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## Silent protest in South Lyon carries loud message: Enough

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For eight minutes, 46 seconds Sunday, hundreds of protesters stood and knelt alongside a mile-long stretch of Pontiac Trail in South Lyon, in silence.

The "moment" of silence ran 2-2:08:46 p.m. in a sobering stretch of time that recognized the tragic amount of time that a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on the neck of George Floyd May 25, ultimately killing the black man.

The South Lyon protest was among the most recent in Black Lives Matter protests against racism and police brutality sweeping cities and suburbs across the country.

Gretchen Ascher said she organized the South Lyon event because it is impor-

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From left, Sandy Stewart of Green Oak Township with Jennifer, Kim, David and Gretchen Ascher, all of South Lyon. Gretchen Ascher organized the South Lyon protest in which hundreds lined Pontiac Trail and observed 8 minutes and 46 seconds of silence on June 7. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

#### **GUERNSEY FARMS DAIRY RENOVATION**



## **101 Harbor** High grads, proud mom accepting diplomas

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About 100 unconventional graduates and one proud, grieving mother collected high school diplomas June 3 in the Huron Valley School district.

Everything about the 2020 Harbor High School and adult education commencement was unusual in this year of coronavirus.

In a drive-through ceremony, students popped out of their vehicles to pick up their diplomas from a table and stepped on to an outdoor stage while only the family they could fit in the car clapped and cheered.

Also applauding were school faculty spaced six feet apart and who mourned the hugs they couldn't give to their students whose paths to graduation were the most noteworthy of all, overcoming obstacles that even a pandemic could not overshadow.

"Every single one of the kids in the alternative high school and adult ed are overcoming something difficult, usually loss or adversity in their personal life that is really hard for them," Ben Dowker, director of the alternative high school and adult education for Huron Valley, said. "They didn't think they were going to make it (to graduation).'

One of the graduates honored didn't

The ceiling of the dairy featuers a Guernsey cow-like pattern. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Making a splash

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Janis Priebe drove a long way just to get some Guernsey ice cream.

The Bellaire resident who used to live in Novi made the drive from near Traverse City to celebrate her friend Linda Bendt Denlinger's birthday. They made a stop Thursday at the recently-remodeled Guernsey Farms Dairy facility, which opened the day before, to enjoy some ice cream outside on the patio.

drove four hours," she said. "I'll be stopping every time I'm here."

The facility, located at 21300 Novi Road in Novi, reopened June 3 after several months of renovations. The facility's restaurant space - which closed down in January - has been revamped and now features a bar with several taps for beer, as well as new seating.

Joe Kinville, one of the owners and the grandson of John McGuire, who established Guernsey Farms Dairy,

"That tells you how good it is, that I said they cannot wait to invite the community into the renovated space. "We're super excited," he said. "It

was a long time coming." The 28,000-square-foot space is a complete remodel of its prior restau-

rant and scoop shop. The dine-in restaurant occupies the south portion of the building, while customers just looking for a cone of Moose Tracks or Mackinac Island Fudge can head to the northern part of the building and order

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make it to the stage, but his mother did in an exceptionally emotional moment.

Joe Wagner, 18, completed the necessary coursework for his diploma from Harbor High School last September. One day later, he was crossing Highland Road in White Lake when he was struck by a vehicle and died.

Christy Wagner clutched her son's diploma as well as the Courage Award

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**Christy Wagner of Milford accepted** her son Joe Wagner's diploma during Harbor High's commencement on June 3. Joe Wagner was killed in an accident last September, a day after he completed his coursework. COURTESY OF HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS

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## Northville Beautification preps floral planters



Northville Garden Club past-President Julie Mantay helps in placing flowers in planters at the Northville DPW yard on June 2.

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Some of the planters prepped by the Garden Club on display in downtown Northville.



Gary Haas places some flowers in planters.

## Three development projects get OK in Lyon Township

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN** 

The Lyon Township Board revived industrial park plans and moved forward with two more developments during its first meeting in nearly three months.

The Walbridge Industrial Park has been resuscitated, with the board unanimously approving a site plan review June

While Township Planner Brian Keesey said its too early to tell what the coronavirus pandemic may mean for building, "It's not a dead project, which is nice."

The board originally approved the plan in late 2018 for 10 lots to be used for manufacturing, warehouse, and research and technology facilities on a 95-acre parcel on the east side of South Hill Road,

south of Grand River. Lots will vary in size from 2.5 to just under 7 acres, with roughly 35 acres of wetlands in the area preserved.

However, representatives from Walbridge and the Atwell Group had to return for approval after a year lapsed without construction taking place, and they came with a few changes-including a single, shortened drive off of South Hill instead of an additional potential access from Grand River; as well as no extensive pathway across the properties.

John Ackerman of the Atwell Group said the previously plans had a "path to nowhere" which would have been inefficient and included expensive boardwalk maintenance.

"We want to start construction this fall," Ackerman said. "We've reduced the cul-de-sac by 200 feet... We feel the path to our entrance is satisfactory."

He added that he wants future tenants on the property to utilize South Hill Road and the signalized intersection at Grand River, which "is safer for everybody."

Township Trustee Kris Enlow conceded that the original plans may have included a pathway to nowhere, but said in lieu of it being built, a contribution to the township's pathway fund would be acceptable and the township could use the money "to fill more legitimate gaps."

How much of a contribution the company will make to the pathway fund has yet to be determined, although Trustee Sean O'Neil noted it wouldn't be cheap factoring in the cost of a boardwalk.

O'Neil suggested a boulevard at the park's South Hill Road entrance to help with traffic concerns, which appealed to the rest of the board and to which the applicants agreed.

Township Planner Brian Keesey said the development is approved for many different uses, but the township hasn't been presented with any specifics. "When a lot is sold for use, the township will have the opportunity to review each site plan individually," he said. For now, the applicants will begin driveway construction and land balancing to welcome future tenants.

the next tenants of Lyon Crossing will be-a 304-unit Watermark Residential apartment complex and a Szott Chrysler Jeep auto dealership, both of which the planning commission recommended for approval last month.

The board approved the plans, but not unanimously, voting 5-2 for the apartments, which will be located in 19 2-story buildings on 19.63 acres on the north side of Lyon Center Drive West.

Enlow and O'Neil voted no, citing concerns over density and traffic.

The auto dealership, a 13,000-squarefoot building with 630 parking spaces on just over 7 acres on the south side of Lyon Center Drive West, passed 6-1, with Trustee Lise Blades voting no.

"It's a beautiful building and a needed item in our community, but I am completely unhappy with this location," she said. "I think it's in the wrong place."

Developer Tony Antone said Lyon Crossing, between Interstate 1-96 and Grand River Avenue, was ideally situated

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#### Lyon Crossing, Szott dealership plans approved

The township board does know who

for the projects

"If ever there was a place to have density, it's right here, it feeds walkability into downtown," he said. "(It's) a really great thing for Lyon, especially in this environment. I don't know how much more retail will be built in the next several years, especially with what is going on in the world right now."

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#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input on the following request in regards to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance: To consider a variance request on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, located at 276 Griswold, Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48 001 03 0730 001. The applicant is seeking a variance to erect a fence in the front yard along Butler Street, from the requirements of Section 18.09 of the Zoning Ordinance.

#### Meeting Location and Participation Information

If the Governor's Executive Order pertaining to temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings is extended, the meeting will take place via Zoom at the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/i/89951121814 +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592, Webinar ID: 899 5112 1814. Members of the public body and members of the public participating electronically will be considered present at the meeting and may participate as if physically present at the meeting.

Log in Instructions, Meeting Rules and Tips are available on the City's website at this link: https://www.ci.northville.mi.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=11895963&pageId=13505469#zoni ng, OR from the main Home page, click on the Government tab, then Agendas and Minutes, scroll to the Board of Zoning Appeals section of the webpage, and scroll down to the link for the July regular meeting. "Zoom Webinar User Guide for City of Northville Public" is also available on this website page.

If the Governor's Executive Order pertaining to video meetings is not extended, the meeting will take place at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902.

Please monitor the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us (from the Home page, click on the Government tab, then Agendas and Minutes, scroll to Board of Zoning Appeals) or the public notice board located in the City Hall 24-hour vestibule to confirm the final meeting location (Zoom or at City Hall).

For either meeting format, all of those wishing to participate in public comment will be given the opportunity during the public comment periods. Individuals requiring auxiliary aides or services should contact Dianne Massa, the City of Northville Clerk, at dmassa@ci.northville. mi.us at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting

#### **Application Review and Written Comments**

The variance application is available for review on the City's website: https://www. ci.northville.mi.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=11895963&pageId=13642897. OR from the main Home page, click on the Services tab, then Building and Planning, then Board of Zoning Appeals.

Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request must be submitted by 4:30pm on June 29, 2020 at City of Northville Municipal Building, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, or using the City Hall drop box located in the 24hour vestibule, or by email to dmassa@ci.northyille.mi.us

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A Good Day Cafe in South Lyon will close permanently

#### **David Veselenak** Hometownlife.com

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As restaurants prepare to reopen their dining rooms after being shut down for months, one South Lyon eatery won't be joining them.

A Good Day Cafe, 399 S. Lafayette, announced via Facebook, May 29 it would not reopen after being closed for several months due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"This has been one of the most extreme and most difficult decisions I have ever had to make,"



A Good Day Cafe had been temporarily closed since the end of March after operating as a takeout only restaurant, the sole way restaurants were allowed to operate



beginning March 16.

A message was sent to the restaurant via email seeking additional comment on the closure, but was not returned by press time. The phone number for the restaurant was also disconnected.

The restaurant has operated since late 2017, where it opened in the former Brown's Root Beer location. The eatery featured a wide array of sandwiches, salads, coffee and tea.

"I can not even begin to describe in words how wonderful it has been and the immense gratitude that I have from being able to serve this community," McPherson continued on the restaurant's Facebook page. "It has been an unforgettable two and ahalf years and I cannot thank you all enough for your loving support and business. I will miss you all."

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## Four-minute 911 call alarms fire chief

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

A four-minute 911 call for an elderly deaf woman using pandemic-popular videoconferencing has sparked some anxiety for South Lyon Fire Chief Robert Vogel.

"It went really painfully long," he said. "It just seemed like there was a lot of quiet air."

According to his research, most 911 calls typically are processed in less than 90 seconds.

Vogel's fire department works with Novi's dispatch center, which has a goal of processing fire and medical calls in 45 seconds. In 2019, those calls took an average of 37 seconds to process.

JoAnn Lambert's living conditions are not average.

On May 28, the 81year-old woman realized

a food container was burning in her microwave and was creating hazardous smoke. She picked up the re-

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mote controls that connect her to a sign language interpreter associated with Sorenson Video Relay Service in Salt Lake City.

That interpreter then called 911.

Hometown Life filed a Freedom of Information request to get a recording.

"911. What is the location of your emergency?" the Novi dispatcher said.

"This is an interpretive phone call for sign language. I'm interpreter 3187. I'm currently looking at a blank screen. It looks like somebody's coming into the screen now. They're saying, 'I'm coming. I need somebody to come.'"

The two worked out the details of the

fire. Lambert, at one point, steps away from the videoconferencing equipment working with her television screen. The dispatcher tells the interpreter to tell Lambert to evacuate.

Lambert returned to a place where the interpreter could see her.

"The smoke is bad. I can hardly breathe," the interpreter told the dispatcher.

The dispatcher told the interpreter firefighters were on their way.

Vogel said Lambert was not doing well and was not breathing normally when firefighters arrived to rescue her from inside her Washington Street apartment.

The fire from a burning container inside her microwave was extinguished. Damage was minor.

"It just seemed like this was a close call," Vogel said. "She got lucky."

The chief's now planning to meet with Lambert so they can discuss better options than videoconferencing, and Lambert said she's willing to hear what he has to say.

Vogel said it would be best if she could text 911. Other options Vogel has tossed around include a communications board similar to those used by the autistic community and more awareness of Novi dispatch center's TTY – or text telephone – services.

Lambert lost her hearing while young because of meningitis and learned sign language and how to talk with hearing people by reading lips.

She didn't give up. She sought more schooling as an adult, married, raised children and now has a great grandson.

"This is the remote for my phone," she said this week. "If I want to call out, I have a call history."



South Lyon fire engine. SUBMITTED PHOTO

She scrolled through a series of numbers, including 911, on her TV screen and called the video relay service that she uses. An interpreter quickly popped on the TV screen. Lambert said goodbye with some waves.

Alan Patterson has managed Novi's dispatch center for at least three years and Lambert's recent emergency was the first time he's ever worked with a third-party service. He recommended that she consider texting 911 or using the center's TTY services if another emergency arises.

"Both of those are just a little bit more direct route for communication," Patterson said.

He said dispatchers are trained to ask questions determining the level and priority of calls. Often, they remain on the line after first responders are dispatched to keep gathering information.

"That information can take some time to get, depending on the caller," he said. "For example, a call from a child, a confused elderly person, a hearing-impaired person, or a third party can take longer to process due to the difficulty in obtaining information."

Linda Benson is just glad her neighbor is safe.

Benson was outdoors with grandchildren when Lambert experienced her emergency and the fire chief arrived.

Benson offered Lambert her fan to get the smoke smell out of the apartment.

"It could have been worse," Benson said.

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## Can working from home lead to tax deductions?



Money Matters Rick Bloom Guest columnist

#### **Dear Rick**

I have a couple questions I hope you can help me with. Since the coronavidid not have enough of other deductions. My husband thinks that since we have the money in the bank, we should pay the mortgage off; that is are only debt, and he would love to be debt free. My husband and I plan to work for at least another 15 years, and we have a substantial amount of money saved for our retirement. If we don't pay off the expenses. Once again, you being a W-2 employee are basically precluded from a home office deduction.

With regards to the home, I don't have a problem with you using your excess cash to pay off the mortgage. After all, the money in the bank is probably getting about one percent in interest and that money is taxable. In comparison, you are paying 6½ percent on your mortgage. It is a slam dunk to pay off your mortgage. your money in the bank is taxable.

One last note and that is many people think that with interest rates so low paying off their house is not necessarily a good investment.

I disagree. Particularly, since the majority of people can no longer deduct their mortgage interest, paying off your mortgage does make sense financially, especially, for a conservative investor who is otherwise leaving their money in the bank.

rus shut everything down, I have been working out of my house. In fact, my boss told me I'll be at home at least through the summer.

My husband is self-employed and we have a room in our house that is dedicated just for his business. At tax time, we can deduct a variety of expenses related to my husband's home office. My first question to you is what expenses will I be able to deduct, and what sort of receipts should I be saving?

My next question relates to my mortgage. We still have a 6½ percent mortgage that we should have refinanced a few years ago. Last year, we did not deduct the interest because we house, we'll probably just leave the money in the savings account. *Thank you, Diana* 

Dear Diana:

Unfortunately, as an employee you are not eligible to deduct home/office expenses. Your husband, on the other hand, is not an employee but rather, self-employed and the rules regarding deductibility of home offices for a selfemployed individual are totally different.

For a self-employed person, if they use part of their home exclusively and regularly for business purposes, and it is either the main location of the business, the place where they meet clients or customers, or it's a separate structure, they can deduct some home office Of course, it is important to make sure that after you pay-off your mortgage you still have enough in the bank for an emergency fund of money (typically 3-6 months of living expenses).

Now that you've paid off your mortgage, let's address your extra savings. I think you should consider investing in Roth IRA. This would give you the opportunity to invest tax free and not be subject to the minimum required distribution rules at age 72. Investing money in a Roth IRA, if you're eligible, is a much better alternative than accumulating money in the bank. If nothing more, a Roth IRA grows tax free while Paying off your mortgage is a much better alternative than leaving the money in the bank at very low interest rates, not to mention in the case at hand, as the husband wants to be debt free. Also, let's not forget that it is a good feeling to have your house paid in full, and isn't that what money is supposed to bring you?

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, email Rick at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com

# Westland PD investigating death of a Novi teenager

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Westland police are investigating the death of a 17-year-old Novi resident.

Officers responded to the corner of Missaukee Court and Grand Traverse Street around 8:55 p.m. Sunday. Police said they found the victim, a black male, had received injuries inflicted by gunshot.

According to a release, the responding officers made attempts to revive the teenager before he succumbed to his injuries. The teen was not identified as of Monday morning.

Police do not think the man died by suicide.

Westland police, Michigan State Police and the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office are actively investigating the incident.

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

#### NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 23, 2020, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools, will hold a public hearing electronically via Zoom pursuant to Michigan Executive Order 2020-75, to consider the District's proposed 2020-2021 budget. Zoom meeting login information can be found at www.northvilleschools.org.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2020-2021 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2020-2021 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection online on June 19, 2020 at www.northvilleschools.org.

#### The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Laurie Doner, Secretary

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### Dairy

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a scoop. There, it can be enjoyed at some bar seating, reminiscent of what used to be in that space back in the 1970s before it was removed during the last remodel.

The space was originally scheduled to open earlier this spring, though slowdowns due to the coronavirus pandemic delayed work on the project for several weeks, Kinville said. The renovations marked the 80th anniversary of Guernsey Farms Dairy, which began in 1940 in Northville before moving to Novi in the 1960s. While Kinville said they had hoped for a big celebration to mark the occasion, the coronavirus pandemic has put a hold on that.

"That's what being an 80-year-old business is: you have to adapt," he said.

