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Director of Public Service for Livonia Donald Rohraff, left, stands inside the city's new DPW building May 12. The garage alone, with no support posts getting in the way of the large vehicles that will use it, takes up 21,000 square feet.

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## Take a peek inside the Livonia DPW building

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Don Rohraff, Livonia's public works director, is excited for his department's new building to open in early August.

He's looking forward to giving his staff a better workplace, and he expects the public will find visiting the DPW a far easier experience than it is now.

"It's going to be night and day," he said.

The \$9.5 million, 39,000-square-foot building sits along Farmington Road just south of the intersection with Schoolcraft Road. The city hopes the added visibility in front of the current facility at 12973 Farmington, which people have to access through side streets, will make it easier to find.

"People couldn't find us," Rohraff said. "We would have to send maps with

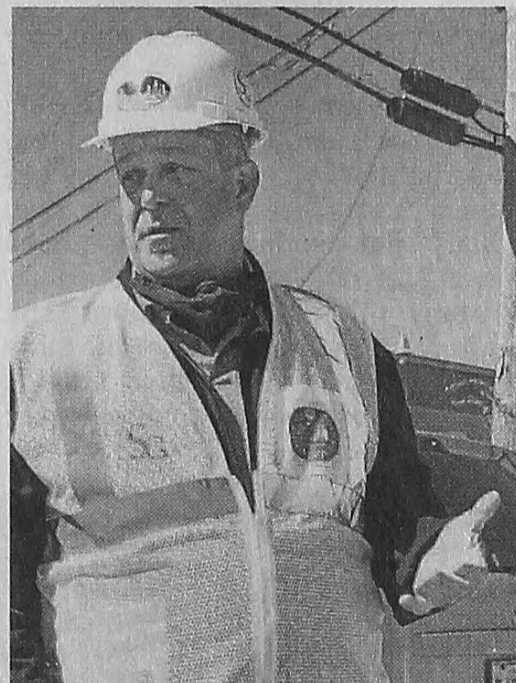
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every meeting invitation."

People can also expect shorter waiting periods for service in the winter. The building includes a 21,000-square-foot garage that will keep the department's entire fleet warm throughout the year. Now, most vehicles are parked outside and need time to warm up before heading out when it's cold.

"We do the best we can to get all of the equipment that absolutely has to be out of the elements in the winter inside, but it's not even close to being able to do

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Rohraff talks about the new building being finished on Farmington Road.

## PCCS radio station honored for work

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Desperate times called for desperate measures for members of the Plymouth-Canton Schools' student-run radio station, 88.1 FM The Park.

"There were times while reading a news report I'd sit in a closet at home to try to duplicate the sound-proof setting of our studio," said WSDP Student Program Director Ashley Temple. "And there were times I'd have to re-read a report because you could hear my dog barking in the background."

Whatever the station's staff did, it worked. In April, WSDP earned its fourth consecutive Michigan High School Station of the Year award from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation.

Fifteen members of the station's staff were also honored in a virtual

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## Farmington school board selects new leadership

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The Farmington Public Schools Board of Education has selected a new superintendent.

At a special meeting May 13, the board unanimously voted to extend an offer of employment to Christopher Delgado, the deputy superintendent for Walled Lake Schools. The board will need to approve Delgado's contract, as well.

"I'm just humbled by the confidence you have in my potential," Delgado said. "I'm looking forward to a long and prosperous relationship."

Delgado, who lives in Birmingham, was one of three finalists for the posi-

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## In-office work can resume in region beginning May 24

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Until management at Bill Brown Ford gets word from the state, the plexiglass is staying up.

That's the word from David Tashman, general manager at the automobile dealership in Livonia. He said there's been plenty of discussion sur-

rounding making changes to the way the offices and other areas of the dealership operate, but until word comes from the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration allowing for changes, he's not taking any chances.

"They haven't come down and they're not going to come down yet," he said. "Everything's going to stay up until we get further guidelines."

There's still a lot up in the air when it comes to returning to work at the office. Many office employees who have worked remotely since March 2020 may have their first chance at setting foot in their workplace beginning Monday, the first day the state will allow for in-person work for jobs that could be done remotely.

That milestone comes two weeks af-

ter Michigan's COVID-19 vaccination rate for people 16 and older hit 55% as a part of the "MI Vacc to Normal" plan.

The state hit 55% of the eligible population vaccinated with at least one dose May 10, kicking the in-office work benchmark into effect two weeks later.

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## DPW

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everything we need," Rohraff said.

The building will be a working hub for about 60 employees from the city's DPW and engineering department. It will also serve as a one-stop shop for residents wanting to pick up blockades for their block party, get a water issue fixed or use one of the department's many other services.

The parks, roads and forestry departments will stay in some of the older buildings behind the new facility. The city will tear down three unused buildings once the new DPW opens.

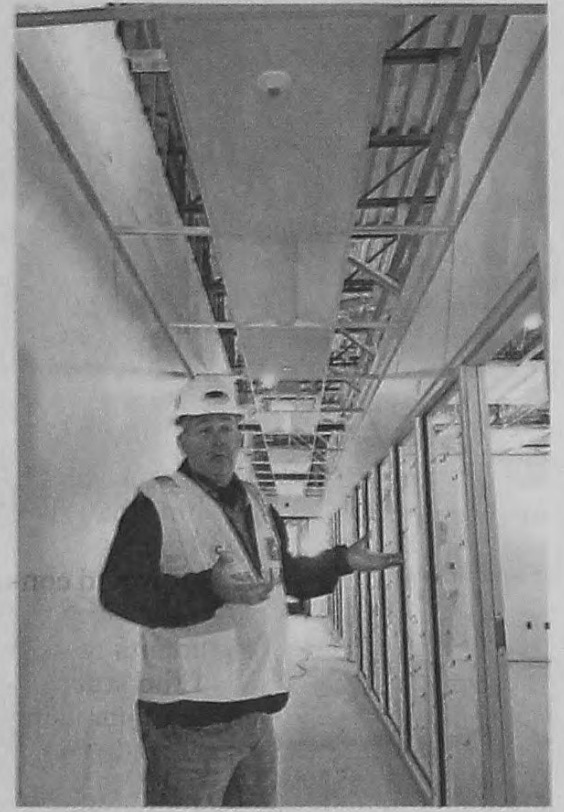
Rohraff is especially excited for his staff to use the building and said they're "absolutely pumped" to do so. Employees will have improved locker rooms, mud and laundry facilities to use after messy calls and will have a lunch room.

"They deserve a better working environment," he said.



Above at left, the new Livonia Department of Public Works building at 12973 Farmington Road is expected to open in early August. Above at right, Director of Public Service for Livonia Don Rohraff stands in a hallway of the new building.

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## Leadership

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tion. He'll replace Bob Herrera, who resigned last November.

Several board members expressed an intent to support and work with Delgado through highs and lows. During his interview, Delgado said he'd like to stay with Farmington for the long haul.

"It is up to us to make sure we do what we can to make sure Dr. Delgado is successful," Board Secretary Donald Walker said. "His success will lead to our children's success."

After a tough year of pandemic schooling, Herrera's exit and the addition of four new board members, Board President Terri Weems said she hopes this is the start of something good.

"We have a real chance to do something here and create a fabulous legacy," she said.

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## Work

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Originally, the ban on in-person work was set to expire in April but was extended through October.

Returning to work, according to some area chamber of commerce presidents, is long overdue. Many have called for the state to relax restrictions and allow businesses to make the decision individually on what to do when it comes to returning to the office.

Joe Bauman, president of the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, said many businesses still have plenty of remote workers.

"I would say it's our experience that the majority of what you would call traditional office workers are still not working in the office," he said. "People are anxious and eager to go back to work."

Bauman was one of the leaders behind the group Reopen Michigan Safely, which launched earlier this year and aimed to end the in-person working ban in the state. Comprised of local chamber of commerce and industrial groups, it lobbied the state to end the ban, which, Bauman said, is affecting not just the workers in the offices but also the surrounding areas.

He cited the scene in downtown Birmingham over the last year; other businesses are also seeing the effect of fewer workers downtown, including restaurants, dry cleaners and more. Combine that with a lack of events — several spring activities such as the Birmingham Village Fair were canceled again this year — and it spells trouble for smaller businesses.

"The major national chains, they can absorb a bad year," Bauman said. "The sole proprietor, they can't afford that."

It's widely expected the office work culture may have been permanently altered after more than a year of employees working from their home offices or kitchen tables.

Many larger companies, including local automakers Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Co., have already announced mindset changes in how white-collar workers do their jobs moving forward.

Many other companies are still crafting their working plans. The State of Michigan has announced it intends to bring its government employees



Empty office space in Farmington Hills on May 14. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

back to offices beginning July 12.

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said it's difficult this early on to determine what impact the work-from-home culture could have on offices in the western Wayne County community. Could the region see more consolidation? Could offices return to what they were before 2020?

West said it's too early to gauge. "Some will downsize. Some will stay put," he said. "It's really hard to see a trend."

