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# **Students urge PCCS board to retire mascot**

### They say Canton's 'Chief' is disrespectful to Native American culture

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Arguing that Canton High School's "Chief" mascot and accompanying arrowhead logos are disrespectful to Native Americans and can lead to cultural appropriation, a group of Plymouth-Canton high school students asked the district's school board Tuesday to join their effort to change the school's mascot and logo.

During a 20-minute presentation as part of the Feb. 9 Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting held virtually via Zoom, Salem junior Sophie Jeffers and members of the Canton High School Congress offered a series of reasons why they believe the continued use of "Chief" is demeaning to Native Americans.

Cultural appropriation, Jeffers said, was evident in the name of the school's student cheering section — The Tribe and in the Native American headdresses worn by some members of the cheering section.

Jeffers created an online petition in July 2020 to kickstart the erasure of the mascot and logo, sharing that eight tribes in Michigan "explicitly condemn the 'Chiefs' mascot as it dishonors their tribes."

As of 10 p.m. Tuesday, 2,703 people had signed the petition, with a goal of 5,000 signees.

"The mascot takes away from the importance of being a Chief in these tribes' cultures and belittles the importance of the position," the petition states. "In addition, having Chiefs as a school mascot

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### Farmington **Hills mulls** allowing marijuana **businesses**

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Farmington Hills is considering getting into the marijuana game.

At a study session Monday, City Attorney Steve Joppich gave city council a presentation regarding recreational and medical marijuana ordinances, including those that allow marijuana businesses.

Mayor Vicki Barnett said if Far-

Villa Bakery's Candy VanLue brings out a tray of paczki to begin filling them. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Local bakeries prepare for arrival of Paczki Day

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It doesn't matter whether you're Polish: Paczki Day is for everyone.

While the holiday arrives a little earlier this year, some places already have brought out the wonderful little cannonballs.

One such place is Villa Bakery at 6237 Middlebelt in Garden City, which began selling paczki in January. Candy Van-Lue, whose family owns the bakery, began crafting three kinds of paczki early on: custard, cheesecake and strawberry cheesecake.

"It just brings more people in, the variety," she said. "It gets people excited."

The cheesecake varieties won't be on the shelves at the bakery for the actual holiday, but many traditional flavors will be, including strawberry, apple, prune and lemon.

Paczki Day, also known as Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday, marks the day

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mington Hills adopts an ordinance allowing some marijuana businesses, Monday's meeting was only the beginning of a long process. The city council started reviewing its existing marijuana ordinances in late 2020.

"This is not going to be an immediate, overnight process," she said. "This is going to take some time."

Southfield and Walled Lake are the closest neighboring communities allowing any kind of marijuana businesses. A number of Oakland County communities, including Orion Township, Ferndale, Pontiac and Berkley allow some marijuana businesses.

Allowing marijuana business doesn't necessarily mean retail establishments will start popping up all over town. For example, the city could chose to allow medicinal businesses, which could include growers and transporters, and not recreational businesses. The city could place a limit on how many licenses it will give out.

"There's more companies that want to do this than there is places to do it," Joppich said. "So, it's pretty competitive."

Council, however, was split on whether marijuana businesses would be good for the city.

'This isn't an issue I think the city should be pursuing right now," Councilwoman Valerie Knol said.

Barnett suggested the town halls where industry professionals and residents can speak about the issue.

"... the city has been very cautious over the last several years on the introduction of marijuana in Farmington Hills. ... I would definitely be in support of citizen involvement," Councilman Michael Bridges said.

### **Plymouth couple to be missionaries in Spain**

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#### "Therefore, go."

In the Bible, Matthew 28:16-20 depicts some of the last words Jesus Christ said to his disciples. In what Christians call "The Great Commission," he reminds them that he'll always be with

them and encourages them to spread his gospel to every corner of the globe.

Andrew and Susana Schaad, along with their boys Calvin and Owen, are taking that call to Spain.

"We're hoping we can have our whole careers there and then retire there and still continue to serve," Andrew said.

Before the couple met, both had a de- See COUPLE, Page 4A

sire to be missionaries overseas. Andrew said he caught the desire in college.

Susana, on the other hand, had parents who were full-time missionaries in Ecuador and wanted to follow in their footsteps.

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# Man accused of robbing uncle sues police

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A dismissed charge of felony armed robbery did not suffice for former Westland resident James Herrera.

The 36-year-old also wants compensation because of the police misconduct and deficient training and supervision that he said caused police to arrest him on a charge that he robbed an uncle.

Herrera is suing the City of Westland, Westland Police Department, Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik and Detective Kameron Sleep, alleging they violated his constitutional rights and caused physical, mental and emotional harm.

More specifically, he's upset about "their reckless, wanton, intentional and outrageous conduct, which was done with an evil motive and a callous indifference to the fundamental rights of (the) plaintiff," the civil lawsuit stated.

Herrera has moved out of Westland because of his relationship with police. His 11-, 7- and 6-year-old children have helped him commit to the lawsuit.

"They've been doing this year after year to different people," said Herrera, who is of African-American and Hispanic descent. "This ain't police procedures. This is Westland procedures. This has got to stop. I feel that they're going to sacrifice me just to prove that I was wrong."

Westland Mayor Bill Wild and the attorney defending the city declined to comment for this story. Jedrusik offered



Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik speaks at City Hall in June. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

a statement.

