Circuit Court in Detroit – show charge discrepancies. Third Circuit's online records show the dismissal of second-degree murder charges, while District Court records show bind-over charges of involuntary manslaughter.

"The entries on the trial court's orders referencing second-degree murder amount to scrivener's error," said the appellate judges.

Media reports previously identified Luke as Devin's father.

However, according to the appellate judges, "Devin lived in an apartment with defendants and defendants' two children, along with several other of Luke's children, despite neither defendant being Devin's biological parent."

Wayne Fire Rescue was sent to their home in the 2900 block of Wayne Road just before 5 p.m. March 18. Paramedics have said they found the child dead on arrival.

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# Canton difference-maker Salla dies at 78

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Canton Township's Ford Road corridor wouldn't be nearly as robust today if not for the contributions of Kathleen Salla, an ambitious, kind-hearted visionary who was a key player in the township's Downtown Development Authority.

Salla, a resident of Plymouth Township, died April 15 from cancer. She was 78. She was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1982 and fought the disease valiantly right up to her last breath, her daughter Krysten Salla said.

In addition to assisting in Ford Road art projects, Shop Canton initiatives and the design of the brick structures that occupy many intersections along Ford Road, Salla was instrumental in bringing IKEA to the township.

"My mom was an inspiration to everyone who loved her," said Krysten Salla, Salla's daughter. "She put her heart into everything she did and she loved everything about helping develop Canton.

"She was very involved in the beautification process along Ford Road and she help bring street lights to the road."

Born and raised in Lansing, Salla earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. Not content with her level of education, Salla returned to school in her 60s and obtained a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

"You'd have a hard time finding anyone who was involved in developing Canton into what it is now who didn't know and love my mother," Krysten Salla said.

Salla is survived by her husband, Hank Salla. The couple celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on April 8.

The Sallas raised three children — Scott, Kevin and Krysten — and adored their six grandchildren.

Salla began her professional career working at her husband's Livonia accounting firm before transitioning into community development with Canton



Kathleen Salla, right, is pictured with her longtime friend Phyllis Redfern. Salla died April 15 at 78. COURTESY OF SALLA FAMILY

Township.

"It was there that she spent many gratifying years helping to develop and grow the Canton community in beautiful and exciting ways," Krysten Salla said. "She never missed an opportunity to spend time with her beloved family and friends. Holiday traditions, family vacations, and really any excuse for a gathering of family and friends were at the top of her list of favorites.

"Each of her six grandchildren has a

beautiful quilt made just for them by my mother."

Salla had a strong and enduring faith, exemplifying every aspect of Christ's love, each and every day, Krysten Salla said.

"She said many times that she felt blessed to have had such a fulfilling and wonderful life, and our hearts have been touched by her light. She never let her cancer diagnosis touch her loving spirit and fought the good fight as long as she

could."

A Celebration of Life service will be held in her honor at a date yet to be determined. The service will be held at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. Details will follow when gatherings are permitted.

If anyone is inclined to make a donation in her honor, she has requested donations go to the First United Methodist Church- in Memory of Kathleen Salla.

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## Lifelong educator Inch dies from coronavirus

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Terry Inch said his late father, Jack Inch of Farmington, "was a man of few words."

"But the words that he did use were thunderous and impactful."

Jack, a lifelong teacher, advocate of education and United States Army veteran of the Korean War, died of coronavirus April 19 at 88 in a senior living facility. Terry describes his father's life as one marked by love of family, education, community and sports.

"I'll remember him as a kind man who always had very kind things to say to people," Terry said. "He had a kind smile. He was just a good guy, you know?"

### A life in education and community

Inspired by his grade school teachers, Jack started his career in education as a social studies teacher for Detroit Public Schools, where he worked for 14 years. He then went on to teach economics at Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge campus for 42 years and serve on the Farmington school board for 28 years. He retired from OCC in 2010.

When he wasn't in the classroom, Jack coached track and cross country for the now closed Harrison High School in the 1970s and was later a cross country coach for OCC. Later in life, Jack was a track and field official for the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"Anything that he was interested in, he didn't just go a bit of the way," Terry said. "He was all in."

Jack is survived by his wife of nearly 62 years, Sandra. He had four children: Terry, Amy, Chris and Patrick, as well as seven grandchildren. Jack's kids are part of what made him feel prepared to join the Farmington school board.

"He had been through the gauntlet of the whole school system at that point and I think he had learned what went well about it and where the opportunities were," Terry said. "What he ended up doing we saying, 'Hey look, I think I can help make this a little bit better.'"

Chris Inch said his father was always a people's voice on the board. Jack was of the opinion people should do more



Inch

listening and less talking. So when he did speak, it meant he really had something to say.

"He was kind of a voice for the common man," Chris said. "He would be very

honest with his opinion, but he didn't have to be the guy talking the whole time either."

Priscilla Brouillette, who served on the Farmington school board with Jack for 14 years, said he inspired others to be better.

"I thought of him as a gentleman and a scholar," she said. "He was very respectful of everyone who offered their service. He was very smart and he brought this keen intellect to our decisions. He had this deep respect for different points of view and for the community, and when I think about the impact he had I think he really fostered civil discourse.

Jack was also a huge supporter of his grandchildren, was considered a subject matter expert on Great Lakes shipping, loved to read, enjoy sports, travel, eat out with his family and spend time with Sandra at their house on Devil's Lake.

"He was just a really good man," Chris said. "He really kind of embodied Farmington and the community."

### Battle with coronavirus

Jack had coronavirus for 12 days before passing away. Terry said he hopes the community takes COVID-19 seriously and heed the recommendations of subject matter experts.

"It's here, it's real. Listen to what the experts are telling you," Terry said.

But Jack won't be remembered as a statistic in the worldwide pandemic humans are navigating right now. His family, and his friends, will continue to know Jack as a man who truly wanted to make other people's lives better.

## Obituaries

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### Oren J. Hensley III

LOUDON - Oren J. Hensley III (Jack), age 79, of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN passed away on April 15 from complications related to a stroke.

Jack was born outside Huntington, WV. The son of a Methodist preacher, Jack's family moved throughout West Virginia and Central Illinois as they served various congregations. Jack graduated from Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School and went on to earn degrees from the University of Illinois and Central Michigan University.

He met Diane while working at Ford Motor Co. in Chicago, they married, and in 1976, Jack was transferred to Livonia, MI, where they raised their family, before retiring to Tellico Village in 2002.

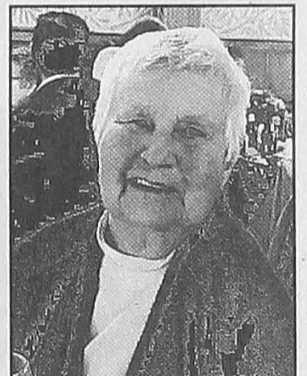
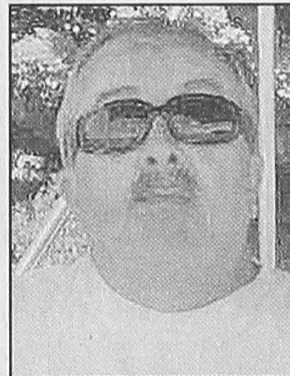
Jack was a conversationalist and a collector who enjoyed golfing, country music, line dancing, boating, soccer, vodka martinis and watching all sports.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 44 years, Diane, his parents Verna and Oren J. Hensley II, and his sister Darlene.

Jack leaves behind three children, Marci Hensley (Ryan) of Birmingham, MI, Karin Hensley (Jacob) of Brentwood, TN, and Bill Hensley (Kathleen) of Chicago, IL, and six grandchildren, Connor and Delaney; Reagan, Zach, and Emma; and Kameron; as well as brothers David (Janice), and Tim.

In lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. [https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?px=6617786&fr\\_id=39300&pg=personal](https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR?px=6617786&fr_id=39300&pg=personal). A private family service was held on April 19 at the Tellico Community Church. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

Click Funeral Home & Cremations - Tellico Village Chapel is serving the family of Jack Hensley. [www.clickfuneralhome.com](http://www.clickfuneralhome.com)



Maxine Helene Norden

LIVONIA - Maxine Helene Norden, 82, Livonia, MI died March 28, 2020. She was born June 3, 1937 in Maple Ridge Township, MI.

Maxine is survived by her children, Mark (Robin) Norden, and Rocelle (Mark) Ranta; four grandchildren, Scott (Kylie) Ranta, Lauren (Steve) Abernethy, Bridget (Sean) Murphy, and Jeremy Norden; three great-grandchildren, Logan, Colton, and Levi.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Morris and Helvi (nee. Lampinen) DePuydt; husband, Charles Norden; brother, James DePuydt.

A Memorial Gathering will be held at a later date. Share a memory at [www.mannsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mannsfuneralhome.com)

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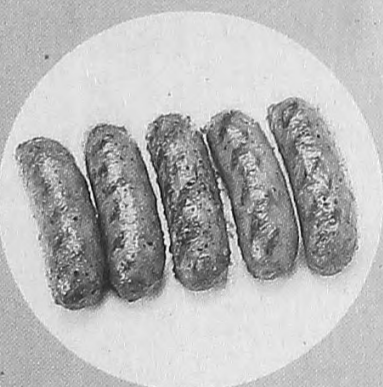
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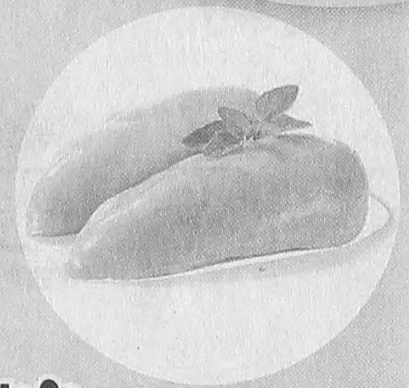
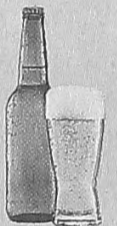
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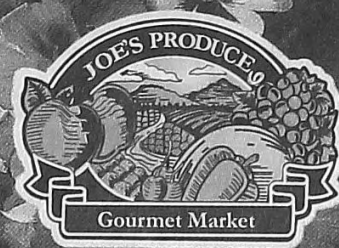
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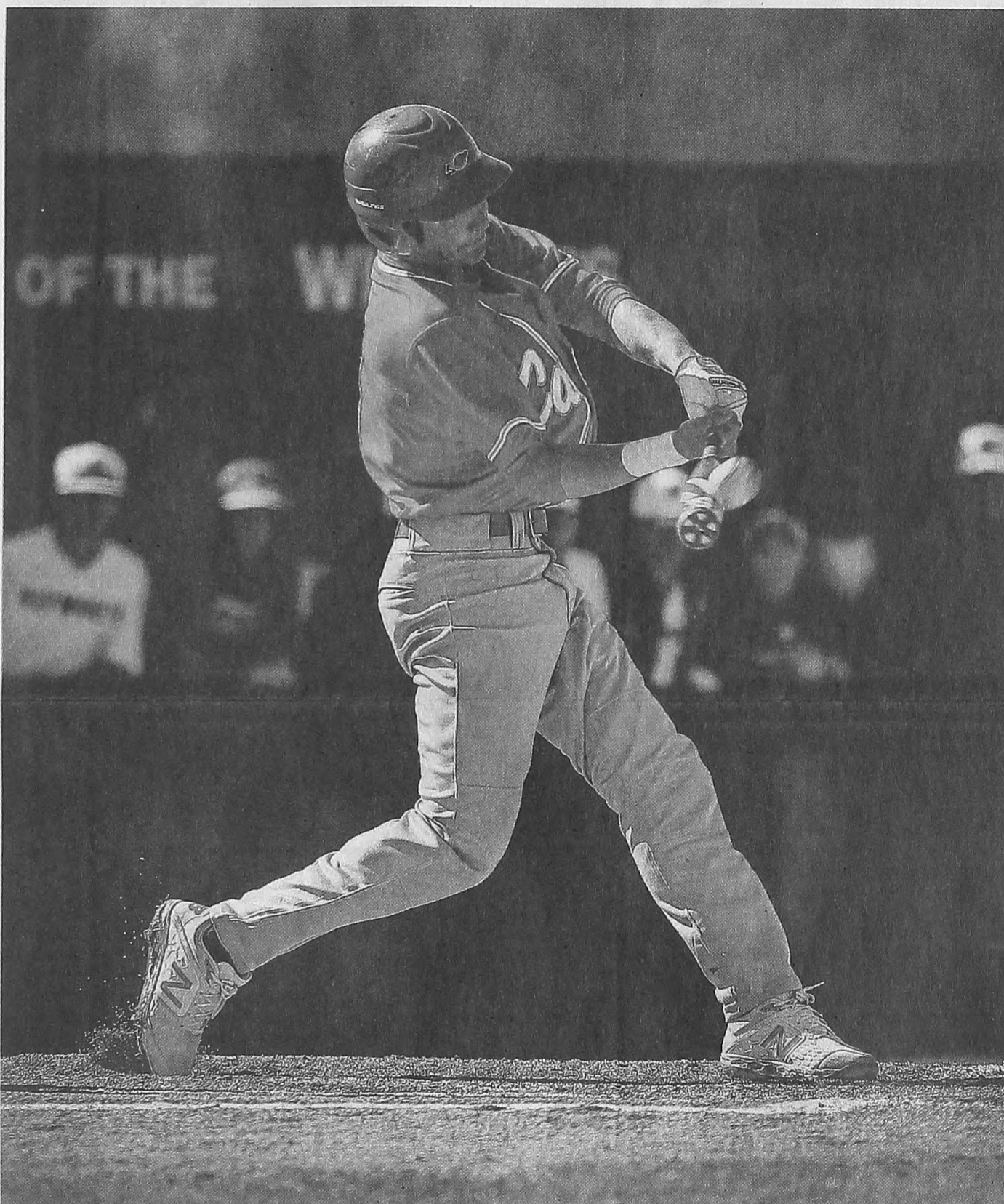
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# Sports

## Canton's multi-sport wonder



Canton High School senior Ben Stesiak has committed to play baseball and basketball at Madonna University next year.

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## Stesiak commits to Madonna for baseball, basketball

**Andrew Vaillencourt**

Hometownlife.com

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

This spring was supposed to be the culmination of Ben Stesiak's athletic career at Canton High School.

The senior had led the school's basketball team to the district finals and was primed to power the baseball squad on another postseason run when high school sports were suddenly shut down due to the coronavirus outbreak.

That left Stesiak, who was still weighing his college options, with a difficult situation.

He had opportunities to play college football, basketball and baseball at different schools, but with his senior baseball season canceled, he would not have the chance to showcase his skills one final time.

Luckily for him, one school was already standing apart from the pack among his options: Madonna University in Livonia.

He committed to play baseball there in March and called the school's basketball coach April 23 to commit to also play basketball.

"My lifelong buddy Zach Beadle goes there and I grew up playing sports with him around the neighborhood," Stesiak said. "He also plays baseball there, so I thought that'd be a cool thing to do and link back up with him. When I visited the campus, it was nice,

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## Hometown Life holds fantasy draft for HS logos

**Andrew Vaillencourt**

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With the sports world at a crawl, the NFL Draft is one of the few live events to capture the attention of sports fan across the country this month.