Other benchmarks as a part of the "MI Vacc to Normal" come at higher levels of vaccination, though some of those goals are murky since the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advisory stating vaccinated individuals do not need to wear masks in nearly all settings.

Just one day after those guidelines came down, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced a change in policy that allows for fully-vaccinated individuals to ditch the masks either indoors or outdoors, though private businesses can still require masks for customers or staff.

Tashman said he's heard from many visiting the dealership and service center at 32222 Plymouth Road asking if

some of the restrictions, including the removal of masks and plexiglass barriers, can be lifted. But until those changes come from the state, he said he's not interested in any liability issues for the dealership.

"We have a lot of customers who are wanting to come in here without their masks," he said. "There's got to be guidelines. MIOSHA is giving our guidelines we're going to follow."

"I don't want any liability." Steps the dealership has taken the last year, Tashman said, have paid off: they've seen less than a half-dozen employees contract COVID-19, all of whom have recovered.

West, a proponent of working in-person, said while there's benefits to working remotely, few things can replace the brainstorming and camaraderie of working side-by-side.

"They have to at least see each other in person at times," he said. "Zoom meetings do what they do. But in my opinion, nothing replaces face-to-face interaction."

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# Radio

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awards program in April. WSDP has earned the Station of the Year award 10 times since 2001.

"We're especially proud because they added to our legacy of success during a very challenging year," said station manager Bill Keith.

From March 13 through fall 2020, students were forced to work from home, creating a production shift that they handled flawlessly, Keith said.

"Myself and an assistant would conduct interviews and write the copy before emailing it to the students reporters," Keith said. "Some of the students set up mini-studios in their homes using USB mics, their laptops and setting up in closets to get the best sound."

"A lot of sacrifices had to be made. The final three months were lopped off from last year's seniors. They missed out on a lot of opportunities because radio is an industry where you can really only learn from experience."

Temple said the WSDP staff did a fantastic job of rolling with the unprecedented circumstances.

"The biggest adjustment was working from a first-class board and computer set-up in the studio to calling in reports on our phones," Temple said.

Keith said the station was able to broadcast Plymouth-Canton Educational Park sporting events live beginning in the fall.

"Our theater group — The Park Players — also got an opportunity to at least read their lines for plays they produced so that people could listen to them on the radio," Keith said. "We also aired more live volleyball games than we ever have and we covered the SJ5K opening ceremony live on the air, which a lot of people appreciated."

"Our biggest fundraiser — our annual online auction — had to be canceled ... but the community really stepped up with donations to make sure the station is in a good place financially."

Temple said she has received positive feedback from students, parents and members of the community.

"A lot of people commented that they liked hearing the Park Players' plays live on the station," she said. "It's cool to hear nice feedback like that because you know you're making a difference."



WSDP on-air personalities and Plymouth High School juniors Lily Mahnken and Emma Johnston hold the station's fourth consecutive Station of the Year award, which it received in April. PHOTOS COURTESY OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The station earned eight first-place awards from the MABF. Salem juniors Evie Cadotte and Heather McCorkle and Plymouth junior Emma Johnston won gold in the daily newscast/news feature category while Salem senior Alyssa Andrews and Temple captured top honors for their work on pandemic production.

Lily Mahnken, a Plymouth junior, received a first-place award for a public service announcement, and sports announcers Ben Vertin and Jacob Jansen (both Plymouth students) won awards in their category. Cadotte (talk show) and Andrews (use of multimedia) rounded out the station's first-place winners.

WSDP is owned and operated by PCCS. Students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools serve as staff members. 88.1



Karlie Blazer operates the board at 88.1 FM The Park.

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# Racial justice demonstrations spur creation of PAC in Livonia

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You can't win if you're not willing to play the game.

Members of the group Livonia Citizens Caring About Black Lives spent much of 2020 calling their city council officials asking for more transparency, accountability for police and to repair the reputation as a racist city they say Livonia has built over the years.

Now, the group is running a political action committee, or PAC, to elect people who are willing to engage in those conversations. According to 2019 census data, about 12.3% of Livonia residents identify as non-white.

"We realized that we need people on city council who are able to engage with us and the public on this issue and any issue that they don't feel comfortable with," Delisha Upshaw, one of the lead organizers for the Livonia Citizens Caring About Black Lives PAC, said. "If you can't do that, then you need to find a new job."

The PAC is focused on electing candidates who best align with the group's views: advocating for a citizen complaint review board for the Livonia Police Department, helping seniors, attracting new families, lowering housing prices and uniting the community through anti-racist efforts, Upshaw said. The group has also held town halls and organized events like free brake light repairs and a Christmas toy drive.

"We need voices who will represent all the people and unite us," Upshaw said.

In the 2021 cycle, the PAC has two goals: getting that citizen complaint review board and supporting candidates it sees as inclusive elected to city council.

## Citizen complaint review board

Livonia Citizens has repeatedly argued citizen oversight of the city's police department is paramount for racial equity.

Upshaw said the PAC would like a citizen review board to bring in police, citizens, business owners and other community members to look at complaints people file against police. Right now, the department handles complaints internally.

"I think the bare minimum we should be able to expect as taxpayers is that if



Livonia Citizens Caring About Black Lives members participated in demonstrations throughout the city last summer. COURTESY OF LIVONIA CITIZENS CARING ABOUT BLACK LIVES

**"We realized that we need people on city council who are able to engage with us and the public on this issue and any issue that they don't feel comfortable with."**

**Delisha Upshaw**  
Livonia Citizens Caring About Black Lives PAC

we have a complaint, it's going to be treated with professionalism and integrity," Upshaw said. "That's not what's happening."

Upshaw thinks a citizen-run board would cut down on lawsuits and create a less intimidating avenue for residents to voice their concerns.

"The amount of money we spend on lawsuits is ridiculous," she said. "Maybe if officers were trained or dealt with, they wouldn't go on to do the things they

did and cost us that money."

The PAC argues the idea of holding police accountable is not partisan, and it plans to educate the community on why they think that is. Livonia council positions are not partisan, and candidates do not have to announce a political party affiliation when campaigning.

"We knew the city council dynamics have to change," she said. "There's a partisan politics game being played there. ... City council shouldn't be partisan. Transparency and accountability for police - why is that a partisan issue?"

## Getting allies in office

With the \$3,250 it's raised, Livonia Citizens has donated to the campaigns for Livonia council candidate Carrie Budzinski, Rep. Laurie Pohutsky and Livonia City Council candidate Ken Overwater.

Budzinski and Overwater are part of a group of seven candidates running for

four available council seats. Both say they're not one-issue candidates by any means, but they think having people on council willing to engage with everyone is important.

The other candidates are Dan Centers, Rob Donovic, Jim Jolly, Scott Morgan and Laura Toy.

"I'm happy the group thinks I represent their values because I care about people," Budzinski said. "I care about people being heard."

Throughout 2020, the Livonia Citizens group members say, they were dismissed by several council members. Upshaw and other organizers want to elect people who don't let that happen.

"It's going to a Livonia City Council meeting and having my issues rendered not as important as dogs or Chick-fil-A," she said. "That's not good. That's not something I'm willing to tolerate."

Learn more about or donate to the group online at [sunuplivonia.com](http://sunuplivonia.com).

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# Michigan to reinstate work searches for unemployment benefit claimants

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Michigan residents receiving unemployment benefits will have to prove they're actively searching for work starting May 30.

To remain eligible for benefits, claimants will have to report to Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency at least one work search activity per week, which can include submitting a job application, interviewing with an employer or attending a job fair, among other activities, the agency said.

The return of the work search requirement was first mentioned at a Michigan House Oversight Committee hearing late last month. At the hearing, a representative for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce said members

were complaining that they couldn't find workers to hire, a sentiment echoed by other business chambers and employers in recent weeks.

Reporting work search activity was a requirement of receiving jobless benefits before the pandemic (it used to require reporting two work search activities per week, instead of one), but was suspended in March 2020.

Now, the agency says it's reinstating those requirements as the economy improves.

## Who is exempt from work searches

Not all claimants will be required to report work search activities.

There are COVID-19-specific exemptions for filers who are self-employed,

unable to work due to COVID-19 and parents with children attending school remotely because the school is closed for in-person learning, the agency said.

Claimants can apply for a waiver prior to their certification either in MiWAM or by calling the agency.

They will be notified at the time of the request whether a waiver of the requirement is granted, the UIA said.

For those who don't qualify for a waiver, they must include the details of their work search when they certify online or by phone. If that information isn't entered, claimants will lose benefits that week.

Benefits are available until Sept. 4 through two federal extensions, which also include a \$300 supplemental check.

Some states have ended these exten-

sions, citing a worker shortage.

Earlier this week, some Michigan Republican lawmakers wrote a letter to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer asking her to end the state's participation in the program, but Whitmer has indicated she doesn't plan to end the extensions early.

## Where to find work

The agency said a work search activity can include participating in reemployment services through Michigan Works! or creating an account on job search sites such as MiTalent.org.