'The Westland Police Department is aware of the civil suit filed by the plaintiff," the chief said. "The Westland Police Department is confident that the case was handled in an appropriate manner."

He declined to comment further.

Herrera said in his suit he was arrested without probable cause, that he was singled out for refusing to cooperate with another investigation and there was a conspiracy to punish him for not cooperating.

"As set forth in this complaint, defendants conspired to have plaintiff arrested, brutalized and jailed for failing to cooperate in the investigation of a shooting incident and/or drug paraphernalia possession incident of which he had no knowledge," the lawsuit stated. "Plaintiff has suffered irreparable harm."

According to the court complaint, police officers began lining up their facts the night of July 5, when a Jeffrey Brown visited the police department to report getting robbed at gunpoint a few days prior while departing from a South Venoy Road supermarket.

Brown had purchased a money order for \$156 and apparently was able to give one of the two robbers his wallet containing \$600 in cash and the \$156 money order.

"Let's go, Tex," Brown heard one of the robbers say.

Detective Sleep apparently knew a "Tex" and visited Brown's residence the next day with several photographs, including one of Herrera.

Brown acknowledged knowing a Tex and pointed to a "James Anthony 'Tex' Herrera."

A warrant was issued and Herrera turned himself in July 23. He told the detective he had known Brown for years and considered him to be a close friend and uncle.

He also endured a polygraph test and had an alibi for where he was at the time of the robbery. It was a hotel. Herrera retrieved the video from his stay but it was corrupted, according to his attorney Gregory Rohl, who said there were witnesses who could prove the alibi.

The lawsuit stated that police already had questioned Herrera about a parking lot shooting and some drug paraphernalia.

Brown ultimately testified that he

had made a mistake, feeling "somewhat" pressured to identify Tex. After receiving his money back from the person identified as being with Tex during the robbery, Brown decided that he did not want to prosecute.

The lawsuit includes recorded courtroom dialogue between attorney Rohl and Brown.

Rohl: "But you didn't circle him to identify him as - as a perpetrator of a crime.

Brown: "No."

Rohl: "You circled him because the police told you to."

Brown: "Absolutely. I didn't know that was what they was doing."

Rohl: "Of course, they tricked you." Brown: "Correct."

Rohl: "They tricked you to get to my client."

Brown: "Yes, sir."

"I've never had an alleged witness say, No. 1, well, this wasn't the dude, (and) No. 2, that I was tricked into pointing him out by the officer in charge,' Rohl said when discussing the testimony that resulted in the September dismissal.

Herrera originally filed his lawsuit last month in Wayne County Circuit Court. Defense attorney Holly Battersby filed court documents Monday for the case to be moved to U.S. District Court.

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## Farmington **Hills selects** longtime staffer to be city manager

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Farmington Hills announced Monday that Gary Mekjian is the new city manager. Mekjian has



been the city's acting manager since Dave Boyer retired in October. "I just want to say

Mekjian

congrats," Councilman Ken Massey said. "So, people can know that we've actually, finally, gotten through

all of those changes." Mekjian has been with the city



since 2010. He first joined the administration as the director of public services, and was promoted to assistant city manager in 2016.

The new manager was one of three finalists, which included Novi Assistant City Manger Victor Cardenas, interviewed Feb. 6. Throughout his career, Mekjian has also worked for the cities of Southfield and Lincoln Park as well as the Charter Township of West Bloomfield.

"Hopefully now we as a group can move forward together and at least try to get some things back to normal here," he said.

Council members noted they had a good candidate pool, but Mekjian was ultimately the best person for the job.

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As some pork and shrimp heat up on the grill behind him, Saigon Boulevard cook Anthony Tran prepares a bowl of pho at the Livonia restaurant Jan. 27. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Vietnamese restaurant opens in Livonia

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There's a new taste of Vietnam open in Livonia.

Saigon Boulevard, a restaurant featuring Vietnamese cuisine such as pho and bun, opened its doors in mid-January at 30975 Five Mile in Livonia. It's the creation of Novi resident Van Nguyen, the first restaurant she's opened.

"I've always wanted to open a restaurant because I've always loved to serve all the authentic food to the community," said Nguyen, who moved to the United States from Vietnam 14 years ago. "This is a first, but we've been wanting to get into the restaurant business for a while."

The restaurant - located in the space formerly occupied by a Mediterranean eatery in the Livonia Plaza shopping center east of Merriman joins a growing number of area restaurants serving Vietnamese pho, a rice noodle soup made with ingredients such as scallions, onions and cilantro in a broth.

Nguyen said work took several months to get the space up renovated and prepared for a Vietnamese restaurant, including bringing in new equipment and revamping the kitchen.

"We started working on the construction back in July, so about four months to renovate and get everything



A bowl of vermicelli noodles with grilled shrimp and pork and egg rolls from Livonia's Saigon Boulevard.

changed out," she said. "We've done a lot of work, but there's still a lot of decoration to be done."

In addition to pho and bun - which is a vermicelli noodle bowl made with bean sprouts, lettuce, cucumber and meat — the restaurant serves several rice dishes and appetizers.

Nguyen said she stuck with many dishes most of the general public will recognize and tried to make dishes that will appeal to those who may not have had Vietnamese cuisine before.

"We have most of the popular Vietnamese dishes," she said. "The pho, which is the most stand out on the menu. is very authentic, healthy and fresh.