As the Detroit Lions and other NFL teams celebrate their most recent additions, Hometown Life sports reporters Andrew Vaillencourt and Colin Gay held a draft of their own to select the area's best high school logos. Just like the NFL Draft, seven rounds were held with each reporter picking seven local high schools based on what each felt important to making a good overall logo, which includes the team nickname and color scheme.

The draft pool consisted of 30 area high schools in our coverage region.

Without further ado, here is how the Hometown Life high school logo fantasy draft played out:

### The selections

#### 1. Andrew: Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks

**Reasoning:** There is only one truly elite logo in the Hometown Life area and it belongs to CC. For starters, the Shamrocks is an incredibly unique nickname. The blue and white color scheme is crisp and clean and the CC Shamrock logo is easily recognizable, something that can't be said for many high schools.

#### 2. Colin: Livonia Stevenson Spartans

**Reasoning:** Much like the logo above, the crisp blue and white color scheme mixed with the traditional, yet beloved Spartan logo gives Stevenson a leg up on logos from many other high schools in the area.

#### 3. Andrew: Livonia Churchill Chargers

**Reasoning:** The charging horse with the Churchill seal on its shield is great. It's powerful and features a color combo that is always solid with the red, black and white. The "C" logo itself is fantastic as well. Chargers is an all-around awesome nickname.

#### 4. Colin: Bloomfield Hills Black Hawks

**Reasoning:** There's a lot going right for Bloomfield Hills here. The mix of purple, black and silver is not a normal high school color scheme, but it makes the logo look more modern and new than others. These colors surround the

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# Local cross country teams plan virtual 5K for charity

**Andrew Vaillencourt**  
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The cross country teams from both Detroit Catholic Central and St. Catherine of Sienna Academy have teamed up to raise money for a local charity through a virtual 5K run.

The two programs will be donating money to Hospitality House Food Pantry, a local charity in the Wixom/Walled Lake area.

On May 3 the two teams encourage you to run, walk or skip a distance of 5K using the Strava running app on your phone or watch.

You'll need to create a profile on the Strava app or website and join the club

“Shamrock Shuffle 5K” to participate.

Some important instructions:

You may run at any time on Sunday, and any convenient location, as long as you're following safe social distancing practices.

Remember to start the app on your watch when you begin your run-walk-skip.

At the conclusion of your run-walk-skip remember to stop, finish and save your hard work.

This is a critical component to having your 5K posted to the Shamrock Shuffle 5K club.

At the conclusion of the Shamrock Shuffle Virtual 5K, the cross country teams will announce the winners on the Detroit Catholic Central website..

The event partner, Hospitality House Food Pantry, [www.hhfp.org](http://www.hhfp.org), provides food services for the following communities: Walled Lake, Wixom, Novi, Commerce Township, Milford, White Lake, Wolverine Lake, Waterford, West Bloomfield, Orchard Lake and Farmington Hills.

It has been in existence for 18 years and will be grateful for any support received.

You can register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/shamrock-shuffle-virtual-5k-tickets-103162696402](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/shamrock-shuffle-virtual-5k-tickets-103162696402).

Contact reporter Andrew Vaillencourt at [availlenc@hometownlife.com](mailto:availlenc@hometownlife.com) or 810-923-0659. Follow him on Twitter @AndrewVcourt. Send story ideas to [Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com](mailto:Liv-Sports@hometownlife.com).



**Detroit Catholic Central's Luke Perelli competes in the cross country finals in 2018.** HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

## Wonder

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I liked everything about the atmosphere and thought that it was a good fit for me.”

Stesiak, a center fielder, has always viewed baseball as his top sport despite his skill as the quarterback and point guard on the school's football and basketball teams.

“I've been playing baseball ever since I learned how to walk,” Stesiak said. “I always had a baseball or baseball bat in my hand. I fell in love with the game at a very young age and I stuck with it. I enjoy that game the most out of the three.”

Stesiak plans to become a physician's assistant, which involves a heavy workload. That was his top concern when deciding whether or not to play multiple sports in college. Ultimately, he felt he could be disciplined enough to focus on school and still succeed as an athlete.

“I think Ben will have nothing but success at the collegiate level,” Canton basketball coach Jimmy Reddy said. “I would like to note how difficult it would be to play two collegiate sports, but Ben is the type of student athlete that can pull that off with success.”

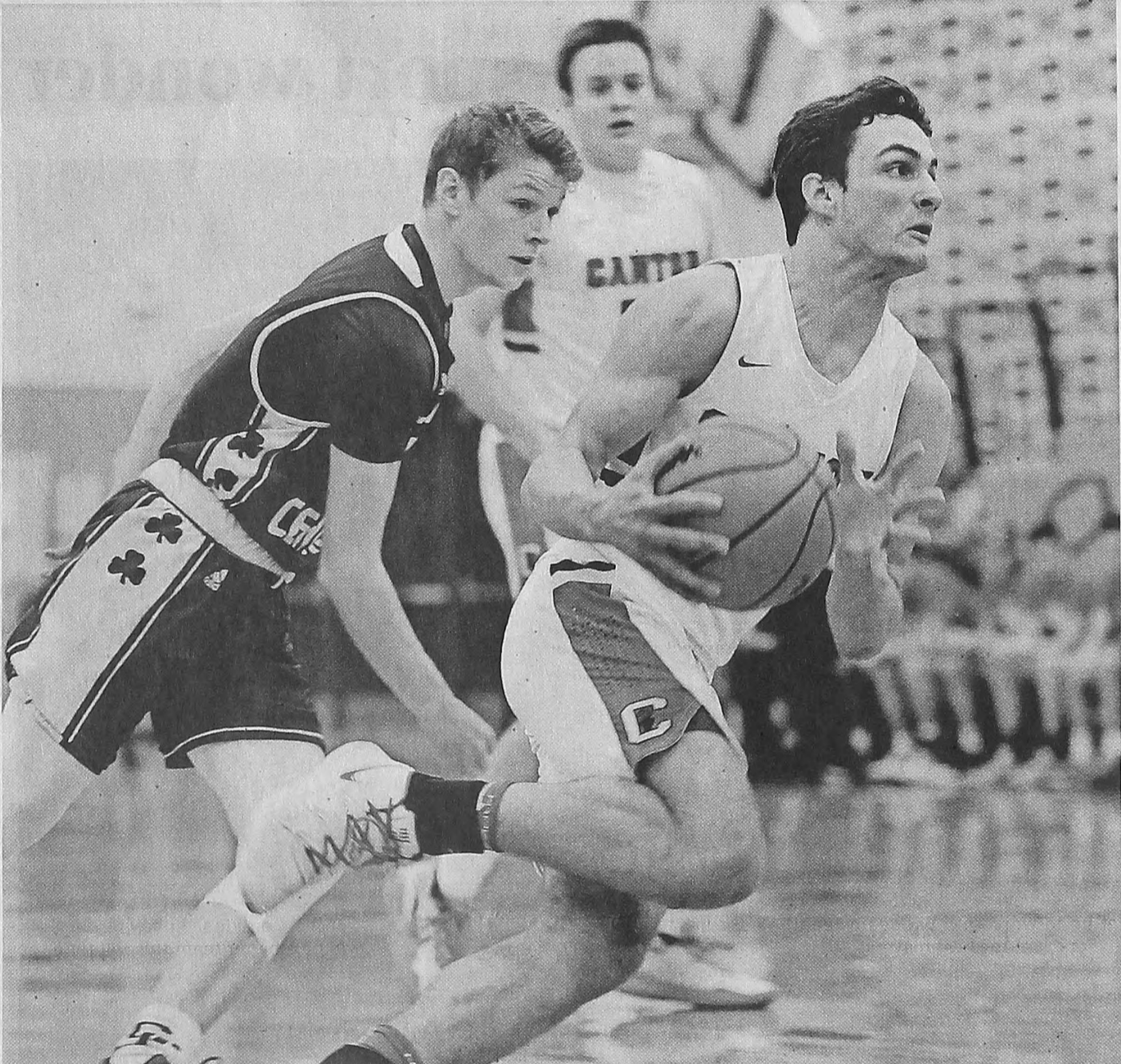
Reddy added that he felt Madonna was a great fit for Stesiak, who averaged 14.5 points, 4.6 rebounds, 4.0 assists and two steals per game this past season for the Chiefs.