- To search for jobs, attend workshops, participate in virtual job fairs or explore careers and training, call 800-285-9675 or visit [MichiganWorks.org](http://MichiganWorks.org).

- Find current job openings at [MiTalent.org](http://MiTalent.org).

# Capitol open carry ban refined by panel

Craig Lyons Lansing State Journal  
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LANSING - Overseers of Michigan's Capitol closed a loophole in its open carry ban that still could have allowed concealed carry licensees to display their firearms.

The Capitol Commission voted unanimously to change the ban's language to bar anyone from openly displaying a concealed weapon even with the proper permits.

Michigan State Police pointed out the

commission's policy still would have allowed people with a concealed pistol license to openly carry a firearm in the Capitol.

"Anyone is banned from open carry whether licensed for CPL or not," Commissioner William Kandler said.

Commission Chairman Gary Randall said MSP notified them four weeks ago of the loophole and that a modification was needed to make the ban "truly enforceable."

Representatives for Michigan Open Carry, Inc., did not respond to a request

for comment.

The commission in January approved a ban on the open carrying of firearms inside public spaces within the Capitol. That policy exempted concealed carry for people with valid CPLs who are in compliance with state regulations.

MSP troopers, Capitol security, licensed police officers and sergeants-at-arms are still allowed to open carry if they have proper identifications and are working in their official duties.

The commission first began explor-

ing an open carry ban more than a year ago after protesters entered the Capitol and public viewing areas carrying long guns and other firearms.

The commission failed to enact a ban on open carry at its September meeting, with some members expecting the Legislature to act. Neither the Michigan Senate nor House took up any legislation on banning open carry in the Capitol.

Days after the riots at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, the commission met and enacted the open carry ban.



# Obituaries

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**Mary Carver**

LIVONIA - Carver, Mary. Age 85, May 5, 2021 of Livonia.

Beloved wife of 61 years to Stuart. Loving mother of Christopher (Julie Jurrtens) and Kathryn Ann. Dear sister of Robert (Joyce) Readmond. Also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents James and Readmond; and siblings Irene and Donald.

A Memorial Service will take place at a later date.

Please share a memory of Mary at [www.rggrharris.com](http://www.rggrharris.com)

## William Edward Hurrelbrink

February 5, 1941 –  
March 3, 2021

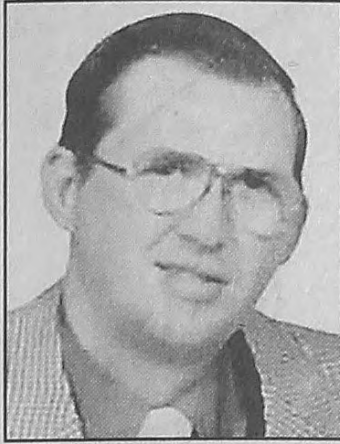
William at the time of death was 80 years old. Beloved husband of Sally, loving father of Mark A. Hurrelbrink, dear brother of Ken (Irene) Hurrelbrink and sister Marlene Montour.

Williams father Arthur W. Hurrelbrink was born in Dewey, OK. He was a set-up man for machines in Northville, MI with Ford Motor Company where he retired. His father was raised in Knox, PA. William's mother was Pearl Irene Tuthill. She was born in Flowerville and graduated there. Pearl worked at Adistra Shipping Company. And retired from Adistra in Plymouth, MI.

After graduation, William went into the US Army. After basing training he was stationed in Thailand When he was finished with the military, he cam back home to Michigan. William was the love of Sally's life. They got married at the First United Methodist Church on June 24, 1967 and were married for 53 years. William worked at Unistrut Corporation as a machine operator. He retired in 2005 after 40 years. William was also into deer hunting. He did this all of his married life. William went deer hunting up north. He got a large 10-point buck and a 6-point buck. He was really proud of them. They are on the wall in the home office.

Sally's sister Judy Drury and son Tom Drury came from Alanson, MI., for William's funeral. Judy's oldest son, Jim Drury and his wife, Laurie, live in Scottsdale, AZ.

Visitation was held Sunday, March 7 at Vermeulen Funeral Home on Newburgh Road, Westland. A funeral service was held Monday, March 8 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery, in Holly. Mr Hurrelbrink proudly served his country while in the US Army. To share a memory, please view obituary at [Legacy.com](http://Legacy.com)



## Thelma M. McIntosh

Thelma M. McIntosh, (nee Forberg) 98, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2020. She was born on June 2, 1922 in Woonsocket, Rhode Island to Roy and Mary(McCann) Forberg. A long time resident of Detroit, Thelma attended the College of New Rochelle in New Rochelle New York. She was married to the love of her life, Edward W. McIntosh on October 5, 1946. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward and her son Paul.

Thelma will be sadly missed by many friends and family. She had the rare gift of making everyone who crossed her path feel so special. Thelma was a loving sister to the late Jack Forberg and late Carol (Schneider) Forberg, Charles Forberg and Mariette (Beuglet) Forberg. Loving sister-in-law of the late James McIntosh (Sally), Mary LeVeque Kaylor (Dean) and the late, Bonnie Palmer. Mother of Timothy, the late Paul and Kathy (Knighton) McIntosh, Edward and Mary Beth (Montroy) McIntosh, Mary (McIntosh) Rudzinski and Paul Rudzinski, grandmother of John and Lauren (Frith) Rudzinski, Lauren (Rudzinski) Meissen and Brad Meissen, Kelly (McIntosh) Nicholas and Christopher Nicholas, Scott McIntosh and Sara (Schafer) McIntosh, Caroline Rudzinski, Matthew McIntosh, Michael McIntosh and Caitlin Dwyer, Jacqueline (Rudzinski) Breen and Mark Breen, Erin McIntosh, great grandmother of 15 great grand children.

Her family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at McCormick Assisted Living in Green Bay and the compassionate caregivers of AseraCare Hospice. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Cancer Society. The Memorial Mass for Thelma will be held on May 28, 2021, at 11:00 AM at St Hugo of the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304



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# Livonia market, bakery specializes in foods from around the world

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Damjan Tevdovski knows the residents near his family's new world market have been anxiously awaiting its opening.

"They've been waiting for us to open. They're curious," he said. "This generation is very curious to try different foods. Instead of going to your local big stores, a lot of people are going to a local market that's a little different."

The wait is over: Tevdovski manages one of Livonia's newest businesses, Atko Market and Bakery, 31245 Eight Mile. The market occupies the former Rite Aid pharmacy building on the corner of Merriman, which has been vacant for several years.

Atko Market originally launched in 2004 in Shelby Township shortly after the Tevdovskis moved to Michigan from Macedonia. The family started in a small shop in Macomb County selling items mainly from eastern Europe before growing and expanding into a larger space on that side of town.

"The community was very tight. They wanted something from back home," he said. "We gave them fresh desserts, just like they would have back in their country."

Then, after seeing the growth potential, they decided to expand.

They began looking for a place to open the last year and a half, and discovered the building on the Livonia/Farmington Hills border. They began the buildout last October and opened in April.

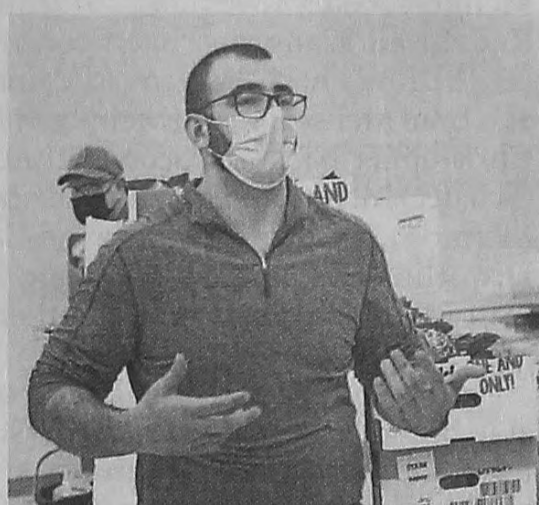
Livonia, he said, was the ideal option for expansion, especially given how diverse the surrounding area is. That diversity in the region made them change the direction of the Livonia market to cater to many other cultural products from around the globe.

"This one is broad because there are various ethnicities here," Tevdovski said. "We have Polish, Russian, German, Middle Eastern, all kinds of people over here."



Atko Market in Livonia, which specializes in goods from the Balkan region of Europe, recently opened a new location at 31245 Eight Mile in Livonia.

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Damjan Tevdovski talks about bringing goods from the Balkans to his customers at Livonia's Atko Market.

"It's 15 minutes from Novi, 15 minutes from Dearborn Heights, 15 minutes from West Bloomfield or so."

Elizabeta Tevdovski, his mother, echoed that sentiment.



Atko Market in Livonia bakes its own breads and sweet treats on location.

After looking at the makeup of the region, the family decided having a new shop in Livonia was a perfect fit.

"When they did research on the market, they saw the west side has a large group from the Balkan area," she said. "So we decided to open one more."