"The rice dish and the noodle dish,

we tried to focus on most of the popular items that people will know."

While the Livonia restaurant recently opened, that's not it when it comes to new openings: Nguyen said she plans to open a second Saigon Boulevard in about two months in Novi. The restaurant currently offers dine-in service in line with the recent orders from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services that caps occupancy at 25%

Nguyen said for just opening and doing limited marketing, they received a good initial reception from people who live nearby and visit Livonia looking for something to eat. Having places like St. Mary Mercy Hospital just down the road also helps bring in hungry guests looking for something to eat.

'For carryout only considering, we're doing pretty good for this time of the year with all this craziness going on," Nguyen said.

She said they hope to offer catering for offices and other business groups in the future.

The Livonia restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. More information, including a menu and link for online ordering, can be found at saigon-blvd.com though Nguyen said they were still working on finalizing the website.

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Villa Bakery in Garden City was bustling Feb. 4 as many customers began picking up some early orders of paczki. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Paczki

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before the beginning of Lent, a season of reflection and preparation many Christians observe leading up to Easter. The season is known historically for being a time to not indulge in fatty foods. Thus, paczki were made before Lent to use up sugar and butter. They become a staple in the region this time of year.

Lori Arnold, a manager at the South Lyon Village Bakery at 222 S. Lafayette, said their shop has had customers interested in pre-ordering paczki since mid-January.

"We will go (Tuesday) until we can't go anymore," she said. "We should have paczki. I've never run out."

Many shops have urged customers to pre-order, especially given the CO-VID-19 pandemic and social distancing, which could cause issues with the lines known to form outside bakeries on Paczki Day.

VanLue said the Garden City bakery



Paczki cannolis ready for eating.

expects to make about 12,000 paczki by the time the season is done. That includes the cannoli paczki created at the shop, the most popular variety they sell. Packed full of cannoli cream, dipped in chocolate chips and drizzled with powdered sugar, the cannoli paczki has become a popular option combining Polish and Italian cuisine.

Despite the ongoing pandemic, Van-Lue said the demand for paczki remains just as high as it has been in previous years. There's no real issue obtaining supplies as a result of the pandemic, either, she said.

Arnold said while she anticipates big sales at the South Lyon Village Bakery, they don't expect to see the larger corporate orders come down as they have in previous years.

She's planning to sell more halfdozen and dozen boxes as opposed to multiple dozens to individuals supplying the tasty treats to offices as in years past. The bakery offers curbside pickup for customers not wanting to come inside the store.

Despite all the changes bakeries and other businesses have faced in the last year, she said getting ready for Paczki Day and seeing all the customers looking for them is still special.

"It's a fun time of year, we look forward to it," Arnold said. "We like seeing everybody."

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### Where to buy paczki

Milford Baking Co., 408 N Main St. Matti's Fresh Market, 965 Summit

#### **Highland Township**

Looney Baker, 2948 E. Highland

#### South Lyon

South Lyon Village Bakery, 222 S. Lafayette

### **Northville Township**

Rumi's Passion Gluten Free Bakery, 41106 Five Mile Cantoro's Italian Market, 15550 N. Haggerty

#### Livonia

GM Paris Bakery, 28418 Joy Heritage Bakery, 37458 Five Mile Looney Baker, 13931 Farmington Livonia Italian Bakery & Cafe, 33615 Seven Mile

So Delish, 33825 Five Mile

### **Redford Township**

Donutown, 25580 Five Mile DeMaggio's Italian Bakery and Pizza, 25861 W. Six Mile

#### Plymouth

Westborn Market, 860 Penniman Ave.

#### **Garden City**

Villa Bakery, 6237 Middlebelt

### Westland

Le Cakery Bake Shop, 844 N. Wayne

**Farmington Hills** 

Bake Station Too, 29581 Orchard Lake

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### Couple

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The couple plans to leave their Plymouth home with their two sons Sunday. They're moving to Ensanche de Vallecas, a neighborhood in Madrid.

According to Andrew, the neighborhood of about 50,000 people doesn't have a Christian church.

"It's a country that has very little evangelical, gospel witness," Mike Moses, the couple's pastor, said. "That was Andrew's desire to go to a place where there wasn't already many evangelical witnesses."

The couple are missionaries with SEND International, a Christian organization that helps fund people like the Schaads.

In Spain, the couple will serve at a church in Madrid with a goal of planting more churches in the future.

Though they'll no longer call Michigan their home, the Schaad's church family at Harvest Bible Church in Westland are supporting them with money and prayers as they start a new life.

"Both of them in the past eight years have served very faithfully in different areas of our church," Moses said. "So, they're going to be missionaries and with our appreciation for them and who they are, it was pretty much a no-brainer to support them and send them as missionaries from our church."

The couple had originally planned to leave the U.S. in April 2020, but the pandemic made that impossible.

Having already quit their jobs and raised the necessary funds to move, they've spent most of the last year waiting.

"We had gathered together all of our paperwork and received our visas to go to Spain," Andrew said. "The biggest difference was that we no longer had a timeline and were just kind of waiting indefinitely."

But it's all in God's timing. Plus, Andrew said it was nice for him and Susana to spend more time stateside with their boys.

The couple doesn't think they're anything special, but trust that their time in Spain will be for the good of others.

"For Christians, I think their story is a great reminder that any person can be used by the Lord, no matter what your gifts are," Moses said.