#### Dining room opening in a few weeks

The project was originally reviewed by Novi city officials last year, which allowed the restaurant approval to obtain its liquor license.

While dining rooms across the state prepared to reopen after nearly three months of closure because of the coronavirus, Kinville said it's still going to be a few weeks before table service is provided. He said the restaurant area will most likely be available for people looking to sit inside and eat some ice cream. The restaurant is currently offering carry-out with a smaller menu.

When the restaurant does reopen, patrons will see a different menu than before. Kinville said they've trimmed the menu in half and will feature some new items, such as a rib-eye steak.

One small tweak will be made to the restaurant's popular broasted chicken as well: Kinville said Guernsey buttermilk will be added to better connect it with the products made by the company

"The only thing we changed is we added some of our buttermilk to the brine so now this chicken — this is a top-seller in this restaurant — has a tie to the dairy that's right on the other side of the wall 10 feet away," he said. "Nobody will be disappointed, I promise you that."

For drinks, a list of signature cocktails, wines and even "boozy milk-



Guernsey Farm Dairy's restaurant features all new seating. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

shakes" are coming to the menu. Four taps for beer will flow and will rotate regularly. Coming to the space also is a chocolate pecan stout brewed by Bellaire-based Short's Brewing Company. The beer, Kinville said, uses some Guernsey Farms Dairy topping line mix.

The shop is currently open 11 a.m. 9 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Kinville said the hope is to expand them to Tuesday through Sunday in the future.

Both Priebe and Denlinger enjoyed a small cup of ice cream, Priebe cookies and cream and Denlinger butter pecan. While Priebe won't be around as often, Denlinger, a Northville resident, said she can't wait to come back now that the shop has reopened.

"I was thrilled," she said. "I'll be stopping in a lot."

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Guernsey Farm Dairy employee Lindsey Esten helps a customer at the counter .





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### Diplomas

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which staff bestowed upon Joe when she stepped on to the commencement stage.

"It was bittersweet," the Milford mom said. "Of course I felt sad that he wasn't here to accept all this, but me and my husband are honored to accept it for him. We promised we would always celebrate him like he is here."

Joe, who worked full-time for a construction firm and had overcome many personal struggles to achieve his diploma, was all about family, Christy said. He was also survived by his father, Larry, and his younger brother, Connor.

The motto "it takes a village to raise a child" rings true to Christy, who said Joe's village included Dowker and Karen Gerard, Harbor High teacher and adult ed student advisor, who she said feels like family to her.

Christy said she plans to take her son's graduation cap to Dowker and Gerard to sign. At the graduation, she released a balloon signed by the family.

Joe, who loved to be the center of attention, would have loved the fanfare.

"I left there feeling like he accomplished something and we helped him accomplish it," she said. "Joe had no shame in his game, he would have hammed it up and let them know he was there, and his personality would have come out for sure."

#### COVID just one more stumbling block

Jessica Worden, 35, finally crossed the finish line at the Huron Valley adult ed commencement, surmounting obstacles that make the pandemic seem like hardly a blip on her life's radar.

The Waterford resident dropped out of school at 17 to raise her sister's baby in order to keep him from going into foster care. She had custody of her nephew for the next decade.

In 2016, Jessica and her mother, Jena Marek, enrolled in the Huron Valley adult ed program to finish their high school education together, but Jessica was foiled by a dog bite, which was a blessing in disguise.

The bite sustained from her Great Dane when she got between it and another dog resulted in 28 stitches and damaged nerves. While she was being treated at the hospital with her husband



Izaiah Rousseau graduates from Harbor High on June 3.

Tyg by her side, he suffered cardiac arrest, leading to the discovery of a heart condition for which he is now treated.

In fall 2017 she enrolled to try again. But two months later was called upon to help her brother-in-law, a widower with two young sons, one of whom was discovered to have a brain tumor. Surgery was successful, but tragedy lay ahead.

In May 2018, another nephew was murdered in Pontiac, leading her to spend time in court for the trial and leaving her feeling defeated about life and her education.

"And then I just gave up for a little bit, because I had already tried three times to go, and my mom was like, 'You have to give it one more try," Worden recalled. "I felt it wasn't meant for me to go to school anymore. Every time I start, something horrific in my life happens. What more can I take that is going to happen?"

Last fall, she dug in again, and then coronavirus arrived in March threatening yet another derailment of her dream.

Worden, who is a home healthcare worker and raising nephew Dayvin, could only look in stunned disbelief at the email that said school was closed.

"I thought, 'Oh my God. Seriously? Here we go, it's really not meant for me to finish school,'" she recalled.

But a worldwide pandemic was the one enemy she would finally defeat, and even though the graduation ceremony



Meg McKloley makes some celebratory bubbles for Harbor High graduates. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

was way out of the ordinary, she said she wouldn't change it.

"With everything I have been through, it was everything and more than I could have asked for," she said. "Because I didn't go through school the traditional way, why have a traditional ceremony?"

True to form in a life that hasn't been easy, her car was in the shop and she and husband Tyg pulled up to the drivethru ceremony in a rented 2020 GMC Terrain, with nephew Dayvin, as well as two nieces. She got out of the car, wearing her cap and tassel adorned with a passage from Proverbs, "She is clothed in strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future."

In her excitement to get to the stage as Gerard announced her as the adult ed valedictorian, nearly forgot to grab her diploma and carnation from the table until reminded by Dowker. She recalls proudly the clapping and cheering she received from the staff, the people who had pushed for her, and believed in her even when she didn't believe in herself.

"I felt like a star, they absolutely made me feel like a star—I felt amazing," she said. "I felt like a 30-year goal was accomplished, I felt wonderful. It almost made me feel like everything I had to endure and go through was worth every bit of it."

She reflected back on 2016, when she had first stepped into the Huron Valley

adult ed building in White Lake and told her mother and Gerard that she didn't belong there, that she was too old.

Gerard responded with words that have stayed with her.

"She said, 'You're never too old, it's never too late to go back and finish something," Worden recalled.

Those words, along with gestures like the staff sending her flowers following her husband's heart troubles, when she was again out of school and at the lowest point of her life, or just lending an ear when she needed it, are not forgotten and never will be.

Worden, who recently accepted a job at the Ford Livionia transmission plant and plans to attend college to become a social worker, can't wait to return to see the Harbor High staff when it is safe and hug those who helped her succeed.

Gerard looks forward to that day.

"I know that good things are in store for them in the future," she said. "They showed determination and courage to even walk through the doors of this building to complete their education and by willing to adapt to the current situation, they showed the inner strength they had and I know they will have success in their future because of their ability to do that."

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### Protest

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tant for the 90 percent white community to stand together with the black community both here and nationwide and recognize the privilege of protesting peacefully and honorably.

The 2019 South Lyon East graduate said racism is a problem everywhere and she hopes to combat it in this community where she recalls seeing classmates driving trucks to school with Confederate flags.

"Allowing racism to happen and being complacent is an act of racism in itself," she said.

Henrietta Bosley, an African-American woman, has lived in South Lyon for 13 years and was at Sunday's protest with her family, including her husband and daughter, son-in-law and grandson.

"I'm here to stop the silence and the privilege," she said. "We need to all love one another, we are all God's children."

Bosley said she has experienced racism often at local businesses. She said examples include being seated in isolation at restaurants, and other diners having their orders taken ahead of her in spite of her prior arrival, and grocery workers not helping her out to her car.

"It's going to take a new generation that needs to say 'No more," Bosley said. "You're not born racist, you're taught it. We need people talking to people. If you see me in the store, talk to me. I'll talk to anybody."

Zaq Makowski held a sign at the protest proclaiming Black Lives Matter and also promoting the defunding of police.

"I'm speaking out against police brutality because it's my community and it's kind of the final straw," the South Lyon resident said. "They should take funds for police and allocate to other services."

He suggested a better use of the funds could include social work and mental health programs.

South Lyon Police Lt. Doug Baaki stood nearby in uniform during the protest. Shortly after 2:30 p.m., as the crowd was mostly dispersing, he noted "it went off without a hitch" with all attendees "respectful and nice."

"I'm glad they got their message out in a peaceful manner," he said. "Everyone is afforded the First Amendment. What happened to Mr. Floyd is a crime and those police officers will be held accountable."



Henrietta Bosley, at front, is joined by Scott Lynn, pastor of South Lyon Family Apostolic Church (at left) as well as members of her family including husband Tim behind her, and grandson, Isaiah Ramirez, daughter Mecha Ramirez, and son-in-law Dana Ramirez, at the Black Lives Matter protest in South Lyon on June 7. PHOTOS BY SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Protesters kneel for 8 minutes and 46 seconds in silence.