The market prides itself on having products not typically found in the United States. The shelves are lined with olives from Greece, farmer's cheese from Poland and Fanta from North Macedonia.

They even sell a handful of products imported specifically for Atko Market and Bakery: the Prima line includes banana peppers, cabbage and more. Several coolers also provide meats and cheeses from Albania and Serbia.

The shop also has a full bakery with products baked in-house, including cannoli, cake and baklava. Savory items include French bread, cornbread and burek, a Balkan flaky pastry filled with meat, spinach and cheese.

"That's the number one most popular product that we have," Damjan Tevdovski said. "We make the best ones. We've been running out."

Elizabeta Tevdovski said they've noticed more American-born customers coming in the store, so they've tried adapting some of the recipes to cater to those clients as well.

More information, including a list of some of the products available for purchase at the market, can be found online at [atkomarkets.com](http://atkomarkets.com).

Damjan Tevdovski said he hopes to continue expanding the variety of products in the store, and to have more in the coming weeks and months.

He hopes to have more refrigerated items in the coolers, as well as add alcohol imported from other countries.

The goal, he said, is to become a beacon of the world's cuisines right at the intersection Eight Mile and Merriman roads.

"What I'm going for is to catch all the ethnicities that we can," he said. "I'm going for a lot of multi-ethnic cultures."

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## Canton man receives probation in shooting death of 8-year-old son

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A Canton Township father was sentenced to three years of probation after pleading guilty to carelessly discharging the rifle that killed his 8-year-old son.

Nicholas Bennett, 34, also must pay about \$1,500 in fines, according to Third Circuit Judge Darnella Williams-Clay-

bourne. She sentenced Bennett May 18 and demanded that he not possess any firearms during his probation period. He also cannot share company with anyone possessing firearms.

Prosecutors have said Bennett unintentionally killed his son at his Old Michigan Avenue home the afternoon of Dec. 15. He had been working on his rifle, and his son Jack was in the room.

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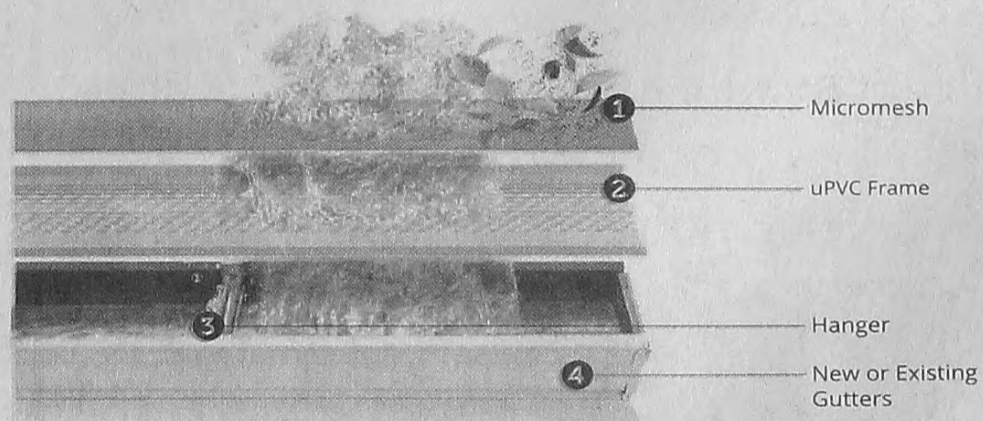
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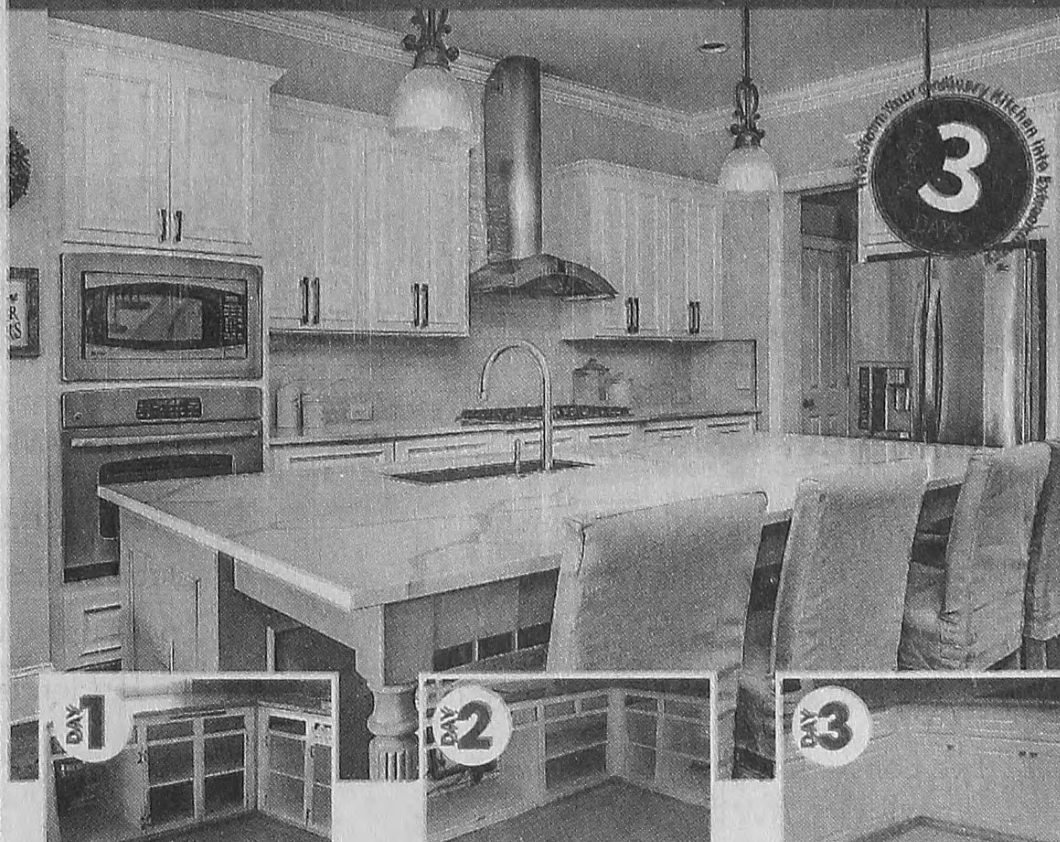


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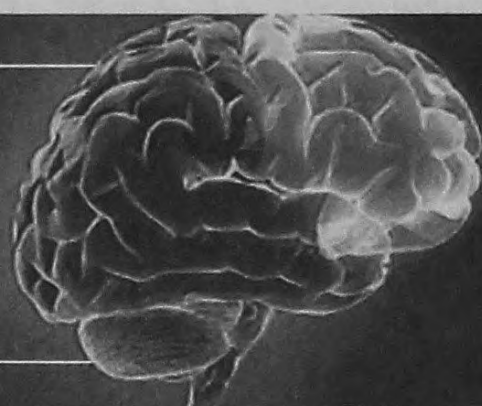
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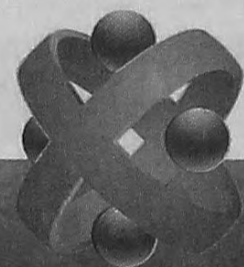


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## SPORTS



Stevenson High softball coach Kevin Hannigan, center, talks to the team on May 18. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Mistakes hinder Livonia Stevenson, falls to Howell in KLAA playoffs

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Kevin Hannigan knew what his team was going to see against Howell.

The Livonia Stevenson head coach had seen the Highlanders — ranked No. 3 in Division 1 according to the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association — losing 9-0 against them April 12.

But Hannigan felt he put his team in the right position in the first game of KLAA championship week, playing for a spot in the conference title game. And the plan succeeded, in a way.

Stevenson starting pitcher Riley Cook failed to allow a hit through the first three innings of work, settling down later and being rewarded with a complete game. But the Spartans left their home field disappointed, falling to Howell, 13-1.

In the first three innings, the Highlanders feasted on errors and wild pitches, recording five runs before their first hit of the game.

“We’re disappointed because we practiced on what they were going to do,” Hannigan said. “We understand



Stevenson Spartan Riley Cook pitches in the softball team's May 18 playoff game against Howell High.

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## Brother Rice baseball stands strong, beats U-D Jesuit

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John Locker knew he didn't have his best stuff against U-D Jesuit. Nevertheless, there was a confidence there, something that never seemed to waver on the mound no matter how many runners he had on base.

That confidence carried Locker and his Brother Rice teammates to a shut-out, earning the 3-0 win against the Cubs in the Catholic High School League baseball semifinals.

“We’re getting closer and closer together every day, building some better chemistry,” Locker said. “I’m so happy to be with every one of these guys every day. They’re something special for sure.”

Those guys around Locker helped give him a lead after one inning played.

With two runners on after two walks by Cubs starter Avery Mona, Brother Rice senior catcher Will Shannon slapped a single, scoring Blaise Wilcenski for the first run of the game. Alfredo Velazquez soon followed, scoring on a passed ball to give Locker a two-run lead heading into the second.