Those interested in donating to the Schaads can do so at send.org/give/ missionaries/schaad.

The couple will also post updates on their Facebook page, SEND the Schaads to Spain.

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Andrew and Susanna Schaad along with their sons Owen, left, and Calvin. COURTESY OF ANDREW SCHAAD

### Mascot

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reinforces the long-lasting stereotype that Native Americans are 'savages' and are below-human."

Jeffers said she started the campaign to change Canton High School's mascot last summer.

"I knew it had been an issue and that Canton had a history of trouble with the mascot and logo," Jeffers told members of the board of education and the close to 500 people who were watching the meeting remotely. "I called all 12 of the federally-recognized tribes in Michigan to see what their viewpoints were, specifically on our nickname, the Chiefs, and the eight I was able to talk to condemned the use of the name. "I released a survey to try to find out the basic perception of the student population on the topic. Of about 500 people who returned the survey, 40% wanted to see it changed. Members of the Canton Congress Executive Board reached out and asked if they could help and that's when we joined together for one cause."

Yale University senior Meghanlata Gupta, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa tribe, also spoke during the presentation, saying Native American imagery, mascots and logos "propagate a false understanding of what contemporary Native American people are."

"I know people who are arguing to keep the nickname say that the Chiefs mascot is honoring Native Americans," Gupta said. "I would ask you all: Who gets to decide what honors and what doesn't honor a particular group

### of people?"

Jeffers said that 44 Michigan schools still use Native American-themed mascots.

The presenters admitted that the rebranding could be costly — signage on the high school's campus and new athletic uniforms the most notable; however, she has discovered there are several resources available to help fund such a cause.

"For instance, the Native American Heritage Fund was created for the specific purpose of helping Michigan schools who are in the process of introducing more inclusive nicknames," Jeffers said. "And Nike and Adidas both have an extensive history of supporting high schools and universities who are changing uniforms, especially those that are transitioning to a more inclusive name." The presenters unveiled a proposed format to select a new mascot/name/logo, including the posting of a Google form to collect ideas, similar to the process the district used before Liberty Middle School opened; and the assemblage of a committee made up of students, staff, community members and alumnae to help narrow down the number of potential ideas.

The mascot-rebranding issue will be reviewed by the district's policy committee at a yet-to-be-determined date.

"It is time for Canton High School and PCEP to be part of the change, to start eliminating the racial prejudices that occur on our campus, and become a more inclusive environment for all of our students," the petition reads. "We must do better and can be better, starting with the name change of the Canton High School's mascot, the Chiefs."





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A group of students told the Plymouth-Canton board of education it's time for a new mascot and logo for Canton High School, saying Chiefs is demeaning to Native Americans. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# **Obituaries**

GRAND RAPIDS - JoAnn (nee McCarthy) Donnelly, age 94, of Grand Rapids, MI, formerly of Forest Hills, NY, Birmingham, MI, Harbor Springs, MI, and Scottsdale, AZ, died in her sleep, of natural causes, on January 30, 2021, surrounded by family and so much love. She lived a long, wonderful, and faith-filled life.

JoAnn graduated from Georgian Court in 1948 and Columbia University with a Masters in Early Childhood Education. Though standing barely over 5 foot 3 inches, she met a tall, lanky Fordham Law School student from Toronto named Charlie

Donnelly on a blind date in 1951, and despite their mismatched statures she at once realized he was the love of her life. The two were married in June of 1952 in her hometown, New York City. She adored Charlie although as a young mother she famously scolded him when he came home for lunch midweek, unannounced, telling him, "I married you for better or worse, but not for lunch." In later years she relaxed the rule, somewhat, and after Charlie retired, she rarely enforced it (though she reserved the right to do so).

JoAnn devoted herself to her family, her Church, and community. For most of her life she attended Mass daily, and only in the last few months did she Charles, Jack, and Will Dales; and her great-grandchildren Elliot Donnelly, miss Sunday Mass, and even then, she tuned in by television. She exuded faith, but never pushed it on anyone, except her children and grandchildren nephews. - and always for their own good. She prayed constantly and earnestly.

and for no reason. Always prepared, indeed, JoAnn dressed up every day as if it were a party, complete with sensible flats, a broach, and matching bow in her silver bun. She was perhaps too particular about glassware, but once drank Grand Marnier from a shot glass at a roadside tavern up north under exigent circumstances.

Throughout her life JoAnn cultivated wonderful friendships. She nourished long-standing relationships but always had room for new friends, as

### **JoAnn Donnelly**



the dear women of Beacon Hill will attest. JoAnn spent a lifetime quietly making sure people were seen and heard and loved. In later years, however, she had a complicated and sometimes fiery relationship with Alexa, as her neighbors at Beacon Hill would confirm.

Generous with her time and talent and treasure, JoAnn was especially devoted to the Christ Child Society chapter in Detroit. Upon retirement and moving from the Detroit area, she co-founded Christ Child Society chapters in Northern Michigan and Phoenix. AZ. When her children were young, she served as a Girl Scout leader and worked tirelessly to ensure all children had opportunities to grow and thrive in the schools where she volunteered. She was also active in the Village Women's Club among other groups. She volunteered until the last days of her life, founding the Mary Martha Guild at Beacon Hill.