Tina Sain, a South Lyon resident joined at the protest by her husband Kirk and their young son, Ryan, said something has to change, "even in suburbia

Tina Sain, a South Lyon resident and a predominantly red area."

"We're trying to show kids that if something is not right, you gotta take action to fix it."



Zoe Noechel, 14, of South Lyon, came with torn ligaments to the South Lyon protest to "show everyone is equal."

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## **Couple aspires to train COVID-19 detection dogs**

#### Griggs hope canines will be able to sniff out asymptomatic carriers

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For years Lori and Jack Grigg have trained dogs to detect bed bugs, low blood sugar in diabetics and assist as medical support dogs.

Now the couple is hoping to train dogs to detect the COVID-19 virus.

The body's reaction when infected with the virus gives off a specific scent, Lori Grigg said, allowing a dog to detect whether a person is infected.

Ideally, she hopes the dogs will be able to sniff out those who are asymptomatic in crowds at airports, schools and hospitals.

The couple was prompted to train COVID-19 detection dogs after hearing about studies in Europe and at the University of Pennsylvania.

"I think it is the cutting edge of detection dogs. I think it is going to be really highly used," Lori Grigg, 59, said. "They are saying the dogs should be able to sniff out about 250 people an hour."

The couple is the only training facility attempting to train a COVID-19 detection dog in the state, she said.

#### **Coronavirus samples needed**

Their biggest hurdle is obtaining samples of the virus.

The couple has reached out to hospitals, nursing homes and on social media, with no luck.

"Right now, that's what we are waiting on, we can't find anybody who's got it," Jack Grigg, 59, said.

The collection process is simple, they said, with the Griggs providing all sample supplies, including cotton gloves and nylon socks.

"We need the virus," she said. "I would drop off a sample baggie with gloves and socks in there. Have them put it on for 10/15 minutes."

Once she receives the samples Lori Grigg said they will be handled with "every precaution" and placed in a freezer to preserve.

"Eventually the virus will die," she said, but the scent will remain.

Jack Grigg said dogs detect the smell of the body's reaction to the virus, not so much the scent of the virus itself.

"Dogs have the ability to separate odors... We want them to be able to separate through a person's perfume or cologne, he said. "For instance, if I am making a batch of chili and one of the dogs comes in, they don't smell chili. They smell the bean, tomatoes, the garlic, they smell the hamburger."

When detecting, dogs are able to smell a collection of odors and alert on the common aspect between them.

"If we have 10 different people then we would have 10 different samples to be able to train the dog off of hoping for that one consistent smell that the dog will learn that this the one that gets you the treat," Lori Grigg said.

That's why the couple needs samples from multiple positive patients so the dog can be trained to alert to a person's reaction, regardless of secondary odors.

"You want the dog to be able to recognize it on a lot of different people. Medication that people are taking makes a difference, their regular body odors..." she said.

More than 25 years ago, the couple

created a dog training company, Paradise Dog Training LLC, devoted to training dogs for people, companies and hospitals.

The training process for COVID-19 detection dogs is similar to training used for a diabetic alert dog, Jack Grigg said.

Scent samples are collected from the person and used to trigger a reaction through food positive-reinforcement.

The couple trains using "scent cans," new paint cans they buy from the hardware store. Different items, such as food, toothpaste and makeup are placed in various cans, in addition to one can containing the scent sample.

The dogs are trained to put their heads in the cans, sniff and indicate if the scent sample is present by sitting next to the can.

Similarly the couple will take gloves and socks collected from a COVID-19 positive person for the scent sample.

Training a diabetic alert dog takes around nine months and bed bud detecting dogs about three months. They have four bed bug sniffing dogs and plan to cross-train them to detect the virus.

Lori Grigg anticipates cross-training those dogs should take about three weeks, since the dogs already understand the basics of searching.

In the past the couple has partnered with Wayne State University medical students and hope to partner with them to study COVID-19 dogs when school resumes.

Those interested in supplying a sample should call 810-714-4861 or email jack@paradise-dogtraining.com

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Tyrone Township residents Lori and Jack Grigg pose, May 29 with Casey Chasem, part of their Paradise Dog Training kennel of dogs. The couple hopes to train dogs to detect COVID-19. PHOTOS BY GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY



Rudy, a Labrador retriever, sits next to the one can holding a container of bed bugs, his signal that he has spotted the item he's trained to find.

### Nonprofits sue apartment owners, managers in Canton

## Former judge Brennan to be released from jail early

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Joseph Paliwoda has spent decades trying to help addicts reclaim normal lives.

That has meant overcoming some resistance from those questioning whether former substance abusers truly are a right fit for their neighborhoods.

The chief executive officer of Personalized Nursing LIGHT House Inc. said he would work to address unease by talking and educating away concerns expressed by apartment officials and tenants.

However, a Canton Township apartment complex owner pushed Paliwoda beyond his limits, prompting him to file a federal lawsuit against the owners of The Crossings at Canton, claiming fair housing and civil rights violations against his clients.

Paliwoda alleges he was forced to find housing for about 70 people living at the Honeytree Boulevard apartments as part of LIGHT House's recovery program after the complex came under new ownership and management in 2018.

Defendants Crossing Owner LLC and Pepper Pike Property Management LLC apparently "decided it needed a different demographic and refused to renew its leases with LIGHT House," the lawsuit alleges. "What defendants obviously meant in turning away LIGHT House and its nearly \$230,000 in annual rent, which was paid on time, was that it no longer wished to have LIGHT House's clients, who are all persons with disabilities, living in their apartment complex.

"In doing so, Defendants treated LIGHT House and its clients with animus based on unfair and outmoded myths and stereotypes associated with people with their disability – substance use disorder."

Co-plaintiffs Paliwoda, LIGHT House and the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit have several demands including a jury trial, declaration of violations, prevention of future discrimination and compensation for various damages, including humiliation and embarrassment.

Paliwoda said the defendants refused to work with him despite The Crossings at Canton housing LIGHT House recovery program participants since 2004. A message to the apartment complex seeking comment was not returned.



The Crossings at Canton apartment complex on Honeytree Boulevard is at the center of a federal lawsuit because of alleged violations against more than 70 people struggling with substance abuse. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

LIGHT House is a non-profit group whose clients can spend about 10 weeks in an outpatient recovery program with housing. That's when they live in furnished apartment units near treatment centers in Plymouth and Canton.

The non-profit supports about 125 clients at several apartment complexes. LIGHT House staffers make random check-in visits, and the tenants are regularly screened for substance use.

LIGHT House began receiving "Notice to Quit, Termination of Tenancy" forms for its leased apartments at The Crossings at Canton in December 2018. They came with cover letters explaining that the complex was undergoing major renovations and should be vacated by spring.

Paliwoda alleged the apartment complex was still advertising apartment units with immediate occupancy and management refused to work with him.

Ultimately, he found new housing for his clients. But the financial losses and his clients' emotional distress prompted his lawsuit. He wants the apartment complex owners and their supporters to know their "blatant," "harmful" violations aren't acceptable.

"It was a very stressful and challenging time," Paliwoda said.

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Former Livingston County judge Theresa Brennan was to be released from jail Wednesday, ending her sixmonth jail sentence about two weeks early.

Brennan's original sentence end date was June 25, Livingston County Sheriff Michael Murphy said.

Brennan, 63, was removed from the bench by the Michigan Supreme Court after a years-long Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission investigation and her guilty plea to a criminal charge brought by former Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette.

"We said right from the beginning that we were not going to treat her differently from any other inmate," Murphy said.

Brennan was able to earn credit for good behavior, just like any other inmate, he said.

"You can earn good time by behaving yourself in jail, or working in some way," he said. "We give a little extra time off if the inmates work inside the jail. If she were in our jail that would include things like cleaning or laundry."

Though she was booked into the Livingston County Jail on Jan. 24, she was later moved to another jail outside the county for safety reasons. Murphy declined to say where Brennan was moved, but public records show she was moved to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Brennan was sentenced to six months jail, 200 hours of community service and 18 months of probation on Jan. 17 by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Paul Cusick.

Brennan could have faced up to 15 years in prison if convicted on the perjury charge but pleaded guilty in December as part of a plea deal with the Michigan Attorney General's Office. The sentencing agreement called for no more than six months in jail.

Two other charges, misconduct in office and tampering with evidence, were dismissed as part of the plea deal.

Attorney General Dana Nessel's office said Brennan lied about a cell phone that was considered a marital asset during hearings in her own divorce case, that she tampered with evidence by trying to remove material



Brennan

misconduct by failing to recuse herself immediately from her own divorce case and used that delay to dispose of evidence.

Brennan's law license was suspended following her plea. That suspension was still in place Friday.

She is also unable to hold elected office as part of a six-year suspension by the Michigan Supreme Court as part of the court's ruling when it removed Brennan from the bench last year.