Trouble continued to come Locker's way, allowing multiple runners to reach base in the third, fourth and fifth innings, walking five in that span. But the right-hander remained confident, stranding each of those runners and ending each of those innings with a strikeout.

Locker finished the game with five shutout innings, striking out 11, while walking seven and allowing two hits, stranding eight of U-D Jesuit's 10 base-runners.

Sophomore Alex Cheeseman rewarded Locker, recording the Warriors' third run of the game off an errant throw by Cubs catcher Owen Carpellotti, who tried throwing Cheeseman out on a steal.

Brother Rice head coach Bob Riker said his team has been known to take advantage of the extra base when necessary, putting pressure on opposing defenses not only with bats.

“We try and capitalize every chance

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## CC baseball falls short in CHSL semifinal to St. Mary's

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Almost no one has been able to beat Orchard Lake St. Mary's in 2021. The Eagles came into the Catholic High School League semifinal with an unblemished league record, falling only once to Saline in 30 games.

Detroit Catholic Central knew that coming in. The Shamrocks saw the Eagles four times in the regular season. They knew what to expect.

Heading into the pair's fifth meeting, Catholic Central head coach Ryan Rogowski wanted to see one thing from his team: fight. And while his team fell to St. Mary's for the fifth-straight time, 7-2, he left with the satisfaction that the goal was reached.

“We know they're the unicorn,” Ro-

gowski said. “We know we want to go after them. But my guys fight. We don't care who they are. We respect them 1,000%, but they put their pants on just like us. We're not scared of them. We want to come out and beat them.”

“But we know, at the same time, what we're tackling and I'm so proud of these guys. They fought.”

On paper, facing an anomaly in St. Mary's junior right-hander and Clemson commit Brock Porter, it did not look pretty for the Catholic Central offense.

The Shamrocks did not record a hit until the fifth inning — a single by sophomore Jordan Scott — striking out 13 times in seven innings.

But facing what he viewed as a major-league-level arm, Rogowski saw his offense spark up a bit late, using an RBI single by Evan Haeger in the fifth and an

RBI groundout by Josh Getz in the sixth to put runs on the board, something the Shamrocks were unable to do in three-of-four meetings with the Eaglets in 2021.

It was not enough to overcome the four-run outpouring of offense St. Mary's put on Catholic Central senior starter Ian Dixon in the fourth inning: allowing four runs on four hits, including a two-run inside-the-park home run by junior catcher Ike Irish and an RBI triple by sophomore designated hitter Ryan McKay. Dixon finished the day allowing six runs on six hits and six walks, striking out five.

Through five games against St. Mary's Rogowski saw increments of progress, never changing the outcome, but watching the deficit lessen with each outing.

Now, the Shamrocks' sole focus is on the playoffs, preparing for a district matchup with South Lyon East June 5.

With what he has seen his team do against a team like St. Mary's the Shamrocks head coach his team is heading in the right direction.

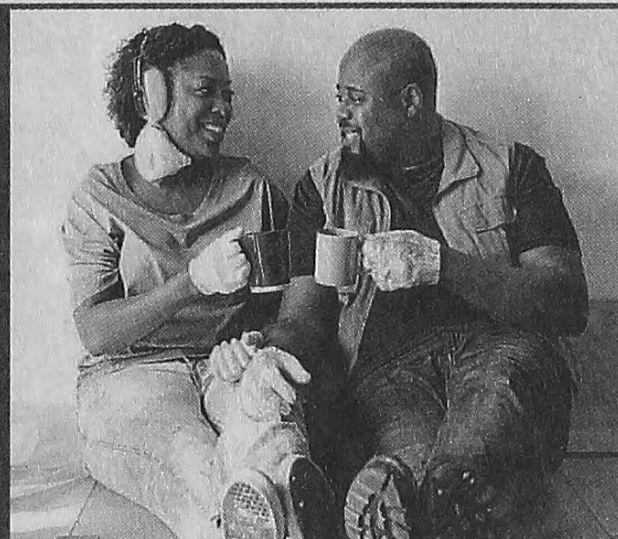
“We're going to fight them. We don't care who we play, but man it's important because we know we have South Lyon East June 5,” Rogowski said. “That's who we're gunning for, that's now who we can put our sole purpose on and get ready for that. Again, we're ready. We're going to be so ready because we have faced the best.”

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# Stevenson softball team secures KLAA East title

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After securing the Livonia city championship the day before, Stevenson softball traveled to Westland to face John Glenn – the team’s 18th game in 12 days – with one thing on its mind: securing a KLAA East division title.

Stevenson head coach Kevin Hannigan knows it’s usually not supposed to happen the way it did in 2021, basically deciding the city champion and the division champion in one week, accumulating a number of games from earlier in the season that had previously been postponed due to COVID-19.

Despite the number of games played, the Spartan offense was alive, scoring 28 runs in two games to sweep John Glenn and secure the KLAA East regular season title for the second-straight season.

“It’s just a good feeling,” Hannigan said after Stevenson secured back-to-back division titles for the first time in program history. “Our program, even though you might see the competition level and whatever it is... our goal is trying to get a city championship, trying to contend in the KLAA. They did that this year.”

“It’s just good to see for building our program going forward.”

To secure the top of the KLAA East, the Spartans had to come back.

After four innings of Game 1, Stevenson had allowed 10 runs on only six hits – only one of which was for extra bases. Instead, John Glenn used its base-runners – advancing players on wild pitches, errors, fielder’s choices and stolen bases. The top of the order – first baseman Abby Mitera, centerfielder Madison Inman and third baseman Peyton Massey – accounted for eight of the team’s 10 runs in the first game.



Stevenson scored 28 runs in two games against John Glenn for the KLAA East title. COLIN GAY | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

But Stevenson began to pounce back with the help of Grace Ozog.

The Spartans’ senior captain started the fifth inning with a walk, scoring two batters later on an RBI double by Janie West. Three more hits scored four more runs, bringing Stevenson’s deficit to one. After Ozog scored again on a passed ball in the sixth to tie the game at 10, Riley Cook sealed the victory for the Spartans, hitting a three-run home run past the left-field wall for her third home run of the week.

“She’s just hitting the ball hard and it’s great to see because we see it in practice and it’s good to see her bring it to the game,” Hannigan said, adding that Cook calmed the Rockets offense down in her 5.1 innings out of the bullpen.

Once the Spartans offense got started, it could not be stopped.

Stevenson scored 15 runs on 18 hits –

including a nine-run, 11-hit fourth inning in which seven players recorded RBI base hits, including RBI doubles by senior Sophie Bater and Maddie Adams.

Hannigan said Stevenson’s success came down to timely hitting, keeping the approach to at bats as simple as possible. Instead of trying to do too much, the head coach said he wants hitters to find the center of the ball and drive through it.

Once one player does it, Ozog, who recorded two singles, two walks and scored five times, said the rest of the lineup follows suit.

“Once our bats get going, it’s unstoppable,” Ozog said. “Line drive after line drive, we have nice solid hits. I think this is what this team is: we build off each other’s momentum and we’re unstoppable at that point.”

Bater answered the offensive onslaught with four shutout innings, fac-

ing one over the minimum, while allowing only two hits and striking out seven.

West answered a four-hit, three-RBI performance in Game 1 with three hits, two RBI and three runs scored in Game 2.

For a team that’s played as much softball as it has over the past three weeks, Ozog said the team is ready for what next week has in store prior to the start of the postseason. But she knows how special this group is, achieving something that no other Stevenson team has done in the past.

“It’s just really special to all of us seniors, just the team as a whole: coming back and being stronger than ever,” Ozog said.

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## Softball

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and totally respect that they have a great program and we’re just trying to get where they are – they are No. 3 in the state for a reason. And they don’t make errors. They trust each other and you can see that when they play.

“We gave them five runs. It was five runs on zero hits after five innings. You can’t spot the No. 3 team in the state, anybody five runs.”

In the fourth, fifth and sixth innings, Cook was able to keep Howell at bay, al-

lowing three runs on three hits, stranding four runners on base.

As Howell continued to blow up its lead, the Stevenson offense sputtered.

The Spartans failed to record a hit through the first five innings of the game. Cook broke the seal in the sixth with a triple to right field, scoring the only run of the game on a groundout by Mackenzie Cook. Howell starter Jane Anderson picked up the win, striking out nine in seven innings of work, while allowing three hits, no walks and two hit batsmen.

“Jane’s been solid all year,” Howell acting head coach Tom Johnson said, replacing Ron Pezzoni, who was away

from the team watching his daughter play softball for Madonna University. “She hasn’t pitched as much as Avrey (Wolverton), but when she gets her chance, she usually shuts people down really well. She’s improved greatly over the past couple of years.”

