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## Billboard warns of 'driving while Black' in city

Livonia officials call it counterproductive to efforts

Susan Vela [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
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Livonia police cannot shake the rap alleging they tend to stop Black drivers most frequently, and now there's a billboard along Telegraph Road warning metro Detroiters in danger of forgetting.

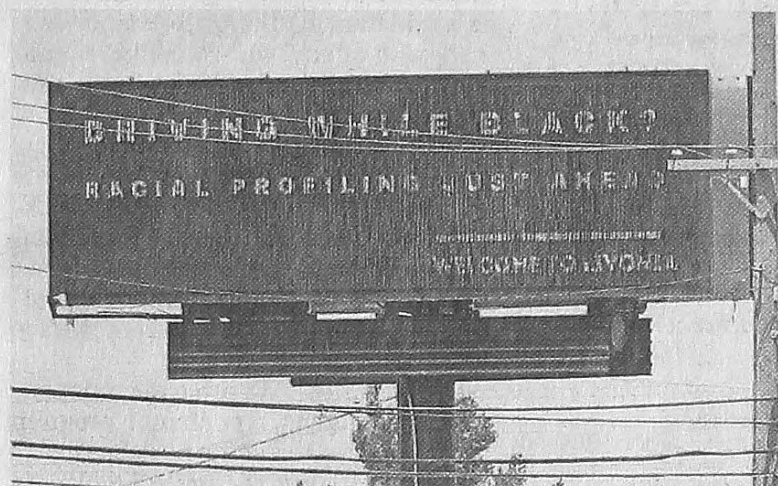
A new Facebook group, Livonia Citizens Caring About Black Lives, raised about \$1,800 in three days to put up the sign along northbound Telegraph Road, near the westbound Interstate 96 interchange, in Redford Township.

The billboard bears this message: "Driving while Black? Racial profiling just ahead. Welcome to Livonia."

Billboards have long been banned in Livonia, but the Livonia Citizens group wanted to make a highly-visible statement to daily highway commuters. So members chose Redford as a location.

The plan is to highlight the decades-old problem of racial profiling in Livonia, a problem critics have been mentioning at protests and public forums.

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A billboard warning drivers of racial profiling has been put up along Telegraph Road in Redford Township, just south of Interstate 96. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Online grocery delivers



Jonathan Sikto, left, and Brad Berry show some of the fresh produce for sale via their online grocery store, Farmstop.

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## Farmstop brings locally-sourced products to customers' doors

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The world of grocery shopping has changed in the last few months as more people rely on delivery services to get their household goods. Two local entrepreneurs hope to bring some change to the industry by focusing on locally-sourced products.

Birmingham residents Brad Berry and Jonathan Sikto recently opened Farmstop, an online-only grocery store aimed at selling and promoting locally-grown and -made products. The business began taking orders earlier this month.

"We wanted to figure out how we could bring product from the farmer's market or from farmers and get it to people year-round," Berry said. "We wanted



Products from places such as Dexter-based Mindo Chocolate Makers and Traverse City-based Food for Thought are available through Farmstop.

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## Panera Bread in Farmington closes doors permanently

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The Panera Bread at 32635 Grand River in Farmington has closed its doors for good. Signage on the restaurant indicates it closed June 19.

"Thank you for the support over the years," a sign in the door reads. "Please visit a nearby cafe."

The signage on the cafe then directs customers to head to the locations at 37900 12 Mile in Farmington Hills and 20140 Haggerty in Livonia.

A message seeking additional comment on the closure was sent to Panera Bread.

The closure marks the most recent shutdown of Panera Bread restaurants across Detroit's western suburbs. The location at 35000 Warren near the Westland Shopping Center in Westland recently shut down, as did as the location at Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

Signs were still up in the windows of the cafe Monday afternoon advertising pickup and delivery options, and several seats and chairs were still out on the patio.

The closure comes after the restaurant had asked the City of Farmington for permission to install a drive-thru lane, something that had happened in recent years at locations such as the one on Haggerty in Livonia. The planning commission voted last August to approve a drive-thru, though no work on creating such a drive-thru was done at the restaurant.

Contact reporter David Veselenak at [dveselenak@hometownlife.com](mailto:dveselenak@hometownlife.com) or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.

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# Things are heating up at Farmington Farmers Market



**Walt Gajewski**  
Guest columnist

Taking a line from the Lovin Spoonful's gritty rock classic "Summer in the City," it was 'hotter than a match head' last week at the market.

Despite wilting heat and it being a holiday that saw people making an anti-like line on I-75 bound for up north while the pandemic continues to whipsaw our daily life, more than 1,600 people came to market. Saturday life goes on.

Farmer Bill Gass, a market "founder," returned for his 20-something season, and R & B Miller farm sold all their blueberries, raspberries and cherries in a blink! My best decision of the week? Giving a new lemonade stand a chance to come to market. I had three glasses. Delicious.

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Farm inspections continue as a rite of summer. We have many farmers, some big, some small. It's the small farms that I enjoy the most, often tucked off a winding back road that even Google might have a hard time finding. And so it was that I bounced into the long driveway that led me to Dave Brogren's farm out in Mason, aptly dubbed Farm & Forest, that he runs with his wife, Anne, and their children, Nels and Hannah.

The farm itself spreads out to some 22 acres and is a continuous work in progress. With four years of work behind them, their dream to farm-and-come-to-market is now a reality. But it hasn't come without challenges, said Anne as we strolled alongside a parcel holding a half dozen varieties of garlic, some 10,000 heads in all.

"We have had just about every problem known to man, whether its rabbits, deer and even wild turkeys," she said.

Farm and Forest practices sustainable methods: giving back to the soil, not depleting it. Though not certified organic, they follow the nurturing practices of organic farm life. The food is fresher, being picked just for the market in Farmington. Keeping up with weeds is a constant battle for Nels and Hannah, who offered that "weeding is constant upkeep. Our land is so fertile they grow like crazy."

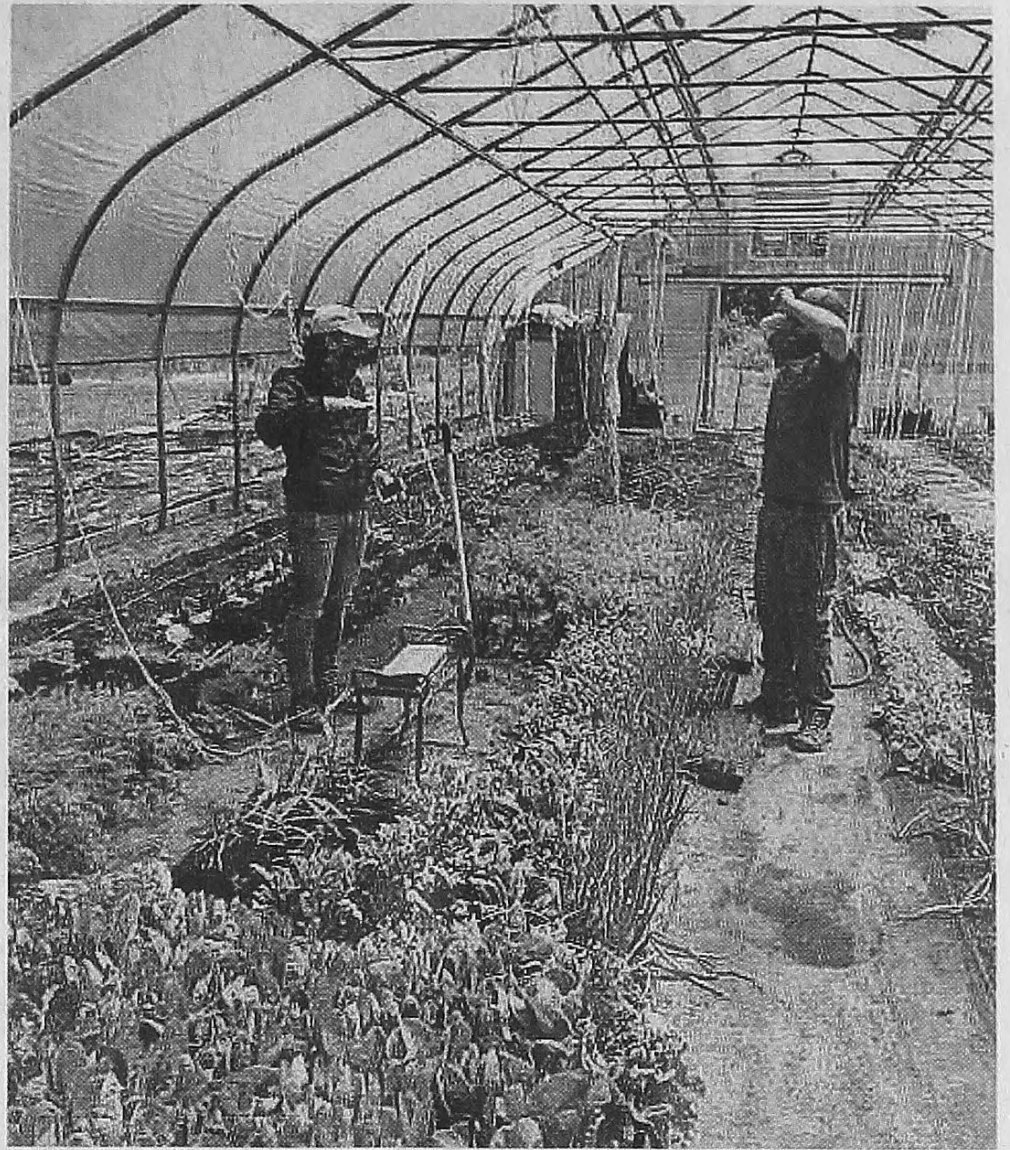
A beautiful new greenhouse offers respite from the fields. Two more are planned over the next two years. Ducking inside the high tunnel, I found ginger, tomatoes, strawberries and varieties of lettuce and tomatoes. Dave pointed out that "our ginger's rhizomes trace to Hawaii."