Stesiak said having the rest of his senior year canceled was really difficult and that it weighed on him for a few days.

“It was super tough,” Stesiak said. “When we heard that everything was done, it was heartbreaking. I had a couple days where I was just sad about it and in the dumps. Obviously we had a chance to win a district final in basketball and that was something that I really wanted to do.”

“The last team to ever do that was my brother's team actually. I think we could've done that as well and made a name for ourselves at Canton High School for basketball, as well as baseball because I think we had a really good opportunity to win another district there to go back-to-back.”

He enjoyed plenty of success in all



**Canton's Ben Stesiak said having the rest of his senior season canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic was difficult.** TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

three sports at Canton, winning a district title last season in baseball while enjoying a 55-11 career record in hoops, which includes two division titles and a conference championship. His most lasting impact on Canton, however, may still be to come. He's been a role model and mentor for younger players across all three sports.

When asked about his legacy, Stesiak said he felt that was up to the coaches to determine.

“Ben's impact the last three years for our program was tremendous,” Reddy said. “He had different roles he had to fill each year too and he excelled at them.

This year when we needed him to be our leader he was as good as we have ever had here in my 11 years. It will be tough to replace his toughness, competitive spirit and leadership, not to mention his ability at both ends of the floor. Ben was an outstanding ambassador for our program and school.”

## Draft

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basketball gym, including purple bleachers. The logo itself is pretty straight forward, but the color pops out more than a high school logo usually does.

**5. Andrew: Lakeland Eagles**  
*Reasoning:* Another great color scheme of blue and white, Lakeland took the Philadelphia Eagles logo and took it up a notch. The bright blue makes for top-level jerseys, especially when paired with the blue and silver winged football helmets.

**6. Colin: Farmington Hills Mercy Marlin**  
*Reasoning:* The definition of a Marlin sets Mercy apart. A marlin is a fish with an elongated body and a spear-like bill. That, along with the combo of a unique maroon and gold color scheme, makes this one of the more memorable logos in the area.

**7. Andrew: South Lyon Lions**  
*Reasoning:* You can never go wrong with a solid blue and yellow color combination, especially when you match it with the fierce Lion logo South Lyon has. It's not the same shade of blue or yellow that the University of Michigan uses either, giving South Lyon its own unique look.

**8. Colin: North Farmington Raiders**  
*Reasoning:* For much of the North Farmington football coaching staff, they



**The 14 school logos that were selected in our draft.** COLLAGE BY ANDREW VAILLIENCOURT

had to trade the green and yellow from Harrison to the brown and gold of the Raiders, a significant difference. You either love or hate the colors and the logo combination, but it all just seems to work for North Farmington.

**9. Andrew: Livonia Franklin Patriots**  
*Reasoning:* Many like to hate the Patriots of the NFL, but one cannot deny how good of a team nickname Patriots

is. The red and blue color scheme is bold and the Franklin “F” is crisp. There's not a more American themed high school than the Benjamin Franklin Patriots.

**10. Colin: Brother Rice Warriors**  
*Reasoning:* Like many of my other picks, the color combination is what sets Brother Rice apart. Along with the classic Warriors logo, the orange and white color scheme is slick, especially on the football jerseys.

**11. Andrew: Garden City Cougars**  
*Reasoning:* Garden City doesn't always get the attention it deserves, but it gets some recognition here. The Cougars use a paw print logo similar to Clemson University, and matches it with a nice bright blue.

**12. Colin: Birmingham Groves Falcons**  
*Reasoning:* Groves basically used the Atlanta Falcons logo and switched it to the green and white base colors of the schools. Especially with the lighter green tinge, it works for the different jerseys and logos that Groves uses.

**13. Andrew: Birmingham Seaholm Maples**  
*Reasoning:* This was a very difficult choice between the Maples and the Country Day Yellowjackets, but ultimately I went with Seaholm. You can't get much more unique than a nickname like the Maples, who also use a maroon and white color scheme that can't be pulled off by many. Having a maple leaf blend sitting in a block “S” is a nice look as well.

**14. Colin: Salem Rocks**  
*Reasoning:* While you can't go wrong with the royal blue and white colors, the Rocks is not a mascot you see very often, something that threw me off when I first started covering Salem boys soccer, but I learned to embrace.

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# Lions will need transformational return out of this year's NFL draft

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First, the usual disclaimer.

Grading the NFL draft is an absurd thing to do. Even the best of prospects have a 50% bust rate, and only a small fraction of the ones who hit are good enough to change the fortunes of their franchise.

Kenny Golladay? No one knew three years ago he was going to be a star, even the man who drafted him, Lions general manager Bob Quinn.

But as good as Golladay is, he hasn't been to the playoffs in any of his three seasons and he has played in just a handful of meaningful games in his career.

This isn't to criticize Golladay in any way. He deserves every penny of the mega contract extension he's in line for this summer.

It's to remind everyone that the draft is a collective exercise, and its real value won't be known for years. One star, even a bonus one like Golladay, does not outweigh a bust (Teez Tabor) when it comes to the impact of an entire class, and difference makers and depth are hard to find. Jarrad Davis, the Lions' first-round pick in that Golladay-Tabor draft, is an average linebacker who hasn't made enough of an impact for the team to pick up the fifth-year option on his rookie contract yet. And four of the six players the Lions took after Golladay already are on other teams or out of the league, and the two who remain face uncertain futures in Detroit.

I like most of what Quinn did in this year's draft. I like it enough to think he's positioned the Lions for a rebound of some sort this fall.

He made measured picks early in the draft. He grabbed the best players in the class at two separate positions of need with his first two selections. He got good value in his Day 2 trade up, according to the popular Jimmy Johnson trade chart. And he filled a couple needs with depth plays late.

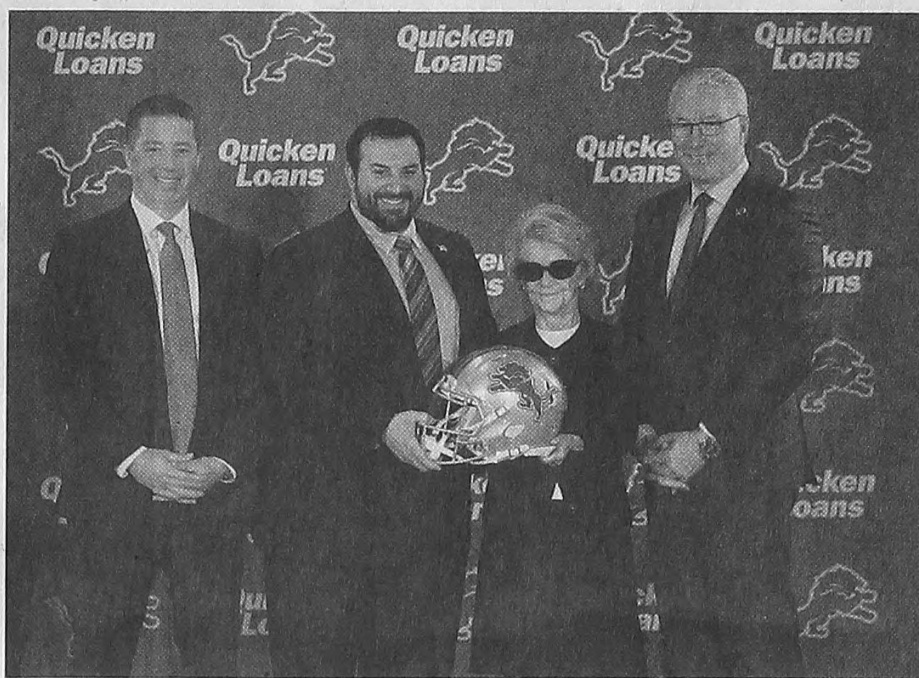
Looking at what the Lions have done the last three days, they're in position to extract more value out of their draft class than any team in the NFC North, though to be fair, that's how the draft is set up to work with bad teams getting first crack at the best players.