Her husband, Charlie, preceded her in death (2012), as did her infant daughter, Anne Marie (1961), and her sister, Mary Catherine (2015). JoAnn leaves behind her children, Charles (Lyn) Donnelly, Sister Mary Donnelly, OP, Kathy Rogers, Mark (Susan) Donnelly, David (Rose) Donnelly and Joanna (Scott) Dales; grandchildren, Sean (Courtney) Donnelly, Mark Joseph Donnelly, Anna Grey (Daniel) Mims, Sarah (Frank) Fischler, Jessica (Rich) Cook, Zachary Rogers, Peter, Megan, Joseph, Katherine, and Ella Donnelly, Aurelia and Elora Fischler, and Grayson Cook, and many special nieces and

The family will formally celebrate her life when it is safe to do so. In lieu She was a gracious hostess and loved to throw a party - for any reason of flowers, please consider a contribution in JoAnn's memory to Christ Child Society of Phoenix (4633 N. 54th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85018, https:// www.christchildsocietyphoenix.org/index.html), Christ Child Society of Northern Michigan (P.O. Box 132, Harbor Springs, MI 49740-1430 https:// christchildsocietynorthernmichigan.com/), or Beacon Hill Benevolent Fund, (1919 Boston Street, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, https://beaconhillgr.org/ foundation/)



**Beverly Morrow** 

WESTLAND - 83, of Westland, MI, passed way on February 6, 2021. Beloved wife of Paul. Cherished mother of Bret (Tamyra) Morrow, Brian (Shelly) Morrow and Beth (Ray) Carswell.

Dear Sister to John (Sylvia) Reinhart, Nancy (Rich) Perry, Joe (Dolly) Morrow and Wanda (Fran) Wyborski. Loving Grandma, Great Grandma and Aunt to Matthew Morrow, Kristen (Nick) Anderson, Clifford (Kourtney) Morrow, Rachel (Josiah) Simmonds, Ethan Morrow, Richard (Rachel) Perry, Philip (Jessica) Perry, Mason, Caylee, Cadence, Kinslee, Bishop, Chase and Wilder. Cremation to take place with burial at Glenwood Cemetary at a later date.

### **Phyllis Ivey Walker**

HENDERSON, NV Phyllis Ivey Walker, 92, of Henderson, NV (formerly Livonia, MI), passed away on January 31, 2021. Ivey was born in Mor-

riston, Wales to John and Elizabeth Davies on May 11, 1928. The Davies family im-

migrated to the US when Ivey was 2 years old. They

lived in Detroit, MI. Upon graduation from Highland Park High School, Ivey worked as a bookkeeper until marrying David P. Walker in 1947. Later, she worked as Activities Director at Dorvin and University Nursing Homes for 25 years before retiring. While in her 50's, she earned an associates degree from Madonna University. Ivey and David were active members of Ward Church, Northville, MI (previously Livonia) for over 60 years.

Ivey leaves behind a legacy of love and acceptance as well as an example for all who knew her of a life well lived. She will be remembered for her belief that all who entered her home were family.

Ivey is preceded in death by husband, David



Walker; sister, Mary Soja; brother David Davies; grandsons, Sandy J Graham, Richard Simpson IV, Ross Meredith.

Ivey is survived by her children, David Walker (Donna), Susan Graham (Sandy), Bill Walker (Liz) Nancy Simpson (Rick); grandchildren, Brian Walker (Shaun), Jennifer Reid (Nick), Russell Meredith, Deirdre Vriesman (Aaron), Stephen Seargeant (Jess), Leah Follett (Joe), Alexander Walker, Carley Davila (Pablo), Aubrey Johnson (Kyle); great-grandchildren, Anthony, Caden, Cannon, Rylie, Brityn, Camden, Behr, Nola, Samuel, Lucianna, Arya Ivey, Zahra. Ivey was also blessed with many nieces, nephews and close friends.

A memorial service and celebration of Ivey's life will be held at a future date when it is safe for her loved ones to gather together.





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The Mustangs' Jack Huddy, left, and Jake Willerer surround a Canton play trying to get a shot away on the basket. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# **Cole Vickers' fourth-quarter spectacle gives Canton first win**

**Colin Gay** Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Canton boys basketball head coach Jimmy Reddy did not plan to face Northville in the 2021 season opener. It kind of just worked out that way.

Canton and the Mustangs ended the 2019-20 season without closure, sched-

postseason district final. Reddy made it clear it was two different teams on the court 334 days after the district final was postponed, then canceled, due to COVID-19. It was a brand new season.

But to Canton junior guard Cole Vickers it was meant to be. It was his time to introduce himself to a KLAA West rival. "We kind of took it personally," he points in the fourth quarter, matching Northville's team total in the final eight minutes and leading to a back-andforth, 54-53 road win against the Mustangs (0-1) Feb. 9.

The Canton junior finished with 26 points, hitting three 3-point tries while sinking nine-of-10 from the free-throw line.



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### Colin Gay

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Here's how Hometown Life's teams in the Oakland Activities Association look ahead of the 2021 season.

### **Bloomfield Hills**

Head coach: Phil Kurajian, fourth season

**2019-20 season:** 7-14, fifth in OAA White, 78-55 loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's in district semifinal

**Key players:** Senior Mason Canfield, senior Christian Jordan, senior Jackson Wilkins, junior Carson Brodsky, sophomore Noah Adamczyk

What to expect: Preparing for the 2021 season, Bloomfield Hills head coach Phil Kurajian has seen a level of resiliency from his players.