Added Anne: "We are really interested in developing a pollinator program here. We have to get the bees back."

As we left the greenhouse, I took note of a colorful spray of wildflowers growing nearby.

As we shared our farewells, which came with the comfort of knowing that the Brogren family Farm grows everything they bring to market, I asked Dave - who walked away from a long career in the insurance business to take up farming - what keeps him motivated to grow and invest in their new future.

"I have learned you don't have to be the biggest to compete, but you have to



Market volunteer Alexander and farmer Nels Brogren talk about greenhouse farming at the Farm & Forest farm in Mason. COURTESY OF WALT GAJEWSKI

be good," he said. "It's good here, and we're making it better."

### Your market this week

What's the news? We are going to open at 8 a.m. this week. Other markets do it, so let's see how Farmington enjoys an early-bird opening. And why not? It has been a season of change and trial. Let's roll the dice.

"Summer crops are rolling!" exclaimed Karlene Goetz, whose family operates the Goetz Family Farm and Greenhouse at the market. When I asked what what might be on the chalk-

board this week, she started with an "Oh, my!" then quickly followed with "We'll have green beans, lettuce, tomatoes, yellow squash, zucchini, cucumbers, onions, garlic, kohlrabi, kale, chard, okra, beet and bucket of fresh cut flowers ..." and she offered slowly, "maybe next week, sweet corn."

Bob Skon plays the market starting at 10 a.m. I wonder if Bob knows any REO Speedwagon? I might ask him to play from "Keep on Rollin."

Until next time and as always here's saying "see you at the market!"

Walt Gajewski is the Farmington Farmers Market manager.

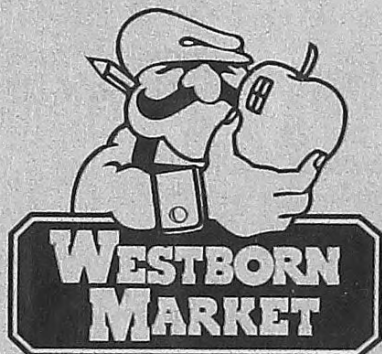
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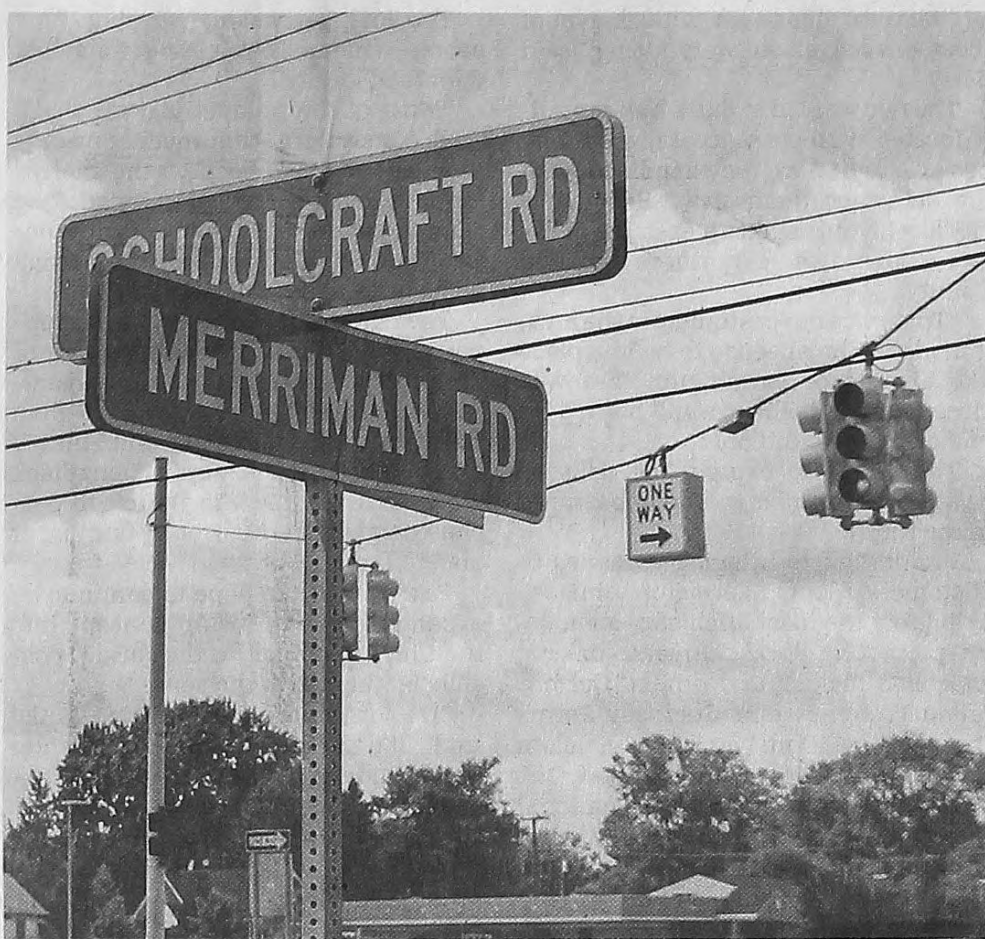
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# Wayne County to repair Merriman stretch in Livonia

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One of Merriman Road's roughest stretches in Livonia is getting a little TLC.

Wayne County is repaving Merriman between Plymouth and Schoolcraft roads with

work starting this week.

The county hopes to finish the work in December, though progress depends on weather conditions.

Aside from resurfacing and the work that comes with it, the mile-long area will also see some improvements to sidewalk ramps.

The vast majority of the \$173 million project will be covered by federal dollars, and some will be paid by Wayne County. Livonia will pay \$148,558, about 9% of the cost.

While the stretch is resurfaced, drivers will be able to use the road and access the businesses along it.

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. The Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**PARTISAN SECTION:**

**Please note:** There are two party sections on the ballot: Republican Party and Democratic Party. Select the party section of your choice. You may vote in one party section only; you cannot "split your ticket." If you vote in more than one party section, your partisan ballot will be rejected.

- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress - 11th District
- Representative in State Legislature - 20th District
- County Prosecuting Attorney
- County Sheriff
- County Clerk
- County Treasurer
- County Register of Deeds
- County Commissioner - 10th District
- Township Supervisor
- Township Clerk
- Township Treasurer
- Township Trustee
- Delegate to County Convention

**NON- PARTISAN SECTION:**

Judge of the Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit - Non-Incumbent Position

**PROPOSAL SECTION:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Plymouth Township residents will be voting on the following millage proposals as presented and listed below:

**WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL:**

**Proposition O  
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL**

To renew the millage authorized in 2009, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2019 rollback rate of 0.9529 (about 95 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2020 through 2029), and proceeds used to continue existing County services, including programs for arrest, detention and prosecution of criminals, juvenile court and related services, public health, recreation, County parks, job training, senior citizen services, and programs for meeting medical needs of the poor, the disabled, and the aged? This renewal is projected to generate \$42,129,703 in 2020.

**Proposition P  
PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL**

To renew the millage authorized in 2016, shall Wayne County levy this millage at the estimated 2020 rollback rate of 0.2459 mills (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2021 through 2025) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park, and improvements to municipal parks in the 43 communities as provided in an implementing ordinance through an annual allocation by commission district of the greater of \$50,000 or 15% of the total funds generated from that district, on the condition that, for any year for which this continued levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-1996 fiscal year appropriation for parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$10,871,753 in 2021.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, telephone: 313-354-3224. A sample ballot may be viewed at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote).

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH POLLING LOCATIONS ARE:**

Precinct 1	St. Kenneth Catholic Church	14951 N Haggerty Rd
Precinct 2	Friendship Station	42375 Schoolcraft Rd
Precinct 3	Allen Early Learning Academy	11100 N Haggerty Rd
Precinct 4	Starkweather Academy	39750 Joy Rd
Precinct 5	Ibister Elementary School	9300 N Canton Center Rd
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 W Ann Arbor Trl
Precinct 7	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Rd W
Precinct 8	Praise Baptist Church	45000 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 9	NorthRidge Church	49555 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 10	NorthRidge Church	49555 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 11	Risen Christ Lutheran Church	46250 Ann Arbor Rd
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Rd

Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained during regular business hours, which are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170.

On Saturday, August 1, 2020 the clerk's office will be open; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to issue absentee ballots to qualified voters in person.

On Monday, August 3, 2020 qualified voters may be issued an absentee ballot in person, and shall vote them in the clerk's office until 4:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, August 4, 2020 a voter who registers to vote on Election Day by appearing in person at his or her clerk's office is also eligible to obtain an absent voter ballot to vote in person at the clerk's office until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Jerry Vorva, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOGIC & ACCURACY TEST OF THE DOMINION ICC/ICP/ICX VOTING SYSTEMS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020 PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

A public accuracy test of the Dominion ICC/ICP/ICX Voting Systems will take place at 2:00 p.m. on July 15, 2020, at the Charter Township of Plymouth Clerk's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, for the August 4, 2020 Election. The Public Logic & Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law. For further information contact the clerk's office at (734) 354-3224.

Jerry Vorva  
Township Clerk

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### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020 PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

**TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any qualified elector of Plymouth Township who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote) and mailed to the Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter>.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, July 20, 2020.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.497) at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office, located at 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, August 4 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Below is a listing of the offices and proposals that will be on the August 4, 2020 Presidential Primary Election ballot. Sections are Partisan and Proposal.

**PARTISAN SECTION:**

United States Senator, Representative in Congress - 11th District, Representative in State Legislature - 20th District, County: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner - 10th District, Township: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustee, Delegate to County Convention

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Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact the clerk's office.

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Plymouth Township Clerk

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# Farmstop

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to find a way for people to get fresh produce directly from local farms.”