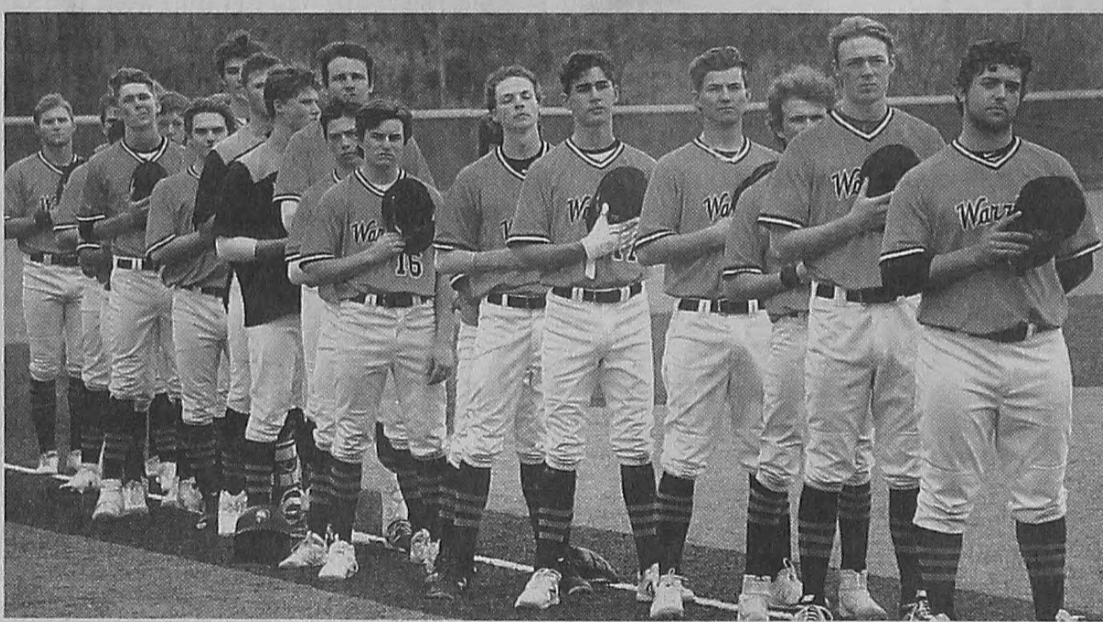
As Riley Cook tired on the mound, the Howell offense widened Stevenson’s deficit in the seventh, scoring five runs on six hits – including a two-RBI triple by Megan Farren – to take a 13-1 lead.

To Hannigan, the separation between his team and Howell is not what the Highlanders were able to do. It was what his team was unable to do: settle down and respond even when things

don’t go its way. It’s a mindset, he said, a trust factor; something that the younger players are learning and the seniors on the roster are showing them.

Hannigan’s goal at the beginning of the season was to win the KLAA East for the second time, to be able to play for a KLAA title. Now he sees where his team must be to get there. “At least we are playing today to go to play for a championship,” he said. “We’re at least in the spot to get to the next step.”

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Brother Rice Warriors stand for the National Anthem on April 28.

## Baseball

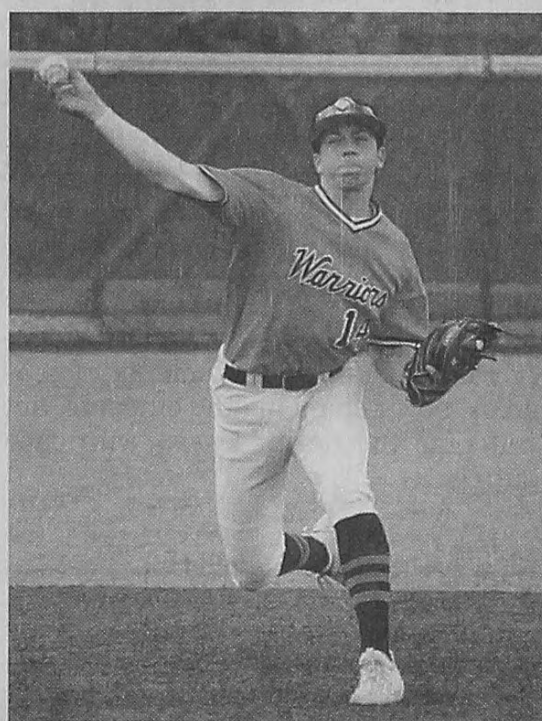
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we can on physical errors by other teams and walks by other teams,” Riker said, leading a group that took advantage of four walks, two errors and a wild pitch, stealing four bases. “That’s usually the difference: if you can walk fewer and make fewer errors, you will be in a lot of games.”

Brother Rice has won a lot of games in 2021, earning victories in 20-of-27 games this season, including 15 wins against CHSL opponents.

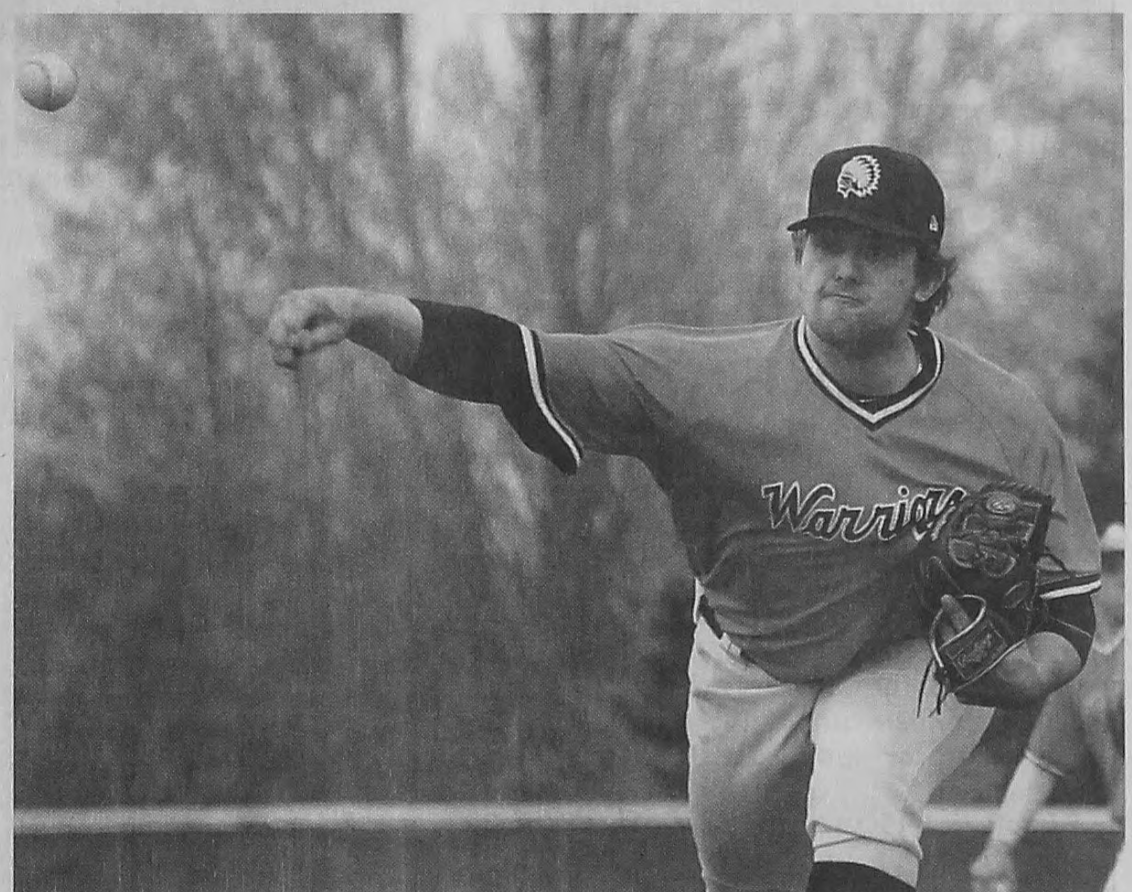
But St. Mary’s has proved to be a different story for the Warriors, losing each of their four matchups by a combined 64-3. However, heading into the CHSL final, Riker remembers his team through those moments, saying that it stuck together no matter what the scoreboard said.

“That genuineness is hard to fake and fabricate,” Riker said. “That’s the biggest thing we have going is they like to be around each other, they like to work and it causes for a close, tight-knit unit.”