I wouldn't categorize this draft as a grand slam for the Lions. Maybe if Chase Young fell in their lap at three or they were able to trade down from that spot and pick up a host of other valuable assets while still getting Jeff Okudah.

But reasonably, there's not much to quibble with when it comes to what Quinn did.

Okudah in Round 1 has the ceiling of an All-Pro cornerback. His ex-coaches at Ohio State gush about his work ethic and skill set and desire to be great, and he's clearly a fit for what the Lions want on and off the field.

"If you had to draw up a corner, he's what they look like. And most guys who look like that don't move like him," Boston College coach Jeff Hafley, Okudah's defensive coordinator last season at Ohio State and a former NFL secondary



From left: Lions GM Bob Quinn, coach Matt Patricia, owner Martha Ford and president Rod Wood at a past news conference in Allen Park. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

coach with the San Francisco 49ers, Cleveland Browns and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, told me Friday. "Take away all that, you're getting a kid who wants to be the best. And I've been around a lot of good ones, and the difference between those guys and just the ordinary guys are their mindset. And Jeff's got that mindset."

Hafley coached both Darrelle Revis and Richard Sherman at points of their careers, and he said Okudah's approach to the game is on par with those future Hall-of-Famers.

Okudah is the type of blue-chip defensive talent the Lions have largely lacked in recent years. But as good a prospect as he is, it's unreasonable to expect him to be an immediate star.

That's the case with most rookies, not just in the Lions' class but around the league — and especially this year given what's going on around the world.

In Round 2, the Lions took the draft's best running back in D'Andre Swift. He was good enough as a freshman to crack a backfield rotation at Georgia that included future NFL starters Nick Chubb and Sony Michel, and he only got better the last two years. The Lions have had a perpetually mediocre, at best, running game in recent years, and Swift is the type of talent who might finally be able to fix that, even if he splits time with Kerryon Johnson as a rookie.

I got mixed feedback from my NFL sources on the Lions' two third-round picks, Julian Okwara and Jonah Jackson. Okwara is a talented pass rusher who has work to do as a run defender and is coming off a broken leg. Jackson, a graduate transfer from Rutgers who spent last season at Ohio State, can play either guard spot and should vie for a starting job in Detroit as a rookie, but one scout told me it was easy to spot "the Rutgers guy" on the Buckeyes' All-American offensive line.

Both Okwara and Jackson have warts as players, which is why they were available in the third round. But for a Lions team that entered the week with myriad

holes to fill, they, along with fourth-round pick Logan Stenberg, could be contributors in Year 1.

I think the Lions needed to do more to help their defensive line than spend a couple late-round picks on tackles, and I don't love taking a receiver with 4.7 speed and a sexual assault acquittal in his background. But overall, the class has promise.

Looking around the rest of the NFC North, the Chicago Bears don't appear to have significantly bettered themselves in the draft with no picks in the first or third rounds, and coming off an 8-8 season, their hopes for a return to dominance ride on new quarterback Nick Foles' shoulders. The Minnesota Vikings had a nice draft, landing four potential contributors on the first two days. But they also lost starters Stefon Diggs, Linval Joseph, Xavier Rhodes and Everson Griffen this spring. As for the Green Bay Packers, well, they took the long approach to the draft, adding a player in quarterback Jordan Love who may one day run the franchise, but who adds little immediate value — and may actually cause more strife — in 2020.

I feel confident in saying the Lions will be a better team this fall than they were last season, and I believe their draft class — along with a healthy Matthew Stafford — will be a big part of the reason why.

But what the Lions really need is to look back on this weekend three years from now and see this draft as something that transformed their future in a positive way (and maybe not have Green Bay do the same).

They need Okudah to be one of the best cornerbacks in football. They need Swift or Okwara to provide a Golladay-like return on investment. They need at least one of the guards they took to be a fixture on their offensive line. And they need to keep some of their Day 3 picks on their roster for more than one or two years.

Maybe that's asking too much, though teams have had that kind of

## The rest of the Class of 2020

It's the eighth round of the NFL draft: Rookie free agency, and Lions general manager Bob Quinn has said he doesn't expect his team to be quite as busy as usual this year.

With the probability of no formal off-season program this spring because of the coronavirus pandemic, Quinn said he expects to sign only "a handful" of undrafted free agents.

That could benefit the Lions, as they might be able to lure players with bigger bonuses.

Here's a look at who agreed to terms with the Lions, as of Saturday:

**TE Hunter Bryant, Washington:** Bryant caught 52 passes for 825 yards for Washington last season. He slipped out of the draft due to health concerns, but will compete for the No. 3 tight end job with Isaac Nauta. Per The Athletic.

**FB Luke Sellers, South Dakota State:** Sellers had just four carries in his college career, but he'll have the chance to make the roster because of his blocking ability. Went to the same school as ex-Lions running back Zach Zenner. Per South Dakota State.

**LS Steven Wirtel, Iowa State:** The Lions are serious about bringing in competition for incumbent long snapper Don Muhlbach. They signed James Fisher to a futures deal after the season and convinced one of the two best draft-eligible long snappers to sign as a free agent. Per Iowa State.

**P Arryn Sippos, Auburn:** With Sam Martin gone and two inexperienced punters on the roster, the Lions signed Sippos to add competition to the group. Sippos played five seasons of Australian Rules Football before coming to the United States. Per Auburn.

**S Jalen Elliott, Notre Dame:** The Lions didn't draft a safety, but with only five on their roster they needed to sign at least a rookie. Elliott was a team captain who intercepted two passes in 2019. Per Irish Sports Daily.

**DE Austin Edwards, Ferris State:** Edwards had 10.5 sacks for the Bulldogs last season, when he was named Division II lineman of the Year. Per TheSportsDaily.com.

draft success — the 2017 New Orleans Saints and 2016 Dallas Cowboys come to mind — in the not-too-distant past.

Some of those teams, like the Saints, earned high marks in the moment. Others, like Cowboys, who gambled on injury risk Jaylon Smith in the second round, were viewed more skeptically at the time.

None of the instant feedback mattered then, and none of it matters now.

The new-car smell of this year's draft will be gone soon enough, and we'll be left to judge Quinn's picks by the only measure that matters — what they do on the field.

## Picking Lions' winners and losers after NFL draft

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When it comes to judging the NFL draft in the moment — not one or two years later, when no one cares — it's all about looking at what makes sense in the here and now.

Sure, there are always late-round project picks. But for the most part, teams draft players who can help them in the near future because most regimes know they won't keep their jobs very long if they don't win soon and often.

With that in mind, the biggest winner of them all in the Detroit Lions' 2020 NFL draft was you, the fans.

Lions fans got what they finally deserved: A draft without head-scratching decisions that instead was filled almost entirely with players who fill immediate needs and should help the team improve this season.