With nine returners from last year's seven-win team, Kurajian said the team having learned from 2019-20 that it really can't take any days off to compete for an OAA league title.

"We went through some lumps having some young guys," Kurajian said. "I think the mix of seniors and young guys we have have really taken a big step to be cohesive and play for each other."

Returning to the team for his fourth season, Mason Canfield, an OAA All-League honorable mention as a junior, is prepared to play a huge role for the Black Hawks, according to Kurajian,

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# Brother Rice basketball prepares for 2021 run

### **Colin Gay**

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Coming out of halftime in his first game of the 2021 season and holding onto a 33-17 lead against Eastpointe, sophomores Curtis Williams and Johnathan Blackwell knew exactly the play they wanted to draw up.

Taking the ball just beyond half court, Williams found his spot behind the 3-point line waiting for Blackwell to cut inside, lobbing the pass up for the easy alley-oop layup for the score, two of the Warriors' 76 points scored in their 33-point opening win Monday night.

For a newcomer like Blackwell, chemistry like that is not cultivated through weeks of practices, especially when contact is not involved. But for Williams, Blackwell, sophomore Henry Garrity and Xavier Thomas, this was just another game played together.

The four came into their sophomore

season at Brother Rice with some experience as teammates, being on the same eighth-grade youth team that advanced to the Junior NBA Championship and bringing a high level of expectation to the Warriors heading into their 2021 slate.

After Thomas and Williams — both All-Catholic League players — and Garrity led Brother Rice to a 12-win season in 2019-20 — the program's first winning record since 2014-15 — Blackwell joined the team, transferring from Novi Christian Academy.

"I think Jonathan Blackwell is the best player in the state nobody talks about," Brother Rice head coach Rick Palmer said. "He's grown a couple inches, he's stronger, he's athletic, he's competitive. He's everything you want. He's as good of a player... there's days where he's the best player on our team."

With the four sophomores making up

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Brother Rice hopes to build off its success from the 2019-20 season. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM





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Here's how Hometown Life's teams in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association East division look ahead of the 2021 season.

### **Livonia Churchill**

Head coach: James McCulloh, fifth season

**2019-20 season:** 1-20, eighth in KLAA East, 74-34 loss to Redford Thurston in district semifinal

Key players: Junior Boston Clegg Jr., senior Jordan Garcia, junior A'Mareon Jackson, senior Khalil Ford, senior Joshua Brown

What to expect: Head coach James McCulloh is hoping Churchill's success on the football field can translate to the basketball court.

A season ago, the Chargers struggled, winning only one game through its 21game season, including a 40-point loss to Redford Thurston in the district semifinal game. But McCulloh is confident, knowing what many of his players did on the football field — winning a district title, the team's second in a row.

"We have a lot of All-Conference, All-Regional players that will be coming in and carrying that over," McCulloh said.

Using the example of players like Boston Clegg Jr., A'Mareon Jackson, Khalil Ford and Joshua Brown, McCulloh said his team will have good conditioning and great footwork heading into the basketball season after football, but that ball work will need to be fine-tuned.

Senior Jordan Garcia made the transition well a season ago, averaging 8.2 points, three rebounds and three assists per game, earning KLAA All-Conference honors.

Heading into the season, McCulloh said there is a greater level of synergy with this team because of the struggles it had in the past. He knows they know what to work on and what needs to get



Livonia Churchill coach James McCulloh hopes to build off the success of the school's football team in 2020. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

from a season ago.

"It's really useful to have guys coming back," Hurley said. "The important thing is the leadership of the guys coming back and the character. They are going to have to control how your team is."

Since the summer, Hurley said the returners — especially his seniors have set the tone in terms of what he expects for the team moving forward: making every workout, every Zoom team meeting and film session.

"They are not missing, they are not taking any days off despite really being unsure if they are ever going to play again, especially those seniors," Hurley said.

Dom Ufferman, who led the team with 11.2 points per game at guard and was a KLAA All-Conference player as a junior, and Chase Loving, who is coming off a KLAA All-Conference honorable mention, will try and help Franklin to its first double-digit win season since 2016love hanging out with each other and, with the season being put on hold, they really realized that this could be taken away at any moment, and going down to it, this is our last year together.

"They are going to carry each other through, they are going to push each other every day. They are all extremely competitive and they go after each other."

Two of Stevenson's key contributors from last season are back. Senior Evan Asante, who averaged two steals per game and was an All-Conference honoree, will be a leader on and off the court for the Spartans, per Stephens, along with Luke Merchant who was an All-Conference honorable mention.

Six-foot-7 center Ethan Young will have big shoes to fill, replacing the spot of graduated senior Evan Bradford in the middle.

With the amount of experience this group has, Stephens is confident that

Brooks spent 18 seasons coaching in Ypsilanti, winning 11 conference titles, eight district titles and three regional championships.

His arrival at Wayne Memorial near the end of 2020 did not go as planned, though, not being able to have much gym time with his players due to restrictions from the state and the Michigan High School Athletic Association during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We don't know any plays. They don't know my system," he said. "But, hey man, I will say this: the kids that I have met, they are great kids. So when you have great individuals, you can get a lot done."

Without senior Ty Fortney, who was an All-Conference team member at forward a season ago, the Zebras will have senior forward Dante Foreman running the team after averaging 17 points per game and finishing his junior season with All-Conference honors.

done to get a better result.