The opinion also stated that should Brennan be elected or appointed to a judicial office during the suspension, she is still "debarred from exercising the power and prerogatives of office until at least the expiration of the suspension"

She cannot run for office after the suspension ends due to a state law barring judges from seeking reelection after they've turned 70.

The state's highest court removed Brennan from the bench in June of 2019, saying she committed eight instances of misconduct, including not disclosing her close personal relationships with former Michigan State Police Detective Sean Furlong and with local attorney Shari Pollesch.

Furlong was the lead detective in the murders of Richard and Brenda Kowalski. Richard's brothet, Jerome Kowalski, confessed to the murders in an interview conducted by Furlong in the days following the murders.

Brennan, who oversaw the case, denied defense motions to have Jerome Kowalski's confession thrown out and did not allow a false confession expert to testify.

Jerome Kowalski was convicted on murder charges in 2013. His conviction was later overturned in light of the JTC allegations and criminal charges against Brennan.

His new trial is scheduled to take place later this year.

"In determining appropriate sanctions, we seek to restore and maintain the dignity and impartiality of the judiciary and to protect the public," the Supreme Court opinion stated.

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## Stevenson's Griffith goes south to play soccer in college

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Livonia Stevenson senior Zelia Griffith is headed south for the next step in her soccer career.

The defender, who will play left outside back in college, signed with Alabama State University earlier this year, joining Michigan Hawks teammate Lexi Delong.

"I chose Alabama State because I have always been in love with the southern hospitality and the atmosphere of the south," Griffith said. "I specifically picked Alabama State because the coach felt right. Once I stepped on campus I loved the big campus feel.

She added that she's excited to experience playing in another part of the country.

"I am used to the cold climate of Michigan and I feel like playing in the hot southern climate would be a fun challenge," Griffith said. "Being able to play year round outdoors is such an exciting thought."

Griffith was originally committed to another school, but decommitted in December. She then went to work on finding the right school and was put in touch with coaches at Alabama State.

From there, things took off and she

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Stevenson's Zelia Griffith will be continuing her academic and athletic careers at Alabama State University. PHOTO COURTESY OF ZELIA GRIFFITH

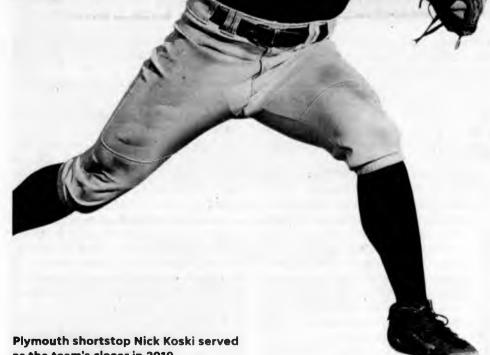
# FOR LOVE OF THE UNIVERSITY

Plymouth's Koski passes on baseball offers to attend Michigan, plans to try to walk on

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Plymouth shortstop Nick Koski served as the team's closer in 2019. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM The work - Michigan

lymouth High School senior Nick Koski had a choice this spring: attend a smaller school on a baseball scholarship or attend the University of Michigan without the promise of a roster spot. The Wildcats' shortstop and closer, who hit third in the team's lineup last season and batted .320, received an offer to play baseball at Heidelberg University in Ohio and interest from a variety of other schools, including Wayne State. Heidelberg made it to the Division III College World Series last season and is a powerhouse at the D-III level. However, for Koski the academic opportunities at Michigan proved to be more important and he decided to commit to becoming a Wolverine. He said it was a tough decision, but that he always felt like he knew what he would do. "Honestly I think I always had that feeling," Koski said. "There was never a certain time where it just clicked. Michigan is obviously a great school and I could've played for some scholarships, but there's always been something in me that

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## Madonna football continues patience during crisis

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On the Madonna University athletics , website, there is a timer that is continuing to tick down to Aug. 29 at 12:30 p.m.: the start of Crusader football.

Ever since the idea became reality in August 2018, ever since athletic director Scott Kennell hired Brian Foos as Madonna's first head coach in January 2019, the timer has continued to tick down, anticipating the start of a new chapter in the school's history. But heading into the summer before the start of the Crusaders' inaugural season, Madonna players have still yet to put pads on.

The coronavirus stopped spring practice and delayed the start of summer preparations for the 2020 season indefinitely.

Kennell said the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, the conference Madonna is a member of, will have a meeting to discuss plans for the fall in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic on

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While there remains a level of uncertainty as to what actions will take place.

Kennell remains optimistic, insisting that Madonna is prepared no matter what the announcement will be on July 1.

"We're hoping to go full-throttle with the schedule, as long as it's a

good situation with the health of our student-athletes, coaches

and staff," Kennell said.

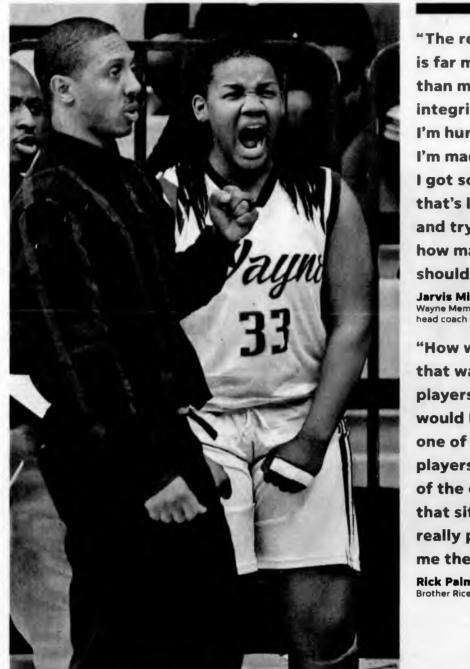
Foos said the players are itching to get out onto the field to show what they can do, having waited during the "redshirt" year of the program to play with a full team in 2020. The head coach praised his group, saying they have been great at being flexible.

However, the head coach is anxious too.

Foos said he is tired of coaching onfield speed and agility training, tired of leading players in weight room workouts.

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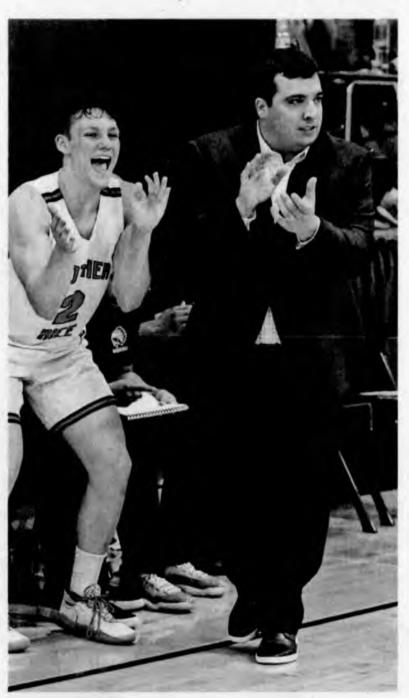




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"The responsibility is far more heavy than my own integrity. Of course I'm hurt. Of course I'm mad, but, again, I got somebody that's looking at me and trying to gauge how mad they should be." Jarvis Mitchell, left, Wayne Memorial girls basketball

"How would I feel if that was one of my. players dying? How would I feel if it was one of my former players who was one of the officers in that situation? That really probably hit me the hardest." Rick Palmer, right, Brother Rice basketball head coach



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## **Coaches tackle issues of violence,** racism talking real-world issues

#### **Colin Gay**

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The reason Jarvis Mitchell describes himself as personable, a father-type figure to the girls basketball players he coaches at Wayne Memorial, is because he did not have that growing up.

nected, conscious or competent. To him, there was no relatable bridge between what was going on in the world and the basketball court he was playing on. So when Mitchell first stepped onto the basketball court as a coach, his priority was to give the girls he was coaching what he never had. "I coach because I played basketball. so it's something I feel comfortable with as far as merging life skills with it." Mitchell said. "But honestly, though, the main mission in life is to make sure that these kids are educated as far as getting to the next level or whatever level they aspire to have. In the response of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, along with the ensuing protests - both peaceful and violent - against police brutality and racism around the country, coaches like Mitchell and Brother Rice basketball head coach Rick Palmer have found a teaching opportunity with their players, using the social issues going on outside their respective basketball gyms to mold them, more importantly, as people.

Wayne Memorial girls basketball player texted Mitchell at 11:30 p.m.

This player was distraught: Her brother was out protesting, and she wanted to go with him. Mitchell said he convinced the player into staying home, explaining to her how important it was for her not to be out there.