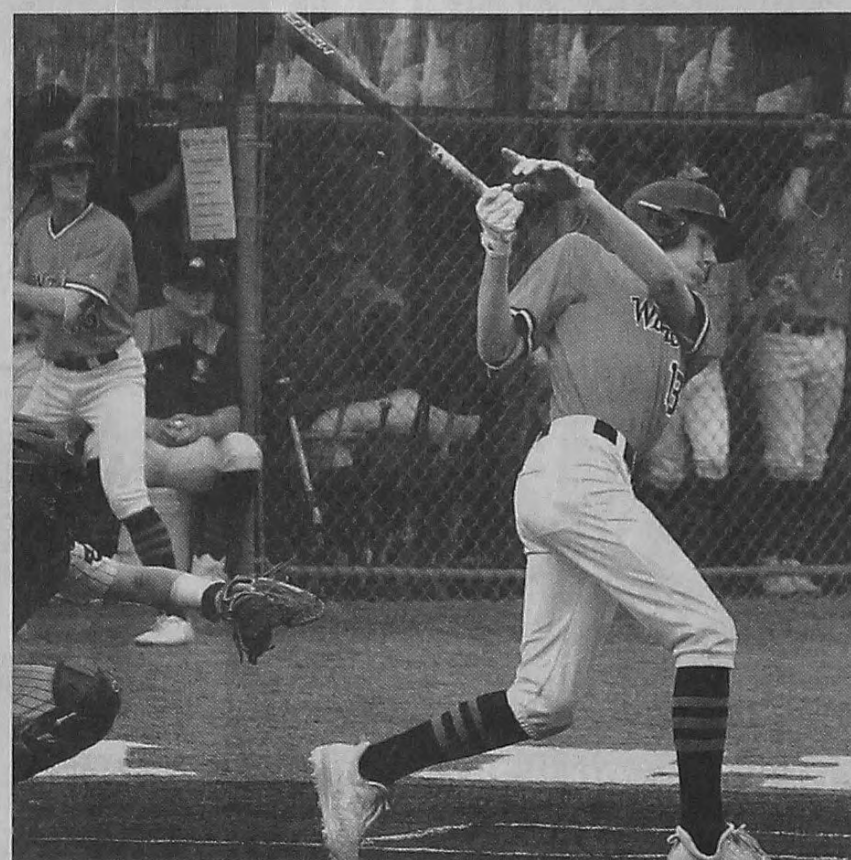
Brother Rice shortstop Alex Cheeseman whips a ball towards first base.

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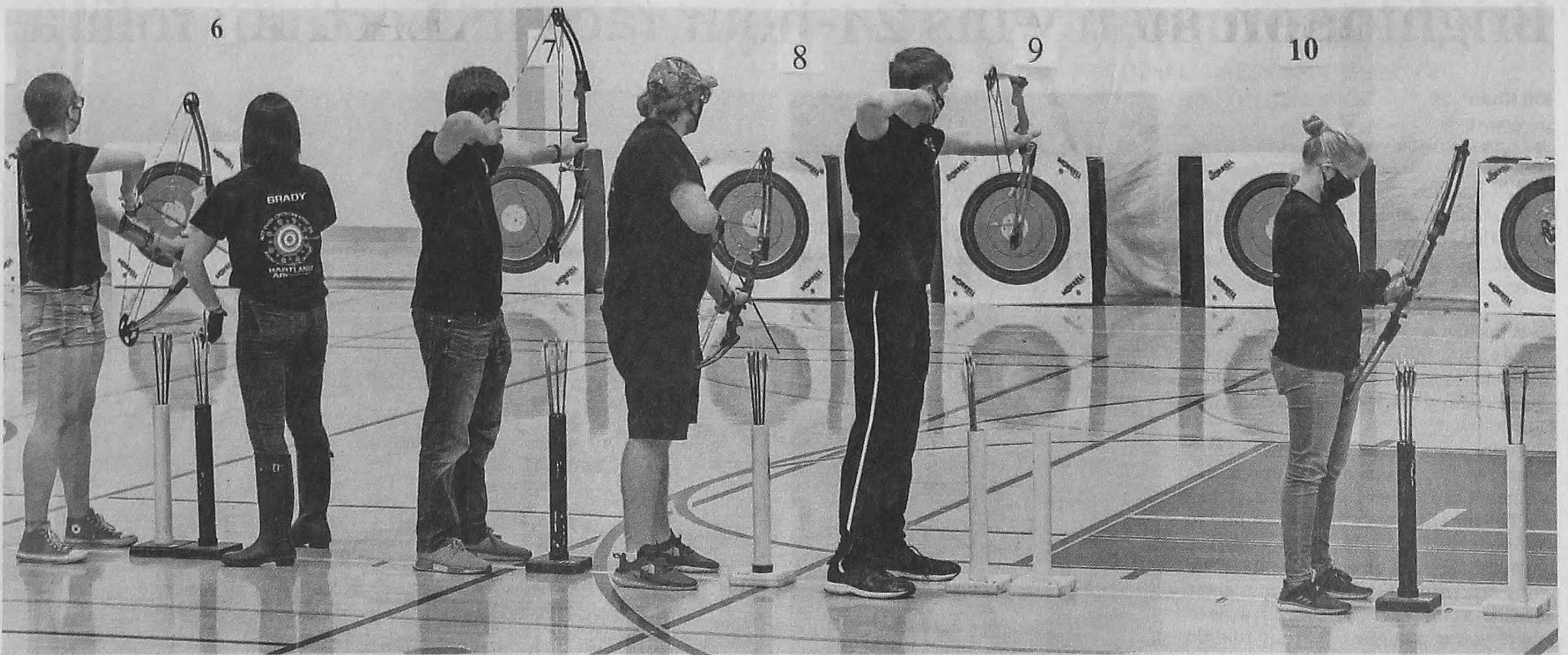
Brother Rice pitcher John Locker, above, fires to home plate on April 28.

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Brother Rice Warrior Tyler Fox, at left, takes a swing and gets a basehit against CC.





Hartland High School archers take aim at targets at Ore Creek Middle School during a virtual national championship. COURTESY PHOTO

## What began as science program in the Hartland school district has become national-class archery team

Bill Khan Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The only way Robert Jellison could start an archery program in the Hartland school district was to make it part of the science curriculum.

What does archery have to do with science?

Plenty, with enough determination and creativity.

Jellison, who teaches middle school science in Hartland, attended an outdoor education conference in the mid-2000s when he saw a presentation on offering archery as a physical education option. He came back to Hartland and pitched the idea to the physical education teacher, who wasn't receptive.

He found a more willing partner in the school's principal.

"He said, 'If you want to connect it through a science curriculum somehow,

feel free to do it,'" Jellison said.

"I tied it through kinetic systems, energy transfers for potential and kinetic energy and the human body system working together different muscles and bone systems. It worked well. The kids love it."

Jellison started an archery program in 2007, one that has become one of the best in the country. Hartland became the first team to win the Bullseye and 3D championships in the same year at the National Archery in the Schools Program national tournament.

The tournament was held virtually this year, with teams shooting on certified ranges near them with officials present to verify scores. In Bullseye, archers shoot at a ringed target, scoring more points for getting closer to the center. In 3D, targets are placed on models of six different animals.

Hartland got together at Ore Creek Middle School to compete. Scores were

submitted to NASP and compiled. There were 15,683 archers from 1,065 schools in the event.

"I've had great kids from the start," Jellison said. "This year's group, they were phenomenal. They pulled the plug on the entire national event last year, so they didn't get to shoot. They rank teams, and we finished No. 1-ranked in the nation, but never did get to compete for a national title. This year, the kids were happy just to be able to go shoot, because last year they lost the opportunity."

Hartland has 92 students in its archery program at the elementary, middle school and high school levels. The Eagles started at the bottom that first year, but the seed was planted for the current success.

"We went to nationals that year just for fun and came in 138th down in Kentucky," Jellison said. "We've been steadily climbing up toward the podium."

Hartland had its first podium finish by placing third in 2014. After taking second in 2015, Hartland won its first national title in 2016 in Bullseye. The Eagles won in 3D the next year.

Hartland shot 3,459 out of a possible 3,600 in Bullseye and a record 1,742 out of 1,800 in 3D.

Senior Justin Miller won the individual national championship in 3D with a score of 297. He also shot 297 in Bullseye. A score of 300 is perfect.

Sophomore Nadia Tyner was third among girls in Bullseye with a 295. Her twin sister, Nina, shot 293. Nina was the state champion.

By winning the tournament, Hartland qualified to compete in the NASP world tournament June 10-12 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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# Brighton woman wins 24-hour race in North Carolina

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Belt buckles are standard for awards and finisher medals in the ultramarathon world.

But an entire belt? And not just any belt, but a monstrosity straight out of the WWE?

Winning a 24-hour race certainly came with some unique bling for Loretta Tobolske-Horn of Brighton at the Alexander County 24 Hour in Taylorsville, N.C.

There was a standard trophy, but also a surprise for Tobolske-Horn and men's winner Nick Coury of Scottsdale, Ariz.

"The race directors were so excited to give us these," she said. "They said, 'We have this special thing for you.' They came out with this giant belt in a giant case like a gun case. There's even a place where you can engrave it. They told us we had to put it over our shoulders. I guess that's what wrestlers do."

Tobolske-Horn, 49, won the race by doing 448 laps around the Alexander Central High School track for a total of 111.539 miles. The second woman was Sally Van Nuland of Greensboro, N.C., who accumulated 104.0698 miles in 418 laps.

It was a battle of attrition, as ultras often are, with some of the prerace favorites dropping out because of heat and the lack of shade.