And Churchill is going to have fun doing it.

"We're going to be a team that really gets after it," McCulloh said. "We want to be fun to watch, we want to be competitive, we want to be able to push the envelope and play a style people like to watch."

### **Livonia Franklin**

Head coach: TJ Hurley, fourth season

**2019-20 season:** 6-15, seventh in KLAA East, 58-40 loss to Redford Thurston in first round

Key players: Senior Dom Ufferman, senior Chase Loving

What to expect: Franklin had its fair share of inconsistencies in 2019-20.

Winning six-of-21 games, the Patriots never won back-to-back contests, suffering six losing streaks of two games or more between each of its wins.

However, TJ Hurley, heading into his fourth season as head coach, is hopeful, especially with seven returning players 17: the program's only one in the past 11 years.

### Livonia Stevenson

Head coach: Eoghann Stephens, first season

**2019-20 season:** 12-9, third in KLAA East, 63-51 loss to John Glenn in district semifinal

Key players: Senior Evan Asante, senior Luke Merchant, senior Ethan Young

What to expect: Even though he is going into his first season as the head coach at Stevenson, Eoghann Stephens has an idea of what he is working with.

Promoted from an assistant coach position on last season's staff, Stephens holds onto 10 seniors from the 2019-20 team, a group that won 12 games and finished third in the KLAA East: the program's highest finish since the 2016-17 season.

"This year is going to be that much more important to have that experience and that leadership," Stephens said. "They are such a close-knit group. They his first season will be a successful one.

"Every game is going to be a challenge. Every game, we have to come out and bring the best performance that we can," Stephens said. "But I'm very confident in these guys that they can go up against any team in the state, if they bring what they are capable of."

### **Wayne Memorial**

Head coach: Steve Brooks, first season

**2019-20 season:** 9-12, fifth in KLAA East, 63-58 loss to Dearborn in district semifinal

Key players: Senior Dante Foreman

What to expect: Wayne Memorial will have a different look in 2021, starting with its head coach.

Former Ypsilanti head coach Steve Brooks takes over the Zebras program from Nkwane Young, who, after six seasons, 81 wins, two district titles and a conference championship, took a job as an assistant coach with the University of North Dakota women's basketball team.

### John Glenn

Head coach: Jerret Smith, second season

**2019-20 season:** 15-7, second in KLAA East, unplayed district final against Redford Thurston

Key players: Senior D'Angelo Stoxsill

What to expect: In Jerret Smith's first season as head coach, John Glenn made its presence felt in the KLAA.

The Rockets finished 15-7 — their best record since the 2016-17 season while averaging 58.7 points per game. Of the team's seven losses, three of them were my single digits.

Losing players like Sharrieff Liddell and Deonta Pearson, Smoth will bring back a senior-heavy group in 2021, including 6-foot-5 shooting guard D'Angelo Stoxsill.

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### Rice

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the majority of the starting lineup for Palmer's team, who's in his third season with the team, the head coach said the chemistry is already there for Brother Rice: providing pressure in the backcourt, forcing turnovers that lead to fast-break scores for Thomas in the paint or hitting Williams behind the 3point line.

With four sophomores leading the charge for the 2021 season and beyond, forward Will Shannon, the lone senior in the starting lineup, the unanimously voted captain and one of three seniors on the roster, provides a sense of stabil-

#### ity for Palmer.

"It's nice to know what you are going to get out of him not just on game day, but every day in practice," Palmer said. "He's a great kid, he's a four-point something student, great baseball player, great basketball player, type of kid you want your daughter to date, he's just that type of guy.

"For us to achieve what we want to achieve, he's going to be a huge part of that. He's taken a huge jump from last year to this year."

As a three-year varsity player for Brother Rice, Shannon said he has watched leaders come and go from the basketball program, including Jon Brantley: the lone senior in the Warriors' lineup during the 2019-20 season who now plays basketball at Lafayette

#### College.

Heading into his senior season, with all of the uncertainty to get to the point of starting a schedule, Shannon said he wants to carry the same torch Brantley had, setting the tone both on and off the court.

"I think we are pretty comfortable," Shannon said. "I think there is obviously room to grow, but I think we are pretty comfortable for as much time as we have had."

Taking the court for the first game on the first possible day games could be scheduled, Palmer said he saw a group that was coming together, commending his team on the way it shared the ball, moved the ball and defended aggressively.

While watching his team Monday

night, with four sophomores and a senior in the starting lineup, Palmer said he saw a veteran group, something he could build off of. But he knows what's coming. He knows what the Catholic League will bring.

However, based on his knowledge of the league, Palmer knows that if Brother Rice can make it through the CHSL Central, their hopes are within reach.

"I've said this since the day I got the job," Palmer said. "If you are good enough to compete at a high level in the Catholic League Central, you are good enough to get to the Breslin.

"We've got high expectations, but we have a long, long, long way to go."

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Canton's Cole Vickers sends up a shot. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Basketball

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While he shined offensively, matching Northville, especially 6-foot-8 senior forward Jack Huddy, who finished with a team-leading 18 points, Vickers proved huge in making the final stop.

With 4.6 seconds left on the clock, Northville senior guard Jacob Eyler took the ball off the inbound, facing Vickers one-on-one. As Eyler, who finished with 10 points, tried to move left around the Canton junior, Vickers stripped the ball — one of 20 turnovers for the Mustangs in the contest — giving Canton possession with 0.5 seconds left in the game.