"It's a plague," Mitchell said. "It's a In high school, Mitchell said he never real plague that these kids are going layed for a coach who was socially con- through that they have to try and travel through the entirety of their life feeling a certain way, but not knowing how to express that and not being able to gauge when the time (is) to fight and not to." After the death of Floyd and with the demonstrations he has seen, Mitchell said it is easy for him to project the same level of rage and anger many across the country are feeling; he's feeling it, too. However, the difference for him is his actions are impressionable on the athletes he coaches. he's someone that is helping mold them as a coach and a mentor. With that, he says, comes a level of responsibility. "The responsibility is far more heavy than my own integrity," Mitchell said. "Of course I'm hurt. Of course I'm mad, but, again, I got somebody that's looking at me and trying to gauge how mad they should be." As the head coach of a girls basketball team, race is not the only issue Mitchell helps his players tackle. It's everything, from interaction with boys in high school, to developing skills to help them become women.

the basketball court is a good place to continue the conversation.

"Now is the chance for us coaches and administrators and whoever may be in charge, for us to say, 'Look, this is a more prevalent time for us to come together as opposed to picking a side," Mitchell said.

#### Emphasis on open communication

were black and four weren't; and we got a diverse staff," Palmer said. "Not every team can sit down and have those conversations with a lot of kids from a lot of different viewpoints and a lot of difference in opinion in good, healthy dialogue."

Palmer promoted conversations, helping players become more comfortable talking about social issues with each other and promoting another aspect of the love, brotherhood and family ideas that he preaches throughout the season.

#### **Being an example**

But in terms of race, the issues Mitchell faces on a daily basis and the example that he sets as a head coach for a pre-Last week, one of the parents of a dominantly black girls basketball team,

Palmer, the Brother Rice basketball head coach, did have an example to base his own leadership style.

Playing for Kurt Keener at Detroit Country Day and Mike Turner at Albion, Palmer said the cultures they initiated making him feel comfortable was one he wanted with his players and the program as a whole.

When Palmer saw the news about Floyd's death, he first thought of his friends, those he consider to be brothers.

"My heart kind of goes out to them because they deal with things I don't have to deal with," Palmer said.

But then his focus turned on the team.

Two questions emerged: "How would I feel if that was one of my players dying?" and "How would I feel if it was one of my former players who was one of the officers in that situation?"

"That really probably hit me the hardest," Palmer said.

Instead of the usual culture and team-building exercises the team have done each Thursday in their weekly Zoom calls, Palmer changed it up, setting the focus on what was happening in the world around them.

"We got on the call Thursday, I think there were eight players on and four

But with this, he saw how young his team truly was.

"One of the things I didn't realize until I talked with them is when the unfortunate incident with Trayvon Martin happened, our freshmen were 6," Palmer said. "When the first 'I Can't Breathe,' that LeBron and Kobe (wore) - my guys were 7."

As a coach, Palmer said, his job is to push his players to grow in every aspect, to help them mature and find their voice. He said many of his players have done that, from attending a peaceful protest in Troy to showcasing their emotions and ideas on social media.

Palmer's goal with these conversations is not to push his agenda, but to make sure these social issues are being addressed.

"I don't know it all," Palmer said. "We're kind of going at this together, but you don't have to have all the answers or know exactly what to say. Just know it's OK to speak up."

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## Former award-winning **Stevenson swim coach Lois McDonald dies**

Lois McDonald, who served as a physical education teacher and swim coach at Livonia Stevenson High School from 1966-88, died April 17.

McDonald was instrumental in making sure girls had the same opportunities in sports as boys, serving as a chairperson on the Girls and Women's Sports Committee to help enact Title IX in 1972.

McDonald was awarded Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 1975 and is one of two women to earn the association's lifetime achievement honor: the Matt Mann award

During her years as a head coach, she coached 29 All-Americans and multiple state title winners, breaking multiple state records. Four of McDonald's teams were state runners-up.

McDonald also coached with the Livonia Spartan Aquatic Club from 1973-90, generating many state qualifies, Junior Olympic and national age group qualifiers

McDonald was preceded in death by her husband, John "Jack" McDonald. She is survived by their four children: Jill, Kim, Leslie and Kay.

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Lois McDonald, a former Livonia Stevenson swim coach, died April 17. COURTESY OF PATRICIA POIRIER

### Griffith

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committed to the program.

At Stevenson she was a member of the KLAA East Division champions last season and part of a strong defense that allowed only four goals against.

"My strengths as a player would be connecting passes through the backline," Griffith said. "It's important to possess the ball because if your team has the ball the other team can't score. One of the things I am known for is the flip throw in on the sideline, my Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker enjoyed when I used it at our home field to spice things up on the field."

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# NCAA shows it's out for blood



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At long last, nearly three years after the FBI started poking around in the underground business that fuels college basketball, we're starting to see some accountability from the NCAA.

And if the early returns are any indication, the NCAA is done messing around.

The penalties levied against Oklahoma State on Friday were fairly severe: A postseason ban for 2020-21, three years of probation, loss of a scholarship for three years and other various recruiting restrictions.

Given the details of the case, which involved former assistant Lamont Evans taking between \$18,150 and \$22,000 in bribes to steer athletes toward financial advisers, a postseason ban was surprising.

But the more interesting discussion is what that punishment portends for others who are waiting for their number to be called in the NCAA's infractions process. We're talking about schools like Southern Cal and Auburn, where the situation with former assistant Chuck Person looks similar, and obviously schools like Louisville, LSU, Arizona and Kansas where the underlying infractions are likely far more expansive than what Oklahoma State is dealing with.

Oklahoma State, of course, is going to both-appeal the sanctions and play the public outrage card. The school issued a statement saying they're "stunned by the severity of the penalties" and calling the ruling "an arbitrary decision ... applied to the institution for the egregious actions committed by a former coach that did not result in any benefit for the University.

And maybe that's true, to a certain extent. Evans, the former assistant, is long gone from the program. He wasn't buying players, he was wheeling and dealing to profit for himself. And by getting hit with a postseason ban now. Oklahoma State's one season with in-



Oklahoma State could lose recruit Cade Cunningham - center, seen in April 2019 - because of its postseason ban and other penalties levied Friday by the NCAA. CATALINA FRAGOSO/USA TODAY SPORTS

coming recruit Cade Cunningham, who has a chance to be the No. 1 overall NBA draft pick in 2021, is likely ruined. You can understand how the school and its fans might view that penalty as very unfair.

But if you care at all about the best interests of college basketball, you can't have it both ways this time. Either you want the NCAA to make a legitimate attempt to clean up the sport, which may include some really tough penalties, or what's the point of even trying?

The NCAA has no choice here. While the FBI investigation was largely a waste of government money and resources - after all the bluster. only a couple of shoe company executives and anonymous assistant coaches got popped - it exposed college basket-

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ball as a laughably corrupt enterprise in which Hall of Fame coaches like Bill Self have to rely on relationships with bag men and agent wannabes to help get them players.

College basketball is exactly as slimy as lots of us thought it was, and the only way to even start fixing it is by making some of the penalties so severe that coaches reassess the risk-reward equation that has long suggested that cheating pays.

Until now, the NCAA has been perceived as too weak and ineffective to really police any of this stuff, but nobody really counted on the FBI being able to tap phones and use undercover agents to lure basketball coaches and shoe company executives into a scheme.

While the FBI's return on investment may have been small, their work gave the NCAA a road map to wield as a hammer. And hammer they will.

Oklahoma State was only accused of one Level 1 violation, yet that didn't save their 2020-21 season Friday. Kansas, by contrast, has been accused of three Level 1 violations in men's basketball and a head coach responsibility charge against Self.

LSU's inevitable Notice of Allegations, which could include some incriminating wiretaps of head coach Will Wade, hasn't arrived. Auburn has refused to say one way or the other whether theirs is in hand. Arizona is still bracing for impact.

Based on the precedent set Friday, they should all be very concerned.





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## **Canton gives update on leisure services**

#### **Andrew Vailliencourt**

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Canton Township has released an update on its leisure services operations in light of Michigan's stay at home order being lifted.

The Canton Board of Trustees has administratively determined the following programs, events and facility closures will remain in effect:

• All parks and trails remain open. Playgrounds, including splash playgrounds, are closed until further notice. Canton urges all park users to follow proper CDC protocol and recommended social distancing guidelines.

• The Canton Sports Center will remain closed through at least Aug. 1, including adult softball leagues, all tournaments, and Canton Township facilitated programs at this location.

• The Summit on the Park, including Canton Club 55+, will remain closed to members and the general public through at least Oct. 1. All current and active memberships will be automatically extended. Those wishing to be refunded may contact the Summit at 734-394-5460 or by emailing leisure@ canton-mi.org.

• All Recreation programs, classes, and events, with the exception of the Canton Farmers Market, are canceled through the summer. This includes all summer camps, programs, community events, and concerts.

• The Canton Farmers Market will resume in mid-July with new COVID-19 safety protocols and restrictions in place.

• The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will remain closed to the public for ticketed events for the foreseeable future. All purchased tickets will automatically be refunded.