You know who else won this draft? The Fords. By giving general manager Bob Quinn and coach Matt Patricia a win-now edict, the team owners lit a fire under the decision-makers that helped bring a focused urgency to this draft.

Guess what. Quinn and Patricia also were winners in this draft. No one likes

ultimatums and tight deadlines, but knowing their jobs are on the line encouraged them to make some of their soundest draft decisions.

Here's a look at some of the Lions' other winners and losers from this draft.

### Winners Darrell Bevell

The Lions' offensive coordinator injected life into the offense last year and he was rewarded with five draft picks on his side of the ball, including arguably the draft's best running back in D'Andre Swift. Bevell earned the extra resources and it should be exciting to see what he can do with a beefed up run game and a retooled offensive line.

### Kyle Caskey

The running backs coach probably deserved a purple heart last year for something cobbling together a respectable run game while managing a revolving door at the position. Swift and scatback Jason Huntley, a fifth-rounder from New Mexico State, should provide plenty of competition and depth for a position group that sorely needs it.

### Matthew Stafford

This wasn't the year to draft a quarterback high or low. But he still avoided even the hint of meeting his heir apparent because Quinn didn't waste yet another late-round pick on a developmental quarterback. Chase Daniel is going to be better than any mid-to-late round pick anyway, so Quinn deserves credit for not pulling the trigger on a QB pick. And Stafford dodged another bullet when it comes to meeting his eventual replacement.

### Losers Kerryon Johnson

When you miss 14 games in two seasons, something's up. As much promise as Johnson has shown while averaging 4.5 yards per carry in 18 career games, that old saw still rings true: The most important ability is availability. There's no way the Lions would have drafted Swift with the No. 35 pick unless they had doubts about Johnson's ability to stay on the field. Because running back is a premium fantasy position, and everyone likes a shiny new toy, there will be tons of fans screaming for Swift to get

the starting job and the bulk of carries early in the season.

### Ty Johnson

As a rookie, Johnson was effective in a limited role. He averaged 4.3 yards per carry while playing 29% of the offensive snaps. But it's not a good sign when the team drafts a very similar player in Huntley one round earlier than you the next season. Huntley was more productive as a college player — albeit at a lower level — than Johnson and could be the favorite to win the kick returner's job. He had five kick return scores in four years for New Mexico State.

### Cornerbacks

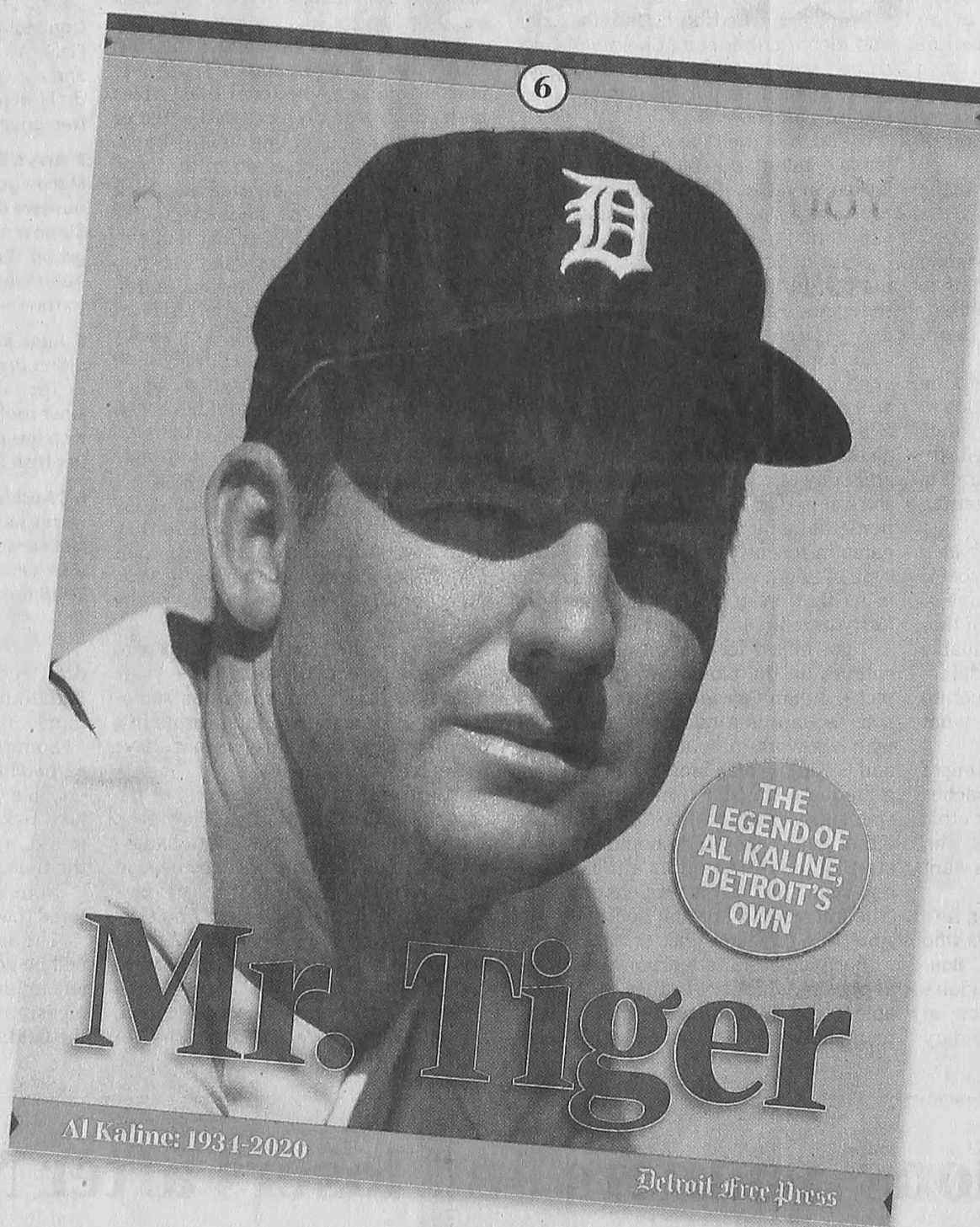
The addition of Notre Dame outside linebacker Julian Okwara in the third round was welcome. But the defensive line isn't any better than it was a year ago, when the Lions failed to pressure quarterbacks and tied for second-fewest sacks. That means unless there's a significant signing on the horizon, Jeff Okudah and his new buddies are going to have to cover receivers for as long as it takes you to read this paragraph.