The idea? Connect with local farmers and producers to sell their products to the masses, increasing their profits and exposing their products to new segments of the population that may not always go to the weekly farmer’s market. The service had more than 100 products listed as of Monday, and the duo plan to add to the offerings as they connect with more area producers.

The service currently allows for delivery across all of Wayne and Oakland counties, as well as pickup from their base of operations at 28860 Seven Mile in Livonia, inside the former Da-Zhong Asian supermarket which closed several months ago. Customers can sign up for a delivery or curbside pickup time slot through the website. Delivery is free for orders of more than \$50.

Ramping up grocery delivery is something the two have seen coming in

**“We wanted to figure out how we could bring product from the farmer’s market or from farmers and get it to people year-round. We wanted to find a way for people to get fresh produce directly from local farms.”**

**Brad Berry**  
Co-founder, Farmstop online grocery

the next few years, though Berry said the coronavirus pandemic has accelerated that demand.

Moving into a former grocery store has allowed the duo to use the storage options already in place, including shelving and coolers.

It took about three months to launch the concept, Berry said, a notable accomplishment given the current economic landscape.

“We were able to get through a lot of these challenges we were facing,” said Berry.

The two wanted to find a hub centrally located with good access, especially because right now, they handle most of the deliveries themselves. Being in a city like Livonia makes it easier to deliver to Downriver or northern Oakland County.

“To service our customers in the area, it made the most sense to be in a place like Livonia or Farmington that was close to major highways and not too far of a drive,” said Sitko.

They hope to expand the delivery service to customers in Macomb County in the future.

In addition to bringing groceries to customers’ doors, Farmstop aims to help grow the local Michigan economy by promoting local farmers, bakers, chocolate makers and others. Current products come from Guernsey Farms Dairy in Novi, Donahee Farms in Salem Township, Garden Fort in Green Oak Township and Avalon International Breads in Detroit. More products are being added on a regular basis.

The goal, Berry said, is to show how people in metro Detroit can get much of their food locally.

“Most of the product you get that’s fresh comes from California, thousands of miles away. It’s been on the shelves for days, even weeks,” Berry said. “We wanted to help strengthen and grow our local food economy and help these small businesses and farmers.”

The two hope to double down on supporting local farms by donating part of their profits to a Wayne County organization. One percent of profits will go to the Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund, a group dedicated to supporting Black growers and farmers in Detroit to purchase land they are currently farming or plan to farm.

Berry and Sitko hope to continue by expanding the Farmstop concept into the Chicago market in the future, possibly by the end of the year.

“It’s sort of a natural next step,” Sitko said. “It’s the largest population center in the Midwest and there’s a lot of demand for local, higher-end product.”

Those looking to place an order can do so by visiting farmstop.co.

# Billboard

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“Some people want to deny that it’s a problem,” said Delisha Upshaw, one of the group’s co-founders. “That can’t be the way. Livonia is not an all-white city anymore. We have to be a city that is welcoming for everyone.

“We have to get the conversation going. Being apathetic about other people ... no. That’s not acceptable.”

Livonia remains 90 percent white. City leaders have been getting an earful since young and old began protesting police brutality and a lack of transparency and accountability within police departments.

The May death of George Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man, compelled protesters to take to the streets and municipal buildings. A Minneapolis police officer knelt on Floyd’s neck for nearly nine minutes, killing him.

Both Livonia’s mayor and police chief criticized the billboard because, from their viewpoint, the sign sends a wrong

and counterproductive message.

“We will not tolerate racism in Livonia,” Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan said in a statement. “In response to the George Floyd murder, I recommissioned the Livonia Human Relations Commission, providing them with a new vision and new appointees dedicated to improving diversity, equity, and inclusion in our community.”

City officials said they contacted Livonia Citizens members, inviting them to participate in the commission’s conversations.

Brosnan and Police Chief Curtis Caid took the stage at Clarenceville High School last month when the city hosted the first Partnership for Progress Listening Tour designed to offer for a more frank, regional conversation about race and police relations.

“This billboard is counterproductive to these and other efforts we are taking to ensure Livonia is ‘a welcoming place for all’ – a goal that this group and I share,” Brosnan said. “This billboard will not help advance the progress of diversity in our community, something to which I am committed.

“I look forward to continuing to engage with the community to make progress on issues of racial justice.”

Brosnan said during the listening tour event that the city is willing to work toward change.

“I think that’s one of the things that came out of a lot of the protests that we’ve seen recently,” Brosnan said. “People have been really direct about asking questions and wanting to know what the data is.

“We, as a city, we owe that to them. We have to start providing more of that information.”

She’d like to embed more mental health services into the community and police department. Mental health and domestic calls have spiked largely because of the pandemic, Brosnan said.

The activists organized a protest outside city hall last month. Livonia Citizens members also have pursued information about Livonia traffic stops and police policies and training materials. They are not satisfied with the data they’ve received.

Upshaw responded by email to the mayor’s comments about the billboard

that will greet drivers for about two weeks.

“We appreciate the mayor taking this bold stance,” Upshaw said. “We hope it will be followed by a release and clarification of the data we’ve requested.”

Caid spoke about the billboard specifically, saying it does not deliver the right message.

“Livonia police officers do not target their enforcement actions to individuals based on gender, race, religion, ethnicity, etc.,” he said in a statement. “Racial profiling is a serious allegation and is not tolerated.

“Livonia is a welcoming community to all regardless of one’s race. This billboard sends the exact opposite message of our values at the Livonia Police Department and of those in our community.”

Livonia Citizens Caring About Black Lives says more billboards and a website for people to share stories are planned.

Contact reporter Susan Vela at [svela@hometownlife.com](mailto:svela@hometownlife.com) or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susan-vela.



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A clubhouse with a fitness center, yoga room, billiards,

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Mackenzie Hinsperger, Zack Hinsperger and Mike LaFontaine stand in the showroom of LaFontaine Classic Cars in Milford. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Classic car showroom opens in Milford

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While the Woodward Dream Cruise is canceled, there's a new way you can get that classic car fix, right in Milford. Especially if you're looking to buy.

The LaFontaine family has brought its most recent business to the village, a showroom featuring classic vehicles, all for sale. The business at 211 S. Main just north of Huron Street has more than a dozen vehicles in the building and many more in the adjacent parking lot.

"We've been having fun so far," said Mackenzie Hinsperger, who helps run LaFontaine Classic Cars and is the grandson of Mike and Maureen LaFontaine, founders of the automobile dealership empire. "We get a lot of people through the door."

"It's been exciting. We've been learning a lot."

Hinsperger said the classic car showroom is a new venture for the LaFontaine family of dealerships.

It's a development that has been in the works for several years, a concept dreamed up by his grandmother, Maureen LaFontaine, who died late last year.

When the property at 211 S. Main - a building that housed a former Chrysler dealership - opened up, Hinsperger said was a perfect fit to launch the classic car showroom.

"This was my grandmother's wish right here," he said. "This building popped up and it was just meant to be."

The showroom aims to bring buyers back in time to a more classic feel.

In addition to all the vehicles in the showroom, the space is decorated with vintage signs from vehicle brands of the past. In addition to those vehicles in the building, the parking lot to the south contains many others available for purchase.

Hinsperger said they always wanted to remain in the Milford area, eschewing more densely-populated areas to stay close to home.

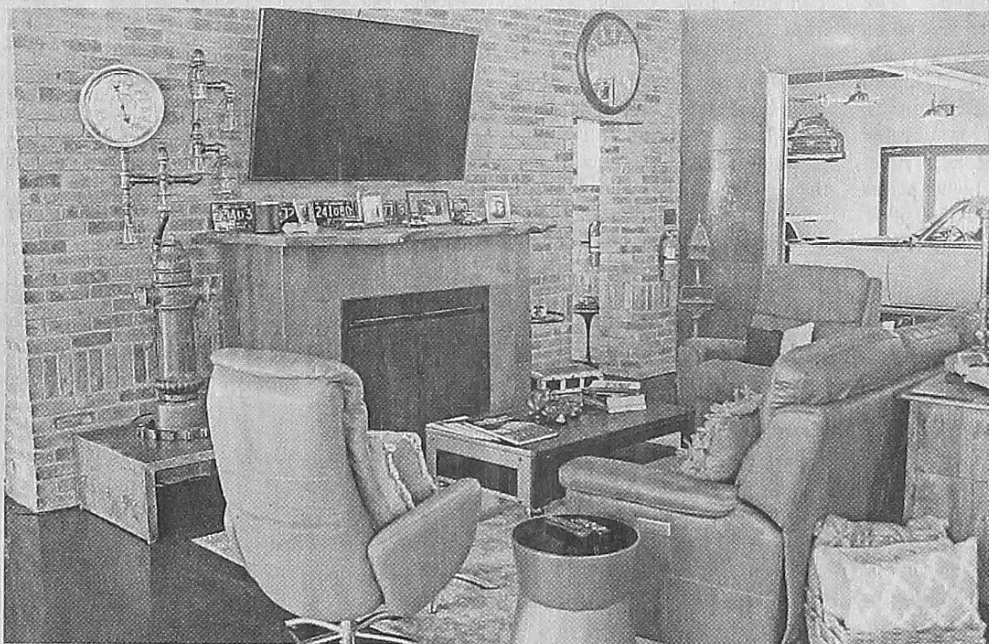
"This area is perfect for us. We have a lot of roots here, we love this little town," he said. "It's a good fit for us and it's a good fit for what we're trying to do here."

The business opened in early June after a delay of several months because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Inside, classic car enthusiasts will find several vehicles to fawn over, including a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro SS, a 1965 Ford Mustang and - for those of you who can't wait to get your hands on a new one next year - a 1977 Ford Bronco.

Those are just a handful of the classics up for sale in the showroom, and the selection of vehicles on display will rotate as new ones arrive.