• The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center, as well as affiliated programs and services, remains closed and will resume following the Plymouth-Canton

Community Schools in-person classroom schedule.

• Pheasant Run and Fellows Creek Golf Clubs are open with restrictions in place based on current executive orders

Please note: Individuals registered for a class, program or camp that has been canceled or suspended will automatically be refunded. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org or www.canton-mi.org/COVID19.

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### Koski

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wanted to go to Michigan."

He plans to go into medicine and feels graduating from Michigan will help put him on the right track to a long, successful career.

Koski won't be giving up his dream on playing college baseball though. He plans to walk on to the Wolverines this fall and become a member of the team that reached the Division I College World Series last year.

Making the team won't be easy. Baseball teams don't typically accept many walk-ons, and take significantly fewer than a sport like football. Despite the odds, Koski knows he'll be able to play baseball at some level, even if it's club or intramural.

"Not playing baseball at Michigan, the idea is a little tough because I'm not ready to give it up, but there's always been something inside me that wanted to go to U-M," Koski said. "You hear stories about people walking on all the time. I think those people believe in themselves more than anyone."

At Michigan he plans to switch from shortstop to either third base or second base. He feels it will be a better fit for him and the team. His primary strength will be his offense. He hits for both power and average, something every team al-



Nick Koski, tagged out while attempting to steal second base during a game last year, plans to go into medicine and feels graduating from Michigan will help put him on the right track to a long, successful career. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE COM

ways needs.

He also set the Plymouth record for saves in a season last year, but doesn't anticipate pitching in college

Koski said he's emailed with coaches about walk-on tryouts, which are normally held in the fall. COVID-19 could force there to be some changes, which is why he is continuing to have his at-bats filmed to send to coaches. He will play summer league baseball as well, giving him one more chance to hit full stride

before arriving in Ann Arbor.

Koski is one of eight seniors on the Plymouth baseball team that didn't get to play their final high school season. Those seniors are: Colton Knowles, Jeremy Fuchs (playing college baseball at Eastern Michigan), Jack Kujawski, Jamari Baker, Owen Oszust, Ethan Bentley and Kevin O'Farrell.

"Baseball has always been a very mental sport so over the years it has kind of trained me to have a better mindset

about things and to stay mentally strong," Koski said. "Obviously with the high school season not happening that was really hard because it was my last run at playing for Plymouth. I'm never going to get to put the Plymouth jersey on again which is hard to fathom."

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## **MHSAA revises reopening guidelines**

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With Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ending Michigan's stay-at-home order June 1, the Michigan High School Athletic Association revised the guidelines to reopen high school sports in the state after they were halted due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Schools in the MHSAA may begin summer activities at school facilities outdoors if both the school and the school district has declared that school facilities are open to the students and staff, and that the academic school year

is complete.

Based on the executive order released by the state government, schools are allowed to have outdoor groups of 100 people or fewer, but with a safe social distance of six feet between participants. With this, competition may not begin, but outdoor practices and workouts are permitted.

Indoor facilities, such as weight rooms and swimming pools, remain closed

"We were excited and encouraged by Governor Whitmer's announcements (June 1)," MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl said in a statement. "The opportunity for outside gatherings of up to

100 allowed us to rework a number of guidelines that we had published Friday as part of the MHSAA/NFHS reopening document

"Our schools have been cautiously eager to take this long-awaited first step. We will continue to provide updates in accordance with the Governor's directives for reopening the state, always prioritizing safety for all involved in school sports programs."

As the guidelines state, all coaches and students should be screened daily for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

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### Madonna

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He is ready to see pads on his players. "I haven't coached football in about 20

months," Foos said. "I'm ready to get back out on the field.

#### Anticipating the start

Having previously been a part of two start-up football programs at the collegiate level - at Ohio Dominican and Lindsey Wilson College, respectively -Foos knows what it is like to wait.

Knowing nothing about Madonna or Livonia, Foos immediately saw potential for success when he took the job, equating the team construction as similar to what he helped build as a graduate assistant at Ohio Dominican: Madonna was in the suburb of a major city and talent was everywhere.

"Our potential is through the roof," Foos said. "Now, it's going to take some time to get there, but we've got the makings of something very special here. As a football coach, you look for things that are special like that. It was very clear to see there is something very special going on here at Madonna.

For Kennell, football was not something on his radar when he took the Madonna athletic director job in 2016.

First dabbling in the thought of add-



Madonna football coach Brian Foos, center, and offensive coordinator Matt Wright along with mascot Crusader. PHOTO COURTESY OF BRAD EMONS

ing men's and women's ice hockey, Kennell, who spent five years as the head of athletics at Penn College, saw what other universities were doing, and saw the potential of what football could do for the university as a whole.

"Football, in my opinion, completes the total experience for the college student, brings more energy to any other sporting event on campus," Kennell said.

"It helps engage the community surrounding the campus as well. Football, I think, is a good sport to bring on to unite everyone around the Madonna University area and community."

From the start, Kennell said he expects football to be the driving force of the athletic department, creating a bond between Madonna and the rest of the Livonia community.

In the year and a half between taking the head coaching job and the start of the first season, Foos said his focus has been on being welcomed in the Livonia community before welcoming the city into its games starting Aug. 29.

"I want people involved in our program because it is in their city," Foos said. "Hopefully it becomes a part of, 'Hey, what did Madonna do this last weekend?"

Players are waiting for the start of that process. Kennell said players have been reaching out to him and the coaching staff wanting answers to, "When can we get to campus? When can we work out?"

Foos said that close to immediately after Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ended the state's stay-at-home order, his quarterback texted him with the news, anticipating the soon start to practice.

"I'm just like, 'Hold on,' " Foos said with a chuckle.

Madonna is still waiting for direction from the NAIA, but will be ready to show the university, to show Livonia and to show Michigan how the hard work already put in will look like on the field when that timer hits zero.

"I see us as Livonia's team," Kennell said. "We are Livonia's team, and I think that's something that everyone can be proud of."

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**CORONAVIRUS:** SOMETHING GOOD

## Michigan 8th-graders get virtual tour of US Capitol



In this Zoom meeting screen capture, Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin, D-Holly, takes eighth-grade students on a virtual tour of Washington, D.C., May 29.

## **Obituaries**

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#### **Linwood A. Fritz**

Lin Fritz, 85, died on May 18, 2020 from injuries in a car accident.

He is survived by his sister Josephine Childers and 3 other generations of nieces and nephews. He is preceded by his parents Ambrose and Lillian Fritz, his siblings Lawrence, Harold and Leonard Fritz, Theda



Lyke, Lillian Ash and Mildred Honsiger.

He was a graduate of Northville High School and Michigan State. He was been a resident of South Florida for over 50 years. He retired from ATT in 2003.

He filled his retirement life with worldwide travel. Lin was the Finance Director for his homeowners association. He had been a civil rights advocate.

John Wisely Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

About 350 eighth-grade students from around Michigan took a virtual tour Friday to Washington D.C. via a Zoom call with U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, D-Holly.

Slotkin greeted the students, showed them a 15-minute video tour of the Capitol with cameos from Slotkin's former colleagues who work in the State Department and the Pentagon, and told them a trip she made there in seventh grade planted the seed of public service in her own mind.

"I had never been to D.C. and I went with a bunch of people my age, and got to meet then-Michigan Sen. Carl Levin, and walk around Congress and do all these same things," said Slotkin, who was elected in 2018. "It was a really big deal for me at the time because I could somehow start to think about what it might be like to have a job in the government."

Slotkin noted this is the time of year when a lot of middle school students typically take field trips to the capitol. Because of the COVID-19 shutdown, students are stuck at home.

Slotkin visited Statuary Hall inside the Capitol on her virtual tour and showed them the statue of Lewis Cass, a former senator who served as territorial governor before Michigan became a state. She also showed them her office in the Capitol, noting that seniority counts when it comes to securing a good spot.

"I'm a freshman so the freshmen have to all enter a lottery to try and get an office and the better number you draw, the better office you can pick. You have like two hours to look at all the free offices when you get here," she said. "I picked this so-so number, so my office is good, it's not the biggest one we've ever seen but welcome to it."

The tour included Slotkin showing the students around the city, courtesy of a 3D map.

Students didn't talk on the call, but submitted questions in writing.

One student asked what advice she'd give to kids thinking about getting into politics. Slotkin said she first was elected



In this screen capture from a Zoom meeting, Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin, D-Holly, speaks to eighth-grade students via video from her office in the U.S. Capitol. ZOOM PHOTOS

class president as and that was a good learning experience.

"My No. 1 piece of advice is, if you want to be in politics later, you've got to learn how to run for something today." Slotkin said. "It can be class president or treasurer, it can be something in a church group, a school group, a community service group. You got to experience leadership. The best way to know how to lead is to first learn from people who are doing it now and then just dive in and run for something."