"The race was challenging, not just for me, but a lot of people," Tobolske-Horn said. "We experienced dehydration. The sun was really intense. The temperatures didn't seem all that high. It was in the 70s. The sun on an open track, maybe that's what was the issue."

"I experienced dehydration very early in the race, around mile 20. I would've liked to just quit. I hurt a lot. We ended up making adjustments to my hydration, getting in more fuels. It happened a few times to me."

Tobolske-Horn experienced muscle knots in her legs and stomach issues because of dehydration, but was able to hold it together and begin passing run-



Loretta Tobolske-Horn of Brighton ran 111.539 miles on a track to win a 24-hour race in North Carolina.

ners who were having worse days.

She went to North Carolina hoping to run enough miles to qualify for the U.S. 24-hour team that will compete in the world championship in Romania in October. It was the last chance to reach the minimum of 130 miles required to make the team.

"I was on track for a good share of the race," she said. "It just kind of slipped out of range with dehydration issues."

Tobolske-Horn has had some impressive finishes in ultras in recent years, winning the Tunnel Hill 100 in



Loretta Tobolske-Horn, left, of Brighton and Nick Coury of Scottsdale, Ariz. were given large belts for winning the Alexander County 24 Hour in North Carolina.

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2019 and placing third in an elite field at the Desert Solstice 24-hour track race last December.

She was given an invitation to Desert Solstice, which requires a qualifying time, six weeks before the race. That didn't give her enough time to properly train for the unique demands of running 100-plus miles on a track.

She devoted more time to the track this time around. Her longest track runs

were 20 miles.

"Spending some time on the track was good mentally for me and getting my body prepared," she said.

Her next race is also a 24-hour event, the Six Days in the Dome at the Pettit National Ice Center June 18 in Milwaukee.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 99.033  
AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 20 TO THE TEXT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, ORDINANCE NO. 99, PROVIDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS IN APPROVING VARIANCES FOR RESIDENTIAL REAR YARD SETBACKS IN SECTION 20.2, FOOTNOTE 'BB'; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

The Charter Township of Plymouth ordains that Section 20.02, Footnote 'bb' be revised in the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Ordinance No. 99 and hereby amends the Zoning Ordinance by the addition of the following language.

SECTION I. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

Sec. 20.2, footnote 'bb':

(10) Exceptions to Footnote bb may be considered by the Zoning Board of Appeals for outdoor living space (such as attached, screened and /or covered decks/patios/porches, and three-season rooms). Exceptions shall not be permitted for full building additions.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION III. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION V. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon seven (7) days after publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 during regular business hours.

Mr. Jerry Vorva  
Clerk

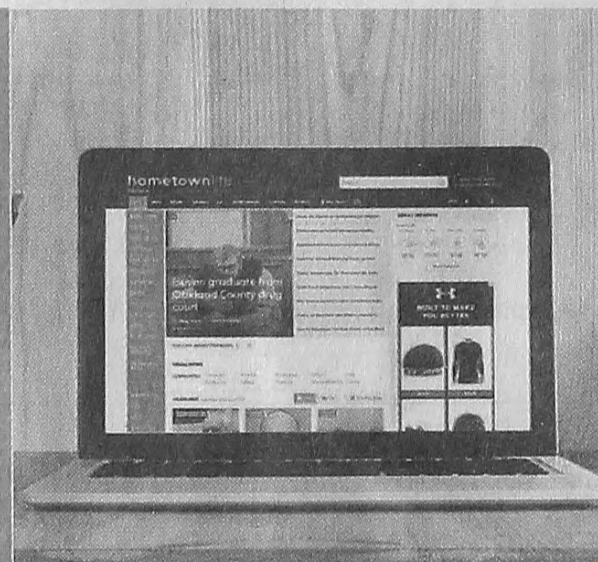
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# Keys to a great pre-screen phone call

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Whether you make phone calls on a daily basis or tend to send incoming calls straight to voicemail, here are some tips to help you get through this first milestone of the interview process:

### 1. Answer your phone and check your email

If you have applied to a job, you need to answer every call that comes through, even if you don't recognize the number. That may sound like a scary proposition, but it is a simple way to separate yourself from the other applicants who don't.

The same goes for emails and LinkedIn. Open messages from people you may not know (using common sense to avoid spammers), and check your junk folder to ensure you don't miss anything important.

### 2. This is not the time to ask questions

Once you've scheduled the pre-screen, it is important to remember the purpose of the call: a quick check to see if you could be a fit. These calls are not meant to be a deep dive review of your experience or a time for you to ask specific questions. Most likely, the person you speak with does not have in-depth knowledge of the

department you applied for. Keep your answers short and to-the-point, and share your enthusiasm for the role.

### 3. Be prepared

While the person you speak with may not be the one ultimately making the decision to hire you, they do have the power to move you forward in the process. Make sure you're prepared.

Before the call, take a bit of time to research the company, review the job description and think about what questions may come up about your qualifications. Depending on the role, common pre-screen questions could include:

- Why are you looking for a new role?
- What interests you in this opportunity?
- How many years of industry experience do you have?
- Are you legally able to work in the U.S.?
- When would you be available to start?
- What hours are you available to work?
- What languages are you fluent in?
- Are you proficient in Microsoft Office?

Write down your answers — keeping them brief — so you're ready for anything and can give your screener every reason to move you along.

Pre-screens are generally a simple and straightforward way for an employer to confirm you could be a fit for an open role. The person you speak with has already reviewed your resume and was impressed enough to want to talk. Follow these tips, share your enthusiasm for the job, and you'll be on your way to the next round.



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  - 44 Narrow way
  - 46 Big Sicilian volcano
  - 47 Ruckus
  - 48 Auction cry
  - 52 Wacky
  - 56 Gets used (to)
  - 57 Jai —
  - 58 Unit of 36"
  - 61 Lakers great Lamar
  - 63 Beehive State athletes
  - 64 Exacta, e.g.
  - 65 Titleless one
  - 67 Being hammy
  - 70 War ender
  - 71 Salve plant
  - 72 Put-down
  - 73 Preached
  - 74 Grassy fields regularly
  - 75 Most ("It's —!") ("You're on!")
  - 78 Old ship-locating system
  - 79 World War II hero Murphy
  - 80 Sightless
  - 84 "In excelsis —"
  - 87 Demure
  - 89 Jazz great Brubeck
  - 90 — -fi flick
  - 92 "Valley of the Dolls" co-star Patty
  - 94 Flatbread of India
  - 96 Foretell
  - 97 Film studio roarer
  - 99 "Excuse me, but ..."
  - 102 Actor Fiennes
  - 103 Palate dangler
  - 104 Away from home
  - 105 "Walkabout" director
  - Nicolas
  - 107 Frozen, dome-shaped dessert
  - 110 Likelihood
  - 111 Actor Richard
  - 112 "Valley of the Dolls" co-star Sharon
  - 113 Links
  - 114 Halts
  - 116 NFL coups
  - 117 Tick off
  - 118 Flanders of Springfield
  - 119 LaRue of "CSI: Miami"
  - 120 Plane domain

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For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com.

## SUDOKU

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	6			9			1		
		8				2		6	
3			6						2
	1				4			9	
		5		1			4		
		3		4					8
8						1	7		
			7		2				6

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## gone fishing

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

W	A	D	E	R	S	Y	S	T	H	C	A	S	T	V	A
N	M	T	U	N	A	H	U	F	O	A	C	H	M	M	E
V	N	A	T	X	O	G	C	Z	O	A	C	T	M	A	P
L	O	I	E	R	O	W	L	A	K	H	R	C	E	A	P
I	Y	M	E	R	E	B	A	I	T	A	E	R	R	T	E
C	O	D	L	I	B	L	E	S	W	C	P	E	T	I	E
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K	R	A	H	S	E	L	B	B	I	N	T	R	O	U	T
V	R	Y	O	R	K	S	W	O	R	D	F	I	S	H	I

## ANSWER KEY

*(Answers are listed vertically in the image)*

ANSWERS

BAIT  
BAIT  
BITE  
BOAT  
BREAM  
CAST  
CATCH  
COD  
CORK  
CREEK  
DEEP SEA  
DOCK  
FIN  
FLY  
GUT  
HAT  
HOOK  
LAKE  
LICENSE  
LIMIT  
LINE  
LURE  
MINNOW  
NET  
NIBBLE  
PATIENCE  
PERCH  
PERMIT  
PIKE  
REEL  
RIVER  
ROD  
SALMON  
SHARK  
SHORE  
SINKER  
SPINNER  
STREAM  
SWORDFISH  
TACKLE BOX  
TRAWL  
TROUT  
TUNA  
WADERS  
WEIGHT  
WET  
WORMS

4	7	1	8	6	3	5	2	9
8	2	9	3	1	7	5	4	
5	3	6	4	7	9	2	8	1
7	1	2	3	8	4	6	9	5
3	4	6	8	1	2	9	5	7
9	5	8	1	4	2	3	6	7
2	6	3	7	9	5	1	4	8
4	7	1	8	6	3	5	2	9



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