The showroom acquires vehicles several ways, with a majority coming through auction. The coronavirus pandemic has slowed in-person auctions,



The showroom has waiting areas with retro decorations for a classic feel.



A 1977 Ford Bronco.



A 1991 Chevrolet Silverado.



A 2020 Ford GT, described by Mackenzie Hinsperger as a "future classic," is one of many vehicles on display.

Hinsperger said, requiring them to resort to more online auctions.

While Hinsperger likes attending in-person auctions more to get a feel for vehicles, the online auctions have started to provide more detail about each vehicle. He said the showroom specializes in domestic vehicles, but they'll acquire any classic and put it up for sale.

While many of the showroom's visitors are just wanting to see the space, they've had a handful of sales since opening. Despite current economic conditions, Hinsperger said collectors are

still out looking for new wheels to add to their garages.

"It's a little different, it's a little tricky," he said. "But the people that are after the cars are still after the cars."

The shop is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. More information, including an online listing of vehicles, can be found at [lafontaineclassiccars.com](http://lafontaineclassiccars.com).

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Helps run LaFontaine Classic Cars

SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

# Nebraska zip codes turn up silver for residents

Sealed Vault Bags full of state silver bars are actually being handed over to the first Nebraska residents who find their zip code listed in today's publication and call before the 48 hour order deadline ends to claim the bags full of pure silver

NATIONWIDE - Operators at the National Silver Hotline are struggling to keep up with all the calls.

That's because Silver Vault Bags loaded with pure .999 State Silver Bars are now being handed over to everyone who beats the 2-day order deadline.

"That's why Nebraska residents will be hoarding all the silver bars they can get their hands on for the next 2 days. This comes as no surprise after the standard State Minimum set by the Federated Mint dropped to the lowest ever for everyone who gets the Silver Vault Bags making them a real steal," said Mary Ellen Withrow, the emeritus 40th Treasurer of the United States of America.

"As executive advisor to the private Federated Mint, I get paid to deliver breaking news. And here's the best part. This is great news for Nebraska residents because it's the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint," said Withrow.

The only thing residents need to do is find the first 3 digits of their zip code on the Distribution List printed in today's publication. If their zip code is on the list, they just need to call the National Silver Hotline before the 2-day order deadline ends.

And here's the good news. Residents who do are getting the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of just \$290 for each Nebraska Silver Vault Bag which is just \$29 per bar as long as they call the National Silver Hotline at: 1-800-280-2754 EXT. FMM3761 before the deadline ends.

Phone lines open at precisely 8:30 A.M. this morning and are expected to be flooded by Nebraska residents looking to cash in on the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint to date. That's why area residents who find their zip code on the distribution list today are being urged to call.

Since this special advertising announcement can't stop anyone from buying up all the new 2020 Edition Nebraska State Silver Bars they can get their hands on, the Federated Mint has not set a limit of how many Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bags residents can get - these are the bags pictured above that contain 10 individual Silver Vault Bags each. Everyone who gets these will be glad they did.

"Residents who want to cash in on the lowest ever State Minimum set by the private Federated Mint better hurry. That's because after the deadline ends, the State Minimum for these pristine half ounce Nebraska State Silver Bars set by the Federated Mint will go up to \$50 per bar no matter how many bars people get," Withrow said.

"We're bracing for all the calls and we're doing the best we can, but with just hours left before the deadline ends, residents who find the first 3 digits of their zip code listed in today's publication need to call the National Silver Hotline," Withrow said. ■



■ **SILVER HITS ROCK BOTTOM:** It's good news for state residents who get the Silver Vault Bags each loaded with 10 solid .999 pure Silver State Bars. That's because residents are getting the lowest ever State Minimum set by the private Federated Mint as long as they call before the deadline ends.



■ **NEBRASKA RESIDENTS CASH IN:** Calls are pouring in from state residents who are trying to get their hands on the Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bags pictured above before the deadline ends. That's because residents who find their zip code printed in today's publication are cashing in on the lowest ever State Minimum price set for the next 2 days by the Federated Mint.

► **Who gets the Silver Vault Bags:** Listed below are the U.S. zip codes that get the Silver Vault Bags. If you find the first 3 digits of their zip code call: **1-800-280-2754 EXT. FMM3761**

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► **I keep calling and can't get through:** Keep trying. Right now everyone's looking to cash in on the lowest State Minimum ever set by the Federated Mint. In fact, we won't be surprised if thousands of residents order up as many Silver Vault Bags as they can get their hands on before the deadline ends. That's because the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint has been slashed to the lowest ever at just \$29 for each silver half ounce bar for the next 2 days for everyone who gets the vault bags. And since each Silver Vault Bag contains 10 pristine State Silver Bars for just \$290 we're guessing state residents will be claiming two or more bags while they're up for grabs. But all those who really want to cash in are taking the Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bags containing 100 State Silver Bars before the deadline ends and the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint goes up to \$500 per Vault Bag. In fact the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint is reduced even further for those getting the Jumbo Bags so just be sure to ask the National Silver Hotline operator for your discount. So if lines are busy keep trying.

► **How much are the Silver Vault Bags worth:** It's hard to tell how much these Silver Vault Bags could be worth since they are in pristine condition, but those who get in on this now will be glad they did. That's because the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint goes up to \$500 per bag after the deadline ends. So you better believe that at just \$290 the Silver Vault bags are a real steal for everyone who beats the deadline.

► **Can I buy one State Silver Bar:** Yes. But, the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of just \$29 per bar applies only to residents who purchase a Silver Vault Bag(s). That means only those residents who order a Silver Vault Bag(s) or a Jumbo Silver Ballistic Bag get the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint. All single bar purchases, orders placed after the 2-day deadline and all non-state residents must pay the \$50 per silver half ounce bar.

► **Why is the State Minimum set by the Federated Mint so low now:** Thousands of U.S. residents stand to miss the deadline to get the silver at the lowest ever State Minimum set by the private Federated Mint. Now all residents who find the first 3 digits of their zip code on the Distribution List above are getting the Silver Vault Bags for themselves and all the solid .999 pure State Silver Bars found inside. The price for each Silver Vault Bag after the deadline ends is set at \$500 which is \$50 per bar, but residents who beat the 2-day deadline only cover the lowest ever State Minimum set by the Federated Mint of just \$290 for each State Silver Vault Bag which is just \$29 per bar as long as they call the National Silver Hotline before the deadline ends at: **1-800-280-2754 EXT. FMM3761**. Hotlines open at 8:30 A.M.

**BACK VIEW**

**INDEPENDENCE:** 1776 signifies the year America declared independence proclaiming inalienable rights including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

**HISTORIC 13 STARS:** Each star represents one of the original 13 Colonies arranged in a circle to symbolize the perpetuity of the union as depicted in the "Betsy Ross" flag.

**LOWEST EVER:** State Minimum set by the Federated Mint drops to the lowest ever for State Residents.

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# Fire chief remembered for changing lives

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Larry Groth Sr. was a career fireman who knew his job came with the capacity to save lives and change lives.

He was a Plymouth and Plymouth Township firefighter before he served as the township's fire chief for more than 20 years.

Family, friends and former colleagues have spent this week mourning his loss while remembering his impact.

Groth, 78, of Plymouth, died Saturday.

The obituary compiled from loved ones' memories testified that Groth

lived and breathed the career he loved for more than four decades.

"Larry was a hero, he was courageous and he was a mentor to so many," the obituary reads. "Whether Larry had to run through a burning building, cut a driver out of a vehicle at an accident scene, or teach children about fire safety, he knew that his job



Larry Groth Sr.

was not about the glory, but more about how many lives you can change."

Groth leaves behind his wife of 38 years, Sandra; three children; several grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

"Unfortunately, my husband Larry has suffered a traumatic injury that requires hospice care," Sandra Groth said June 23 on a Facebook page established for her campaign to become township clerk. "This has been difficult and devastating. Larry and I have been happily married for 38 years and this is an unbelievable tragedy."

Her husband was a South Lyon native who moved to Plymouth as a child

in 1950. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1960 and joined the Plymouth Fire Department that same year.

He then joined the Plymouth Township Fire Department in 1965 and became the township's chief in 1979. He served as chief until his 2003 retirement.

Those wishing to honor Groth's memory are invited to help the family create a Larry F. Groth Scholarship Fund for future firefighters at the Schoolcraft College Fire Academy.

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# Pandemic hasn't canceled every garage, estate sale

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Did you clean out the closets, cupboards, basement and more while in quarantine, and now don't know what to do with all the stuff?

Holding a yard, garage or estate sale is still an option, even in the pandemic. As it turns out, there are still shoppers looking for them.



Campbell

The South Lyon City council canceled a city-wide garage sale, but in a sign of support for residents still wanting to host one, officials waived permit fees.

South Lyon administrative assistant Carol Brandon said the city only asks that sales be limited to three days and that residents notify the city of plans. She may be interested for her own personal reasons, too - Brandon admits to recently attending two estate sales.

"It's been a long winter, and I was desperate, going crazy," she said. "Garage sales are something I typically go to



Garage and estate sales have continued despite the coronavirus pandemic.

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every summer."

This summer, garage sale sightings have been few, but estate sales are booming, said Joann Campbell, owner of the Brighton-based Estate Sales by Joann.

"Estate sales are busier than ever," she said. "Houses are selling quickly and people are downsizing."

While estate sales also occur after deaths, Campbell said she has not been

hired for any resulting from a person dying from coronavirus complications.

Turnout at the estate sales, typically 200-500 people per weekend, continues to be good, although Campbell said she is limiting capacity to about 10 people in a home at a time. She is also requesting face coverings be worn, but she will allow a person in without a face mask if no one else is shopping at the time.

Campbell offers hand sanitizer and has had only one person ask about sanitizing items after purchase. She recommends wiping down items with Clorox wipes.

Dr. Russell Faust, Oakland County Health Division medical director, said it is now well-documented that COVID-19 can live on a hard surface for as long as 72 hours, but it is "incredibly rare" to contract the illness from surfaces.