One student wanted to know which presidents she'd met and she said George W. Bush and Barack Obama. As a CIA analyst, she gave intelligence briefings to both men in the Oval Office related to fighting in Iraq. She also mentioned meeting Madeleine Albright, who came to America as a refugee and later became Secretary of State under President Bill Clinton.

A student asked Slotkin what was her favorite place in Michigan and she said her farm in Holly, though she loves the Upper Peninsula as well.

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Most importantly, Linwood was a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 48 years. He was instrumental in starting many meetings and mentoring countless people. He was very active in recovery. He leaves a void in the life of many friends in the program.

Memorial Services were held at Fred Hunter's Fort Lauderdale, FL. www.fredhunters.com

Memorial Donations may be given to the Broward Humane Society at: humanebroward.com/

#### **Margaret Mary LaFrance**

LYON TWP. - Margaret Mary LaFrance, 76, of Lyon Township, Michigan, joined her heavenly family on May 30, 2020. She was born to parents Stephanie Pasek and Michael Melnychenko, on July 02, 1943 in Detroit, MI. She graduated from St. Andrew High School in 1961. She went on to study Dental Assisting at Henry Ford Community College and graduated with an Associates Degree.

Marge, as she's known to her family and friends, worked non-stop since her first job at 16 years old, and with the majority as a Wife, Mother and Homemaker. She enjoyed singing, dancing, camping, canoeing, racing snowmobiles, bowling in a couple's league, spending time with her many family and friends, especially her children and grandchildren. Before her health took a turn mid-2019, Marge was very active in faith and fellowship at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon, Michigan where she and Bob were members for the last 45 years.

Marge met Bob in 1972 at the Valiant Club in Detroit, Michigan. They were married on June 9, 1973 at Saint Stephens Catholic Church, also in Detroit. Together they raised 2 children: Bob III and Marcia.

Margaret is survived by her loving husband, Robert LaFrance II, son Robert LaFrance III (Laura, Mimi), and daughter Marcia Hemphill (Van, Gigi). She was preceded in death by her parents Michael and Stephanie (Pasek) Melnychenko, and her brother and sister-in-law Michael and Gloria Melnychenko.

Marge was laid to rest on June 6, 2020 at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan, surrounded by family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family humbly requests donations may be made to Hospice of Lansing (https://hospiceoflansing.org/), or the Michigan Parkinson Foundation (https://www.parkinson smi.org/).

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### **Detroit Zoo reopened Monday,** but just for its members only

Frank Witsil Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

The Detroit Zoo reopened Monday, having been closed for about three months amid the pandemic, but - at least for the first few weeks - you must have a membership and a reservation.

There are other changes: The zoo will no longer offer paper maps, you need to wear a face covering and follow a route, and you must keep 6 feet from other guests. Reservations open Friday and, the zoo said, all public events are canceled or postponed through at least mid-July, and there will be no summer Safari Camps this year.

"Our goal is to provide a great zoo experience in an outdoor environment that is as safe as possible for all," the **Detroit Zoological Society posted on its** website this week. "We all have a part to play; a shared responsibility is necessary in order to maintain the health and safety of our guests, staff and animals."

Closed since March as a result of the pandemic, the Detroit Zoological Society is opening but only to 1,000 guests per day, 500 at one time. As a result, members must schedule time slots through the zoo website.

For the first few weeks, the zoo said, members can make reservations only for the people listed on their membership. When safe, the zoo said, it will increase the number of tickets to 2,000 a day, and reopen to non-members.

Members who schedule a visit will receive an email with your digital ticket, safety details and a digital map.

Safety guidelines will be posted throughout the zoo. All visitors age 2 and older -unless otherwise prevented by a medical condition - must wear a face mask of shield for the safety of all visitors, staff and animals.

A few pets worldwide, including cats and dogs, have been infected with coronavirus, mostly after close contact with people with COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said.

In April, Nadia, a 4-year-old Malayan tiger at the Bronx Zoo, tested positive for COVID-19, possibly after being exposed to a zoo employee with the virus. Tuesday, a cat near Minneapolis tested positive.

Face masks, the zoo said, will be available to buy outside the entrance.

Plan to show your ID, membership card and digital, or printed, timed ticket receipt at the admission booth. All guests must enter through the main admission gates at the front of the zoo and expect to line up single file. Parking is available in the lots and only the ground level of the parking deck.

And inside the zoo, 50 hand sanitizing and handwashing stations have been set up.

# Nothing says summer like a juicy burger

#### Tammy Algood

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Long gone are the days when a burger simply meant patties of beef served on a bun. These days a burger can be made from practically anything. The main ingredient can be ground chicken, turkey, sausage or pork, seafood or even veggies. Even the bun can be non-traditional or not even there at all. But a grilled burger of any stripe is a signal that the lazy days of summer have arrived.

I have made those beefless burgers on numerous occasions and like the variety it provides. But there is simply nothing like a perfectly grilled, juicy hamburger served with all the trimmings. It is summer on a plate, and even the smell of it cooking is enough to jump start the "hungries."

Packaged ground beef is fine, but it frequently takes some enhancement to have it really pop with flavor. I usually get the butcher to grind chuck for my burgers and it has the perfect proportion of fat (20%) that I prefer. While cooking always decreases moisture and the fat content slightly, I want the flavor-carrying properties of fat to remain. Those cuts with less fat have less flavor.

My husband is a fan of dry rubs, but if you aren't, salt and pepper are a mustadd. Then make sure you don't overwork the meat when forming the patties. If you do, you'll end up with burgers that are more tough than tender.

If you want finished burgers that are perfectly level rather than those that have a little mountain top in the center, the trick is a thumbprint. All it does is level out the burger as it cooks and puffs up a bit in the center. You only need to make the thumbprint on one side. Remember to resist the temptation to turn the burgers on the grill more than once and you'll have superb results.

Tammy Algood is the author of five cookbooks and can be seen on "Volunteer Gardener" on PBS stations in Tennessee. Follow her at www.hauteflavor.com.

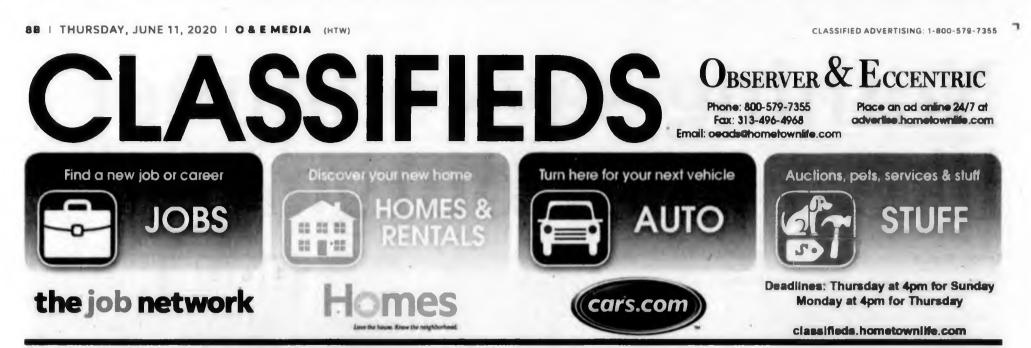
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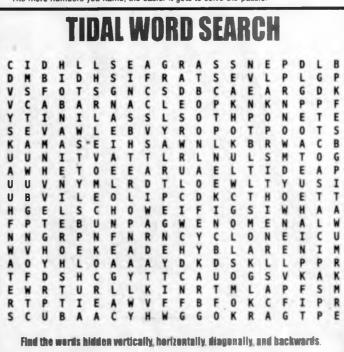
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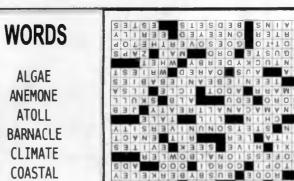
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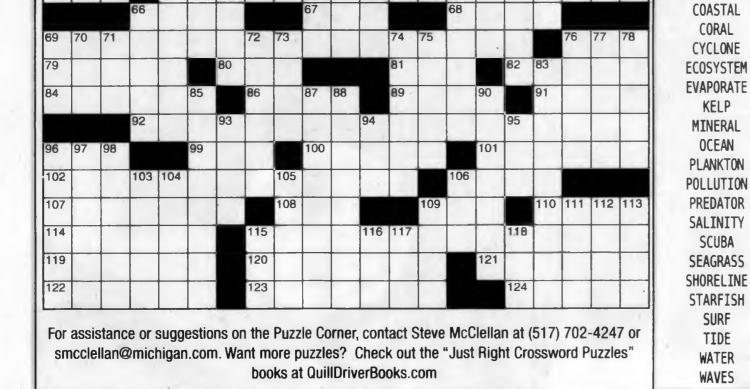
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