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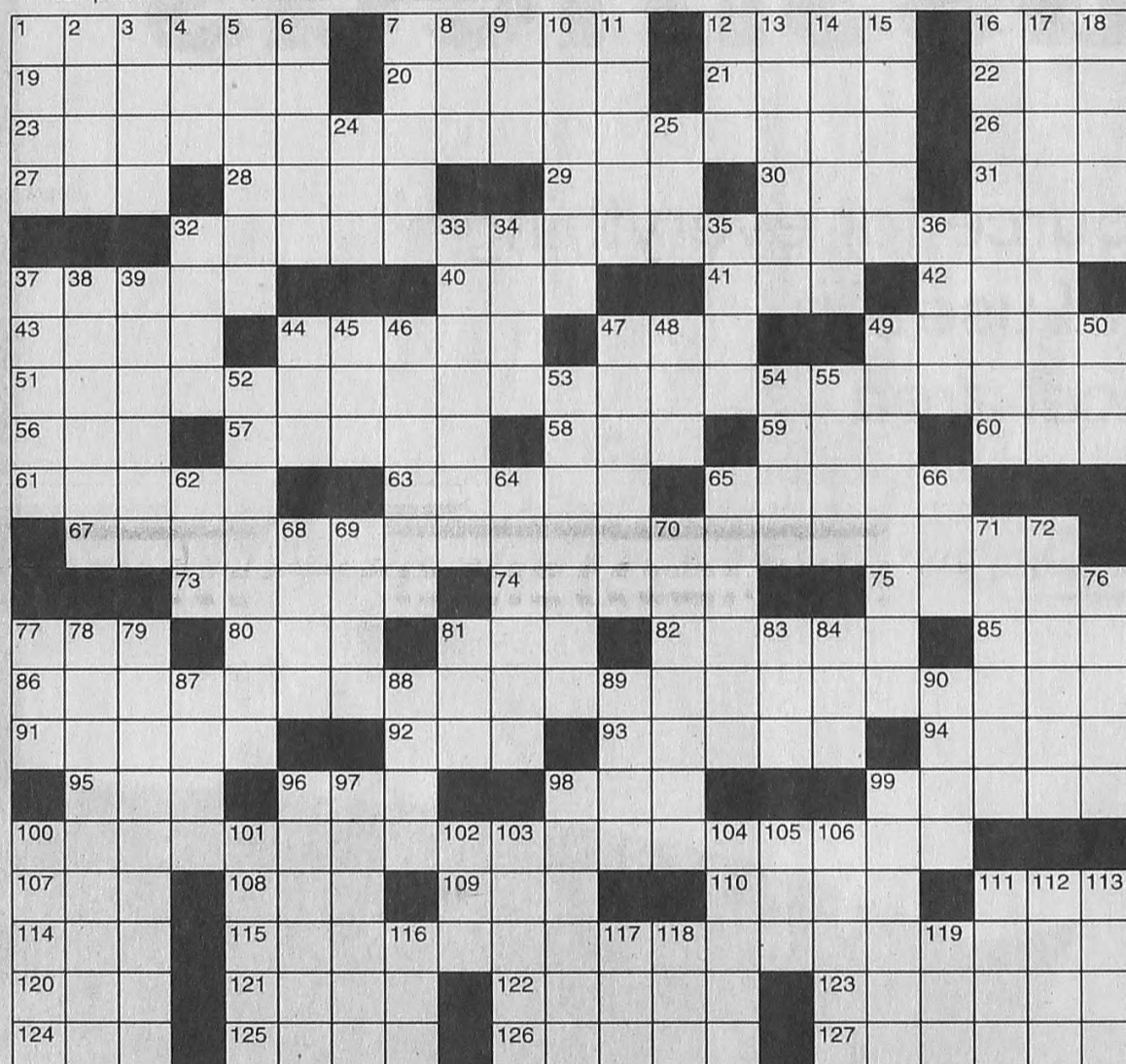


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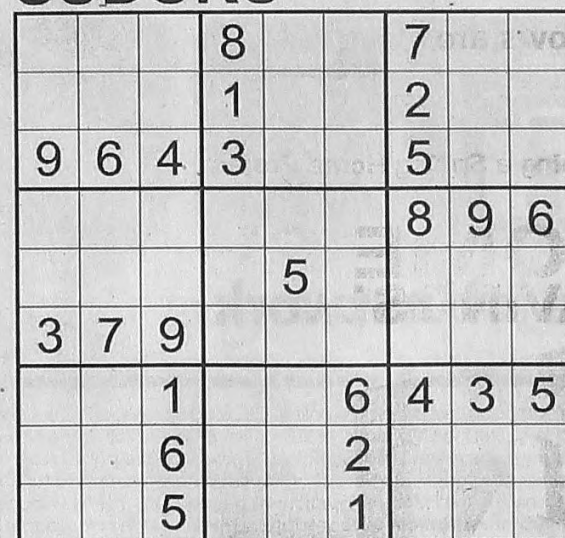
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20 Korean, e.g.  
21 "I smell —!"  
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23 Road trip between apparitions?  
26 LAX guess  
27 Bobby on ice  
28 Otis on "The Andy Griffith Show," e.g.  
29 Darling  
30 Above, in verse  
31 Unrefined  
32 Phone conversation between ministers?  
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40 Summer mo.  
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- 85 License plate  
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99 Perfected  
100 Guy peddling between clodhoppers?  
107 Hooter  
108 Playwright  
Levin  
109 Antagonist  
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111 Lick like a cat  
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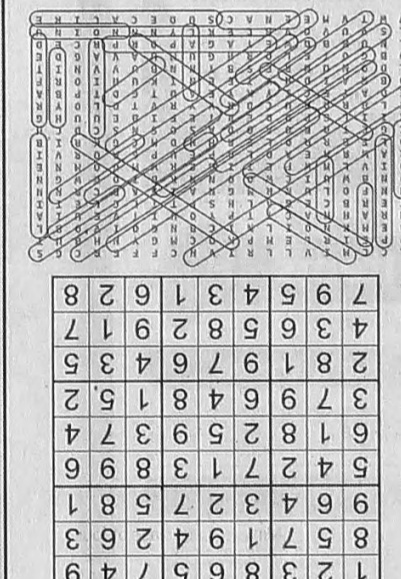
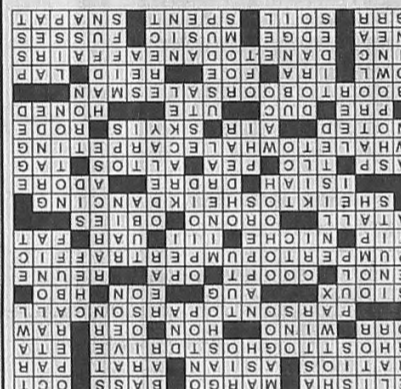
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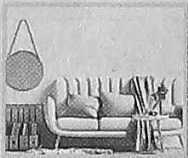
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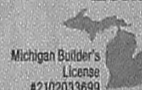
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**Gutterglove®**

The End of Cleaning  
Gutters  
Limited time offer - call now!  
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**UP TO  
\$1000 OFF**  
Kitchen or Bath  
Remodeling

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**Since 1961 Relationships Built On Trust**



**BONUS:**

\$200 fuel card  
with purchase of  
LeafGuard  
System



## Not just clog-free GUARANTEED Clog Free.

NEVER have a clogged gutter again, **GUARANTEED!**



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*Spring  
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- Lifetime No-Clog Warranty
- Lifetime Paint Finish Warranty
- Heavy Duty Construction
- 20% Thicker/Conventional Gutters
- Will Never Fall Off or Loosen

*Spring  
Savings*

**20% off  
Entire Job**

20% off entire job, cannot combine with other offers,  
expires 4/30/2020

**12 Months  
No Interest - No Payments**

With credit approval, see estimator for details,  
expires 4/30/2020

**Renewal  
by Andersen**  
WINDOW REPLACEMENT

## Patio Door Special! Window Special!

Special ends on May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**SAVE 20%**  
on windows<sup>1</sup>

**SAVE 20%**  
on patio doors<sup>1</sup>

Minimum purchase of four.

PLUS AN ADDITIONAL

**\$250 OFF**  
your entire project<sup>1</sup>

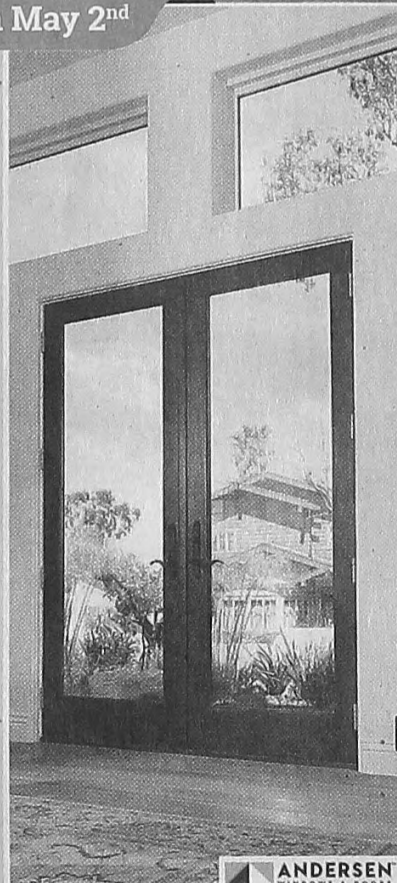
Minimum purchase of four.