If you are shopping for used items, Faust recommends first that you wash your hands; and second, that any items purchased be left alone, in a garage, porch, deck or basement, for three days. Wash your hands again after leaving them there.

He said the greater risk is not inanimate objects, but other shoppers.

"You absolutely can't (shop around others) without wearing a mask," he said. "It's going to be in the 80s and 90s and I know how miserable a mask is, but you have to do it. It's not rocket science. ... More than 90 percent of stopping the spread of COVID is social distancing and mask wearing."

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# What to consider when planning for retirement



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

I saw a recent report by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) regarding retirement. Not surprisingly, the results were troubling.

According to the CFPB, nearly half of Americans who retire cannot maintain their lifestyle five years after retirement. In addition, the report found that two-thirds of people who retire earlier than normal retirement age also do not have the ability to maintain their standard of living for more than five years.

Think about it; if someone retires at the normal age of 65, according to the report, they have a 50/50 chance of not being able to maintain their standard of living past 70. In the old days, once you hit 70 you were considered old and your lifestyle declined thus, the need for money was not as great. However, today 70 is no longer considered old. In fact, many people at 70 maintain an active lifestyle.

As far as I'm concerned, the main reason people are running into problems is because they did not plan properly for their retirement. When I plan for someone's retirement, I assume they will need a rising income throughout their lifetime; and if someone's retiring at normal retirement age, I plan for a 25- to 30-year retirement.

If someone does not have the assets to last for that length of time, I would prefer they delay their retirement for a few years. In addition, sometimes I recommend that someone get a part-time job when they retire to supplement their income.

I never want a client to retire, no matter the circumstances, and then deal with problems when they occur. If a client were to take this course of action, they would find that when problems arise they are not left with any good options, which is never something I'd want to happen.

To be old and poor in America is not a very good position to be in.

If you don't want to be old and poor, you need to properly plan for your retirement. One aspect of this is to know

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what it costs you to live each month.

I imagine one of the reasons many people fail in retirement is that they never truly know what it costs them to live.

If you want to have a successful retirement, you need to spend some time to see what your cost of living is. Not what you think it is, but rather what it actually is.

I've been in this business for more than 35 years and find that almost always, people underestimate what it costs them to live. It is only when they start taking pencil to paper and writing things down that they truly get a feeling of what it costs.

If you're thinking of retiring over the next five years, the time is now to calculate your cost of living. In addition, you should calculate your cost of living at least a couple times a year. By calculating it throughout the year and starting at least a few years before your retirement, not only will you know what it costs you to live, but you'll also know your personal inflation rate, and that is important.

One last note, for those of you who are retired and in that group of Americans who are going to have to cut back on their lifestyle, my advice is to start looking for a part-time job. Even in this crazy world that we live in, there are many part-time jobs seniors can do, including many jobs that you can do from home. The key is not to wait until the last second when you may have no options. The sooner you tackle the problem, the easier the problem will be to handle.

Good luck.

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# Obituaries

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## Joseph Otto Sellinger

Joseph Otto Sellinger, beloved, dearest son of Michael and Lisa Sellinger; cherished younger brother to Gina, died July 2, 2020 from an accidental overdose. He struggled with the disease of addiction for years, always hopeful that he would one day overcome. Joe was born January 14,



1994 in Southfield and grew up in Livonia, MI.

Joseph leaves behind the love of many - his parents, sister, his grandmother and dearest Aunts, Uncles, Cousins. He touched everyone he encountered with his bright spirit and endearing crooked smile. His countless friends in the recovery communities he was a part of are all woven into the fabric of his beautiful life. He will be so deeply missed.

Services for Joe will be at Nie Funeral Home, Liberty Road Chapel-3767 W. Liberty Road, Ann Arbor, on July 8, 2020. Visitation from 11-2; a private ceremony at 2, family only. Joseph would want hope and love to be his legacy, for us to not judge and to pray for the addicts who suffer so deeply.

Memorial contributions in Joe's honor can be made to Dawn Farm, 6633 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 or Home of New Vision, 3115 Professional Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.







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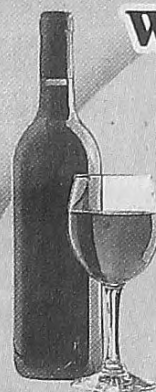
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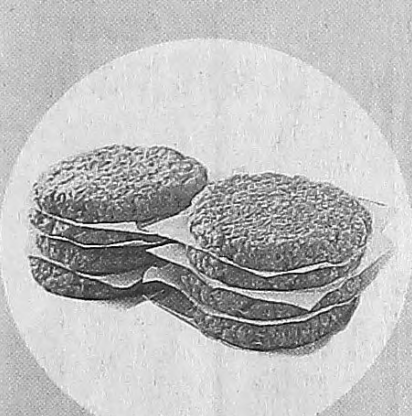
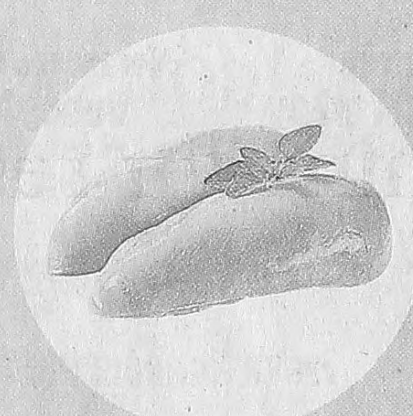
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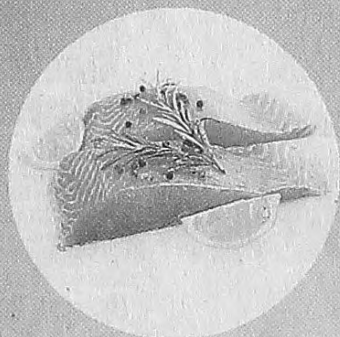
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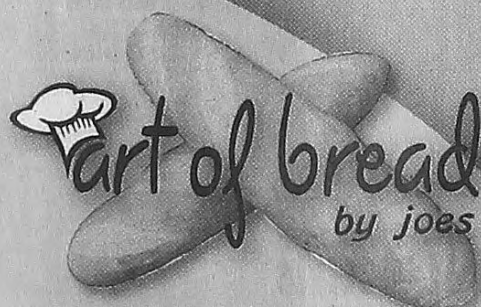
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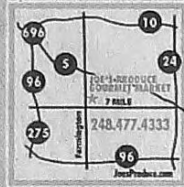
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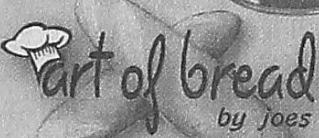
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# SPORTS

## Area ADs prepare for possible season switch

Colin Gay [Hometownlife.com](http://Hometownlife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Area high schools are still waiting. After Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer encouraged the Michigan High School Athletic Association to move any non-socially distanced sport to the spring due to the coronavirus pandem-

ic, area athletic directors and programs are awaiting a decision as to what the fall will look like. More information is expected to come July 20-25.

According to an MHSAA spokesman, the association is set on having three distinct seasons in the 2020-21 school year, but is considering changing when certain sports will be played.

With a decision like this in the hands of the MHSAA, Livonia Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said the outcome could be anything from flipping seasons to moving one or two sports to the spring.

However, while simple and logical in theory, moving certain sports around in the schedule could prove to be extreme-

ly difficult according to Hage.

"You are talking about, 'Can certain coaches who coach in the spring, coach in the fall, and vice versa?'" Hage said. "Secondly, you are talking about asking kids to play the MHSAA finals in baseball, softball, track and field in late

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Stevenson's Nick Broome is headed to Hillsdale for football. As a senior, Broome's play was strong enough to earn him offers from a number of colleges.  
COURTESY OF NICK BROOME

## Stevenson's Broome follows in dad's footsteps with college commitment

Andrew Vaillencourt  
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Nick Broome had an up-and-down final two years of high school football. The Livonia Stevenson senior has been a star on the Spartans defense — when he's been healthy.

As a junior, Broome fractured his fibula in the team's second game of the season. Five weeks later, he injured his shoulder, requiring a bankart repair. Those injuries cost him on the recruiting trail as schools became wary of potential injury problems.

As a senior, Broome played eight of his team's nine games and was again a

leader of the defense as a linebacker.

His play was strong enough to earn him offer from a number of different colleges.

After visits to several schools, there was one place that stuck out to Broome: Hillsdale College. He committed to the Chargers days after his January visit and signed with the school on national

signing day in February.

"When I went there it just really felt like home away from home," Broome said. "Everyone was extremely friendly, you could tell that the team had a bond that was unmatched. Not only that, but the education was a huge part."

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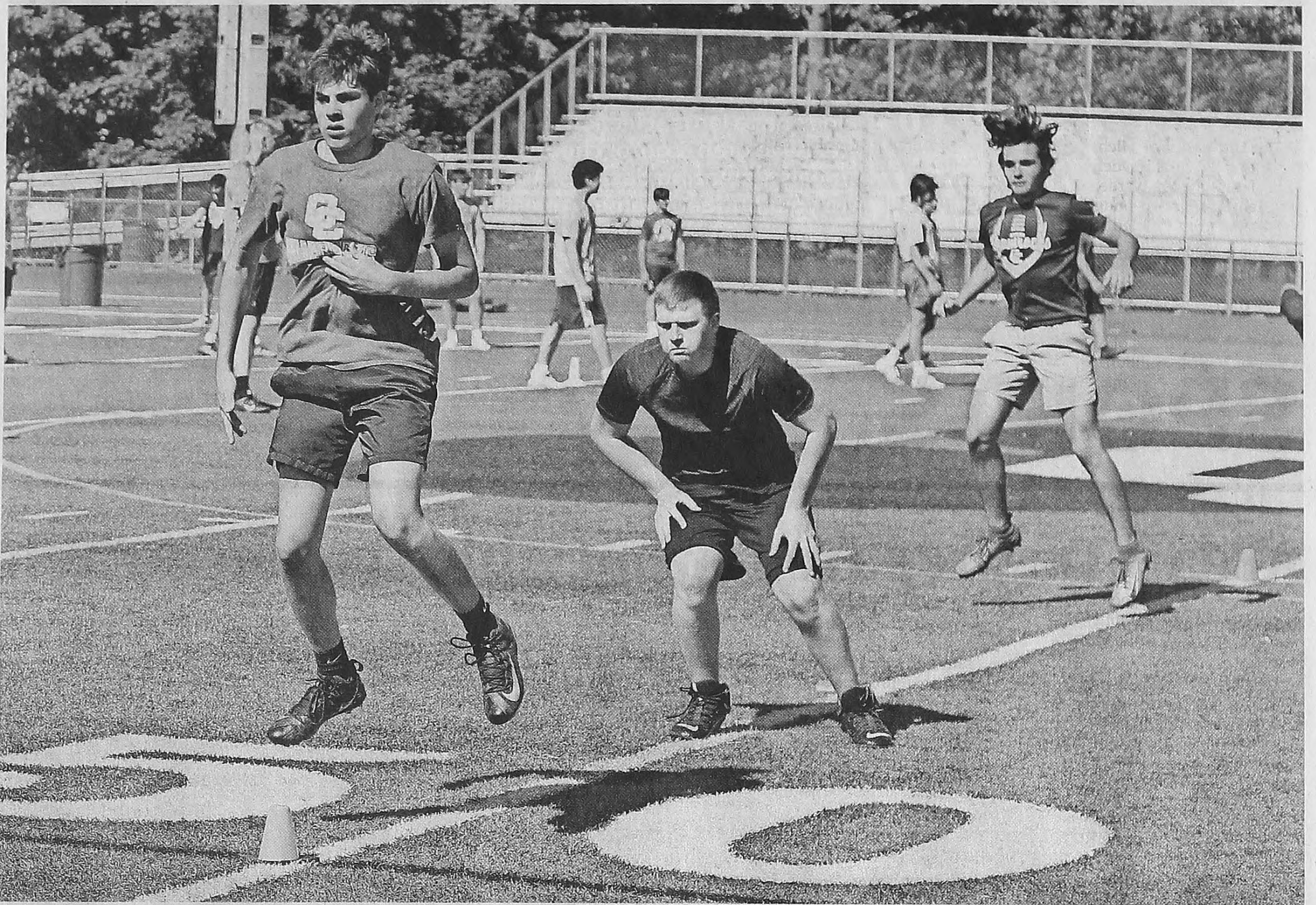


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October and early November. That is just a set up for injurious behavior in my estimation: running kids in 30, 20-30 degree weather in the fall.

"I don't know if that is the best thing for the athletes."

Brother Rice athletic director Jeff Calcaterra said he was "alarmed" by Whitmer's recommendation, saying that he feels it would be a "last resort" for having a sports season in the fall at all.

He said he feels that a switch in season would create a domino effect on student participation, leading also to a "logistical nightmare" in terms of facilities on the school's campus and scheduling for the teams involved.

Also, based on the timetable, the state and the MHSAA put into place to release a decision, programs will not have much time before a potential season would begin to be prepared.

Calcaterra expects the decision to be made close to the state's deadline of July 25, giving teams days to develop a response and put it into practice, putting stress on the athletic department and its personnel.

While Hage feels this is not an ideal situation, he said waiting for the latest on the virus ahead of starting a sports season will be in the best interests of the health and safety of his athletes.

"Ideally, you would like enough time to plan, you would like enough time to prepare," Hage said. "But I would rather wait to the last minute to make that decision and see where we are globally with the virus, and if that means we have a little less lead time in terms of changing our schedules, I'm OK with that."



The MHSAA has discussed moving some sports for the upcoming school year.

### Wait and see

Based on previous guidelines released by the MHSAA to start the sports reopening process, many area teams had already had an athletic plan in motion.

As soon as Detroit Catholic Central Aaron Babicz heard rumors regarding a potential season switch, he started to tell coaches to start to prepare, to wrap

their heads around something like it happening.

However, he knows that can change any second, taking a level of flexibility.

"It has to be in everyone's mind: Anything can get canceled at any point," Babicz said. "School, sports, we literally could go back to phase two at a certain point. Hope for the best and prepare for the worst."

For Hage, however, a full season

switch of spring sports in the fall and fall sports in the spring, would put spring athletes in jeopardy of losing not only one season — after the MHSAA canceled this past spring season due to the pandemic — but two.

"If you flip the seasons, put fall in the spring and spring in the fall, and at the last minute, the virus ends up canceling the season, now those spring athletes would have lost two seasons," Hage said. "They would have lost last spring and this fall. I don't think that is inherently fair to them."

Babicz also mentioned that if football were moved to the spring, back-to-back seasons for players may prove to be a health concern, citing concussion protocols and the toll it takes on an athlete after one season of play.

Athletic directors know that athletics will look different in the 2020-21 school year no matter what.

Despite currently preparing teams and athletes to play in the fall, Calcaterra said athletics is prepared for a potential change.

"Athletics is about making adjustments," Calcaterra said. "We have to be flexible and we have to have the ability to adjust on the fly."

Much like the MHSAA indicated, Hage's main goal is to make sure students have every opportunity to play a sport that they can during the next school year.

"We're going to do what we can within the parameters of the MHSAA to make sure that every single sport gets played," Hage said. "That's our number one objective, regardless of which season it's going to be in."

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## Broome

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They offer a great degree and that was really important to me."

Another thing that makes Hillsdale special is that it's his father's alma mater. Mike Broome played offensive guard at the school and was an All-American in 1981.

His enthusiasm for the school certainly had an effect on Nick growing up, and stuck with him during his college search.

"He didn't want to push me into it, he wanted me to make my own decision, that was a big thing," Broome said. "Growing up he talked about how great Hillsdale was and I knew if I picked that place, it would be a great fit for me."

He added that he plans to be pre-med and wants to become a sports orthopedic surgeon.

Broome noted that the high level coaching he received from the staff at

Stevenson has helped him prepare for college football. He said that the college coaches would talk about the same things as the high school staff members.

"I've been a linebacker ever since little league so I'm really familiar with the position," Broome said. "I'm just naturally in the position. I spend a lot of time watching film so when I get to the field it's just nature to read the offense."

Hillsdale plays in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (GMAC) after switching from the GLIAC a few years ago. Leading into college, Broome is working out extensively and participating in a training program to help him gain muscle.

"I'm really excited for the competition," Broome said. "From high school to college there's a big gap and I'm excited to see that gap and take on that gap. Looking forward to the new challenge."

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Stevenson's Nick Broome sits with family after signing to play at Hillsdale. COURTESY OF LORI HYMAN

# U-M athletics sees \$26.1M deficit for 2021

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The University of Michigan's athletic department projects a \$26.1 million deficit for the 2021 fiscal year. Athletic director Warde Manuel presented the department's operating budget at the June 25 Board of Regents meeting, hosted virtually via Zoom. The university's overall budget was voted down by the Board, who split the vote, 4-4. It wasn't immediately clear whether the athletics budget would change when the overall budget is approved. The athletic department projected the deficit based on operating revenues of \$135.8 million and operating expenses of \$161.9 million. The expected deficit is due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

U-M's fiscal year begins July 1. According to Manuel's presentation, the athletic department projects that revenues from spectator admissions will decrease \$29.2 million between the 2020 fiscal year and the 2021 fiscal year "due to lower anticipated attendance for all sports." Preferred seat contributions are projected to decrease \$17 million. Total revenues are expected to decline close to \$65 million, Manuel said. Expenses are also expected to decrease. Salaries, wages and benefits are projected to decrease \$6 million because of "various expense reduction initiatives." Team and game expenses are projected to decrease \$6.5 million, for the same reason. The COVID-19 pandemic also affected Michigan's 2020 fiscal year. As the outbreak occurred in mid-

March, halting all athletics (including ongoing winter and spring sports such as men's and women's basketball, softball and baseball), conference distributions decreased \$5.3 million because of reduced NCAA revenues and "potential for reduced television contract revenues." Preferred seat contributions decreased \$2.7 million compared to the 2020 fiscal year budget because of "extended payment timelines and uncertainty regarding next year's competitions." Expenses for the 2020 fiscal year also decreased by nearly \$8 million, according to Manuel, because of reduced operations and the cancellation of spring team activities. "We're projecting, as we close out this month, an operating surplus for this fiscal year," Manuel said, referring to the 2020 fiscal year.

# Pinckney will miss clashes with phenom Emoni Bates

Bill Khan Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Not many high school basketball players can say they got the best of Emoni Bates during his two seasons at Ypsilanti Lincoln, but they'll all have stories to tell in the future. "At some point in my life, I'll be telling my kids, 'I played against Emoni Bates, the best player in the NBA right now,'" said Luke Lovell, a senior-to-be at Pinckney. "That's really cool to think about."



Pinckney's Luke Lovell, left, played three times against Ypsilanti Lincoln star Emoni Bates the past two seasons. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

Lovell had the opportunity to play three times against Bates, whose Ypsilanti Lincoln team was in the same division with Pinckney. Even with Lincoln switching divisions for basketball only next winter, there was still the chance Pinckney could face Bates again in a crossover or state tournament game, but that's not going to happen.

While Bates' verbal commitment to Michigan State was being aired Monday on ESPN, it was announced he would play next season for Ypsilanti Prep Aim High, a prep school newly created by his father. The school, which won't be part of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, will play a national schedule with a group of elite players.

"It's crazy, because everyone knows the second the schedule is released it's, 'When is the Emoni game?'" Lovell said. "That's all everyone in school is talking about for the week prior. We get a crowd as big as a homecoming football game. In a gym like that, it's just so loud. You can always feel the energy in there. That's what every athlete dreams of playing in; it's something to remember."