WITH

**\$0 0 0%**  
Down Monthly Interest  
Payments

**FOR 1 YEAR<sup>1</sup>**

Minimum purchase of four. Interest accrues from the  
purchase date but is waived if paid in full within 12 months.



• Our patio doors will continue to slide smoothly for years using  
**Andersen's dual ball-bearing engineering**

• Our **5-point locking system** on our patio doors provides top-of-the-line  
security and peace of mind

**Call for your FREE Window and Patio Door Diagnosis**

**Renewal  
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WINDOW REPLACEMENT

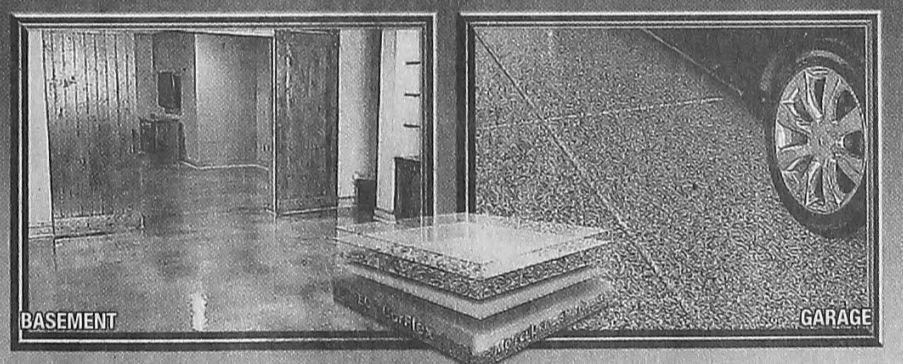
**CERTIFIED  
MASTER  
INSTALLER**

**MILITARY  
DISCOUNT**

**734-335-8036**

<sup>1</sup>DETAILS OF OFFER: Offer expires 5/9/2020. You must set your appointment by 5/2/2020 and purchase by 5/9/2020. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Get 20% off your entire purchase and 12 months \$0 down, 0 monthly payments, 0% interest when you purchase four (4) or more windows or patio doors between 4/1/2020 and 5/9/2020. Additional \$250 off your project, minimum purchase of four (4) or more windows or patio doors required, taken after initial discount(s), when you set your appointment by 5/2/2020 and purchase by 5/9/2020. Military discount applies to all active duty, veterans and retired military personnel. Military discount equals \$300 off your entire purchase and applies after all other discounts, no minimum purchase required. Subject to credit approval. Interest is billed during the promotional period, but all interest is waived if the purchase amount is paid before the expiration of the promotional period. Financing for GreenSky® consumer loan programs is provided by federally insured, federal and state chartered financial institutions without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, or familial status. Savings comparison based on purchase of a single unit at list price. Available at participating locations and offer applies throughout the service area. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. License number available upon request. Some Renewal by Andersen locations are independently owned and operated. "Renewal by Andersen" and all other marks where denoted are trademarks of Andersen Corporation. ©2020 Andersen Corporation. All rights reserved. ©2020 Lead Surge LLC. All rights reserved.

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**Choose Your  
FREE  
Upgrade**  
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**Up To A  
\$750 Value**

**Weather  
Tech  
Floor  
Liners  
with  
Purchase**

**Up To A  
\$200 Value**

**Payments  
as low as  
\$50  
per month!\***

With Approved  
Credit

Don't fall for the 1-DAY SYSTEM ...  
They simply don't last.

The **LIFETIME** warranted **GATORGUARD**  
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many years to come.



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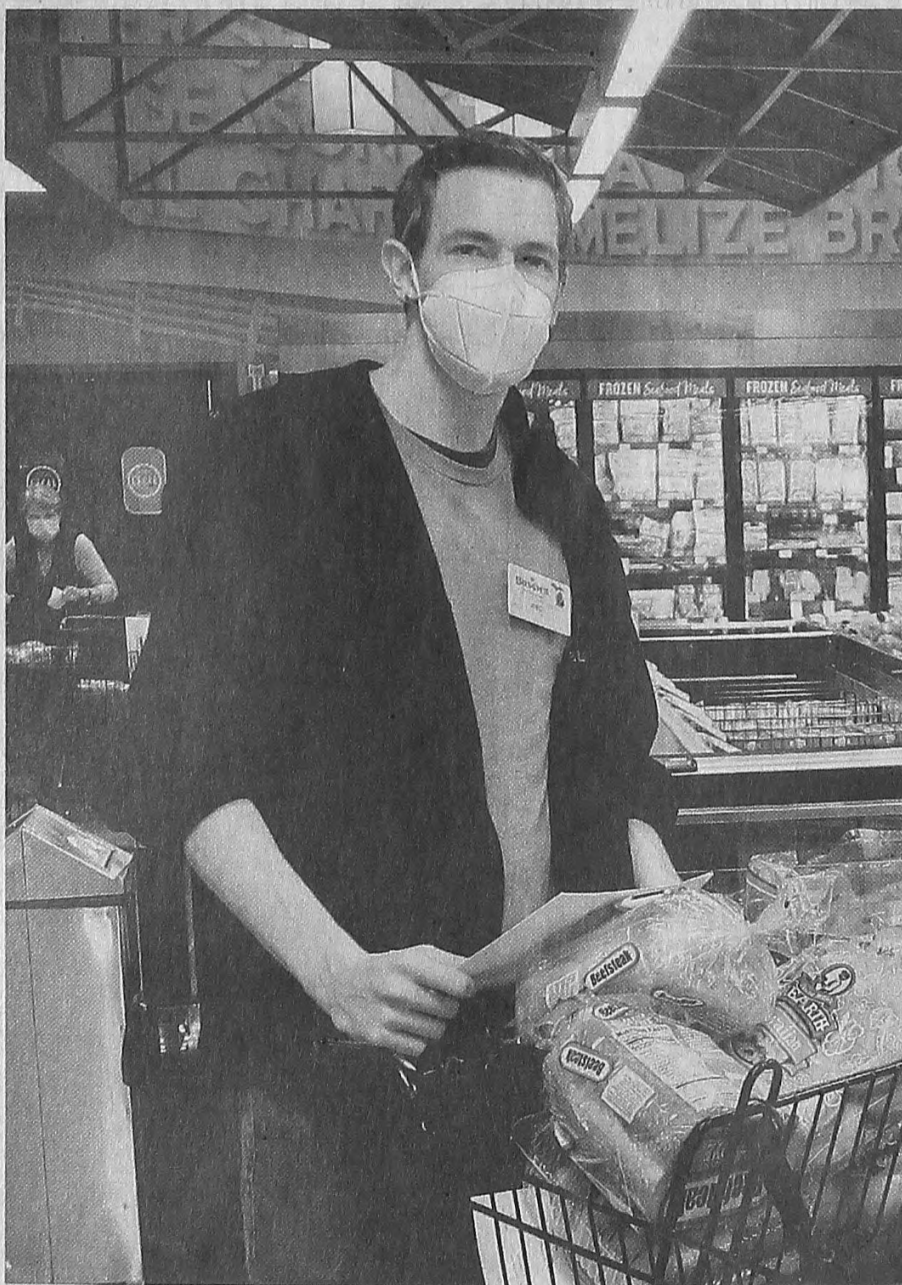
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THE OUTPOURING  
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