Bates, who will be a junior in the fall, played Pinckney three times. Lincoln won all three games handily, 75-53 and 75-52 his freshman year and 84-52 last sea-

son. He had 32 points as a freshman in his one appearance in Pinckney and had a triple-double (22 points, 11 rebounds, 11 assists) the last time he faced the Pirates.

Bates didn't play in Lincoln's 59-48 victory at Pinckney last Dec. 20 because of a family trip to Florida, an absence that Pinckney officials didn't learn of until four hours before the game after making extra arrangements for a large crowd.

"As a competitor, you always want to play the best competition," said Lovell, who will be a three-year varsity starter. "Playing him is something everyone can say they've done in their life. It's something to look forward to every year. Now it might be a little bit easier for us and look better on the record."

Pinckney finished second to Lincoln in the Southeastern Conference White Division last season. Lincoln is 27-1 in the SEC White during Bates' two seasons, winning the 2019 state Division 1 championship.

Dylan Reason, an all-county guard who will be a senior in the fall, thrived in games against Bates. He scored 26 points as a sophomore when Lincoln played

at Pinckney and 22 in the teams' only meeting last season.

"It is good to have him in the league," Reason said. "It gives our league a boost, makes it more legit. He brings more scouts to games for other players. It gives everyone else more looks."

Pinckney coach Tom Reason, Dylan's father, wasn't surprised that Bates didn't spend his entire high school career at Lincoln.

"Someone hit the nail on the head when they said it was a pipe dream he was going to stay there four years," coach Reason said. "With talent like that, I believe he needs to be playing against other kids like him. We have a few in our league."

"The (Julian) Lewis kid from Huron, there's a kid that's major Division I. He played against the Scooby (Johnson of Benton Harbor) kid last year. Those are battles these coaches and even NBA coaches want to see him play. Playing against Pinckney and Chelsea and Tecumseh probably ain't cutting it."



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# Minimum wage hikes a pandemic lifeline

States and municipalities are set to increase pay



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While millions of Americans are losing financial assistance that has kept them afloat during the coronavirus pandemic, several states and 21 localities are partly offsetting the pain with a different kind of lifeline: minimum wage hikes.

On Wednesday, Illinois, Nevada and Oregon are set to raise their pay floors as part of large increases that are being phased in over several years, according to the National Employment Law Project, a worker advocacy group.

The minimum wage in Illinois will rise to \$10 an hour from \$9.25, the state's second increase this year. On Jan. 1, its minimum increased from \$8.25, meaning the state's base hourly pay will have jumped nearly \$2 in just six months.

In Nevada, the minimum wage will increase to \$8 from \$7.25 for workers with health insurance, and to \$9 from \$8.25 for those without health coverage.

In Oregon, the hourly pay floor will increase to \$12 from \$11.25, while Portland's base climbs to \$13.25 from \$12.50.

Eighteen municipalities – including 13 in California – and three counties also are boosting their pay minimums Wednesday. The standard will go up to \$15 from \$14 in Washington, D.C.; to as much as \$15 (for large employers) from \$14.25 in Los Angeles; to as much as \$13.25 (for large employers) from \$12.25 in Minneapolis; and to \$16.07 from \$15.59 in San Francisco as part of an annual cost-of-living increase, NELP figures show.

The increases had been scheduled before the pandemic but they're poised to help restaurant, retail and other low-paid workers hit hardest by state shutdowns of nonessential businesses. Although many lost their jobs and are now receiving unemployment benefits, others saw their hours reduced and mini-



Staff at Oneida Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing in Utica, N.Y., are seeking hazard pay for working during a pandemic.  
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mum wage hikes can help ease their financial struggles, says NELP policy analyst Yannet Lathrop.

Other financial assistance programs are phasing out. A \$600 weekly federal supplement to state jobless benefits is scheduled to end July 31. Some states are allowing landlords to evict tenants for nonpayment of rent now that moratoriums have expired. And Americans must pay their income taxes by July 15 after the deadline was pushed back from April 15.

A minimum wage increase "makes even more sense at a time of economic uncertainty," Lathrop says. "When you put money in the pockets of these work-

ers, they're going to spend it right away." That can lift an economy hammered by the deepest recession since the Great Depression in the second quarter.

"More money in the pockets of workers means more consumer spending at local businesses," says Holly Sklar, CEO of Business for a Fair Minimum Wage.

The base pay increases also should aid essential workers who stayed on the job and endured health risks during the crisis. Several retailers, including Amazon, Rite Aid and Kroger, paid premiums of about \$2 an hour to those front-line workers to compensate them for those risks. But they rolled back hazard pay last month.

All told, 24 states and 48 cities and counties have raised or will bump up their minimum wages this year, with most occurring on or about Jan. 1. Just a few years ago, a \$15 minimum was the seemingly quixotic goal of a national coalition of fast food workers, but the number of cities and counties already at that benchmark is set to double to 32.

Meanwhile, the federal minimum wage has been stuck at \$7.25 an hour since 2009, with Republicans refusing to take up Democratic legislation to raise it. Twenty-nine states, with more than 60% of the U.S. workforce, now have pay floors above the federal government's, according to the NELP.

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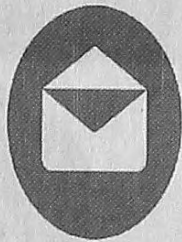
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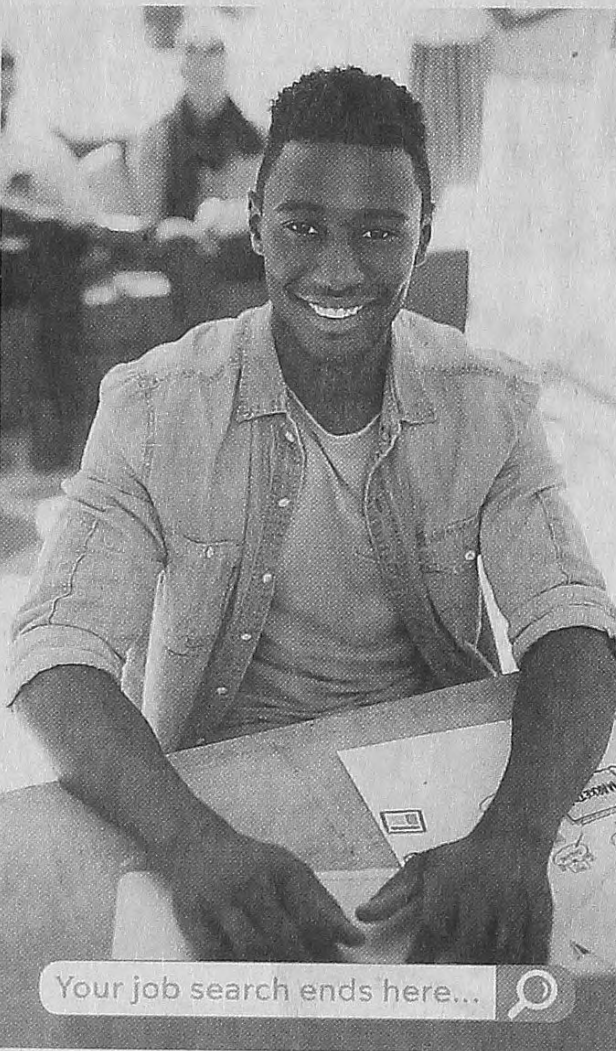
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Big name in small planes
- 7 Passage leading to an aural drum
- 15 Sign into law
- 20 Despicable
- 21 Cessation
- 22 Six-Day War leader Dayan
- 23 Starting something over, figuratively
- 26 Bottom line
- 27 "You — My Sunshine"
- 28 U.S. intel org.
- 29 See 106-Across
- 30 Question the Devil asks in a Kipling poem
- 39 Patrick of "A Clockwork Orange"
- 41 Leave high and dry
- 42 — pot (sinus-cleaning device)
- 43 Wolfs down
- 46 — wheel (fair ride)
- 48 Final resting places
- 52 Cause heads to turn
- 56 Yule tune

- 57 Wheel center
- 58 Turn rancid
- 60 Norma — (film heroine)
- 61 Nickname for Connecticut
- 71 River to the Rhone
- 72 Senseless
- 73 Drop by
- 74 Recent times
- 81 Wheaton of "Stand by Me"
- 82 Singer Bareilles
- 83 G.P. or vet
- 84 War god
- 86 Giving a rigorous tryout
- 97 Play a ukulele, e.g.
- 99 Boastful talk
- 100 Cigar-holding container
- 101 Huge, informally
- 104 Chucked
- 106 With 29-Across, neo-soul singer with four Grammys
- 107 What's accurate about a situation
- 113 City NNE of Lake Tahoe
- 114 — -Z

- 115 Courtroom promise
- 116 On top of, to poets
- 119 It closed all 130+ of its U.S. campuses in 2016
- 128 Wall work
- 129 1973-99 Lima-based carrier
- 130 "The Wizard of Menlo Park"
- 131 Conjuring aid
- 132 Encroach on another's land
- 133 Novelist du Maurier

- 12 "Stillmatic" rapper
- 13 Narc, e.g.
- 14 Gives access
- 15 Outback bird
- 16 Symbol for written music
- 17 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)
- 18 Mass singers
- 19 Principle
- 24 Mutt's sound
- 25 Despicable
- 31 Bit of crying
- 32 Ward of TV
- 33 Wilson's predecessor
- 34 Weight allowance, once
- 35 Yesteryear
- 36 Brought into the world
- 37 Troop group
- 38 "The Addams Family" cousin
- 39 Actress Kishner
- 40 Home pest
- 44 Cavern effect
- 45 Daze
- 47 Spanish ayes
- 49 Swamp
- 50 "Get lost!"
- 51 Precip-ice?
- 53 "Six-pack"
- 54 Texter's hugs
- 55 Cloister sister

- 59 "Please reply," in brief
- 61 Jeans go with, often
- 62 Dog following its owner closely
- 63 Suffix with south
- 64 Co. VIPs
- 65 Uncle, in Argentina
- 66 Pol. middle-of-the-roader
- 67 — chi
- 68 Little — (kids) informally
- 69 Vietnamese New Year
- 70 Actress Carrere
- 71 "— a Very Good Year"
- 75 Spy's device
- 76 Capote, to his friends
- 77 Courtroom promise
- 78 Big whoop
- 79 Chris of "Sex and the City"
- 80 "Ac-Cent — Ate the Positive"
- 85 Bottom line
- 87 Dog with Dorothy
- 88 "What business is — yours?"
- 89 Magazine mogul Condé

- 90 Lillian of film
- 91 Grove growth
- 92 Give forth
- 93 Pitchfork part
- 94 Cincinnati Reds player in the Baseball Hall of Fame
- 95 "... or — gather"
- 96 Song syllable
- 98 Sea, to Yves
- 102 Avocado dip, informally
- 103 To boot
- 105 Barely passing grade
- 107 Prunes
- 108 In a snit
- 109 — nous
- 110 Sharpener of skills
- 111 Many mag pages
- 112 Schleppe
- 117 School on the Thames
- 118 Thinker Descartes
- 120 Kay-em link
- 121 Wrath
- 122 Bus. firms
- 123 Extra for an iDevice
- 124 Grassy area
- 125 Taxing org.
- 126 Ore —
- 127 Advice tidbit

**DOWN**

- 1 Red Scare attorney Roy
- 2 Falco of TV
- 3 Wait patiently
- 4 Mayberry's Otis, for one
- 5 "Rapa —" (1994 film)
- 6 Something really easy
- 7 Prize greatly
- 8 Part of NCAA: Abbr.
- 9 — v. Wade
- 10 Revival skill, for short
- 11 Big simian

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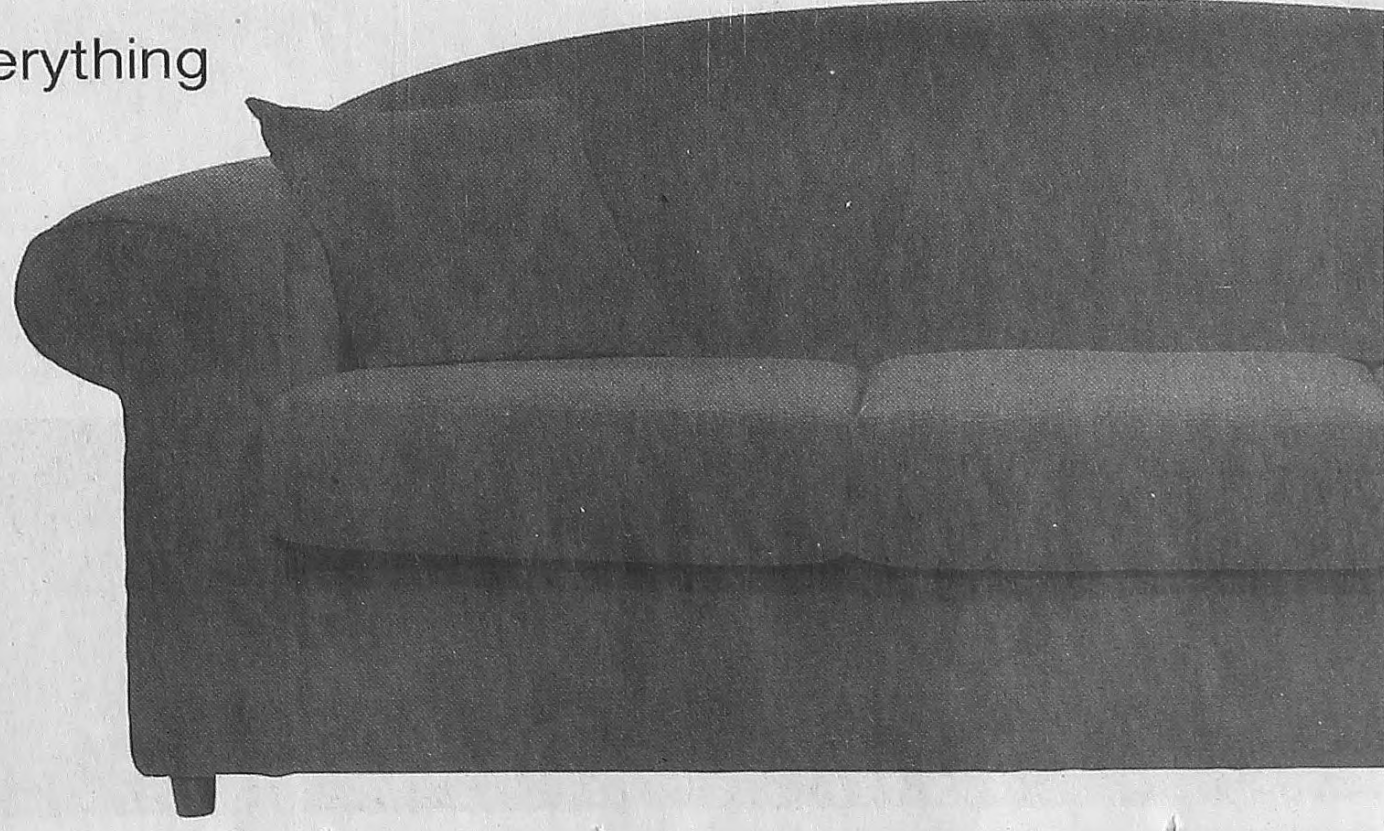
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- PROTECTION
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- RESEARCH
- SENSITIVE
- SHADE
- SPECTRUM
- SPOTS
- SUNBURN
- SUNSCREEN
- ULTRAVIOLET

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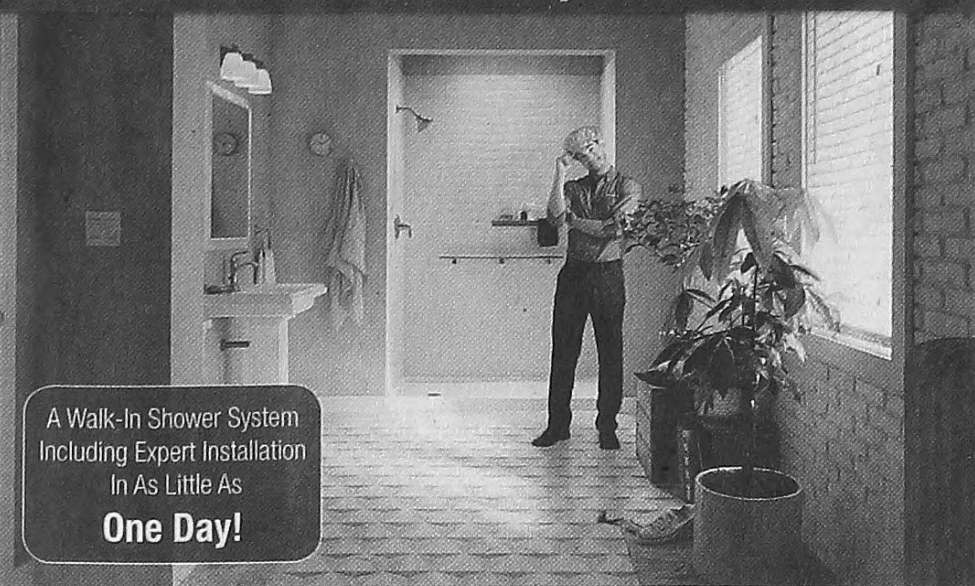


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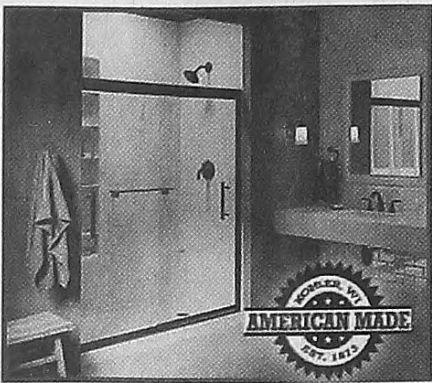
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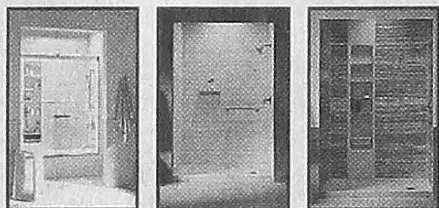
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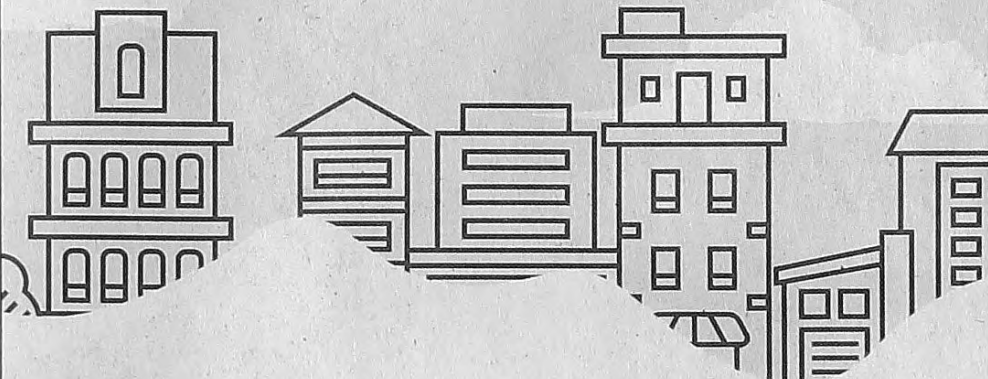
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