"In a one-point game, every possession matters," Northville head coach Todd Sander said.

To Reddy, this is what he was expecting out of Vickers.

He had an idea of what he could do last year: earning All-League honors as a sophomore playing alongside seniors Jake Vickers and Ben Stesiak. But Reddy knew the role he would have to play as a junior as one of only a handful of returners — including junior guard Lake McIntosh — with only three seniors on the roster.

"We've been talking to him when he was a sophomore last year that leadership doesn't have an age," Reddy said. "We wanted him to start finding his voice last year so this could happen this year."

Cole Vickers said the seniors from last season formed a good base for the 2021 team, having looked up to them and learned a lot from guys like Jake Vickers and Stesiak.

After scoring only six first-half points, the junior took over that same leadership role, scoring 20 of the team's 27 second-half points, making two 3s while connecting on six-of-seven free throws.

Ideally, Reddy said, this would be representative of every night for Vickers, consistently shooting, posting up against smaller players in the paint. If anything, the head coach said, the junior has been too passive.

Vickers knows he has teammates that can score — sophomore Omar Suleiman added 11, while McIntosh added eight. But Canton knows where to turn to when it needs a boost.

"I got hot in the fourth and they were feeding me the ball, getting (me) good looks," Vickers said.



Farmington High player and MSU recruit Jaden Akins dribbles to the basket, guarded by North Farmington's Basheer Jihad. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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saying, "he can probably run our program better than I can at this point."

Along with Canfield are seniors Christian Jordan, a two-year varsity player, and Jackson Wilkins, along with junior Carson Brodsky, who Kurajian said has been a huge part of the team's transition from non-contact to contact practices, and sophomore Noah Adamczyk.

"We're really fortunate to have really great kids and this group is very committed to buying in the team aspect and really being selfless, caring more about the team success than individual," Kurajian said. "When they come in and have that focus in themselves, it makes my job a lot easier. We can put stuff in and do fundamentals and basics, but they take it to heart and know it's for the betterment of the team not just for

### themselves."

Playing for a league title in the OAA White, Kurajian says his opponents in the division like Troy and Stoney Creek show how difficult that will be in the long run. But he is confident in what his team can show.

"I think we can compete for the league title," Kurajian said. "That's our goal, we talk about it every single day. To do that in that league, you really have to compete every day and get better, or you are going to get waxed."

#### Farmington

Head coach: Terrance Porter, 11th season

**2019-20 season:** 12-10, second in OAA Red, unplayed district final against North Farmington

Key player: Junior guard Robert Davis

What to expect: Farmington will look a lot different in 2021.

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Along with losing eight seniors, two juniors from the 2019-20 team have transferred. Senior guard Jaden Akins, a Michigan State commit, left the team last season to join Ypsilanti Prep, before leaving that program in December to join Sunrise Christian Academy in Bel Aire, Kansas.

Senior guard Tariq Humes also left the Falcons basketball program, transferring to Elevation Prep in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Heading into 2021, the Falcons will have three returning players from last season's 12-win team, including junior Robert Davis, who started for Farmington last season.

### Groves

Head coach: Benny White, third season

**2019-20 season:** 9-12, fourth in OAA White, 66-60 loss to Southfield A&T in first round

Key players: Senior Daniel Lee, senior Mark Watson Jr., senior Jack Woods

What to expect: Groves collapsed at the end of the 2019-20 season.

Holding onto a 42-28 lead in the fourth quarter against Southfield A&T in the first round of districts, the Falcons allowed a 38-18 run in the final five minutes to play to end its season.

Heading into 2021 with five seniors three of which have been with the program for the past two years — head coach Benny White is confident in its group, saying they have shown a commitment to improve and to work together, even before knowing for sure it would have a chance to play this season.

"They have hung in there pretty good," White said. "I'm blessed, I would say and certainly pleased with how they show up every day."

White said seniors Daniel Lee, Mark Watson Jr. and Jack Woods each stepped up this past offseason through the uncertainty and will look to lead the team through its fast-paced OAA schedule this winter.

For the most part, White said, he is confident Groves will play basketball the way he wants them to: a cohesive

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The Birmingham Seaholm Maples stand for the national anthem. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

and hard-working brand with a group that genuinely cares about one another. Hopefully, he said that will lead to wins on the scoreboard.

"I know we'll be good. How they'll equate to wins, only time tells," White said. "I'm confident that this team will be competitive in every game, which I couldn't say before. I think we have enough of an understanding of each other and some talent to be able to be competitive throughout the league."

### **North Farmington**

Head coach: Todd Negoshian, 11th season

**2019-20 season:** 15-6, third in OAA Red, unplayed district final against Farmington

**Key players:** Senior Basheer Jihad, senior Deon Hayes, junior Justin Ross, junior Aaron Rice

What to expect: North Farmington may only have four players back from a season ago, but they are four players with a lot of experience.

Senior Deon Hayes is coming up on his fourth year with the Raiders varsity team, along with three-year varsity players Justin Ross and Basheer Jihad, who is committed to play at Ball State.

To head coach Todd Negoshian, heading into his 11th season with the team, these guys understand what he is looking for, having learned from the veterans before them. When North Farmington could not use traditional practice tactics to show the newcomers what they can expect, Negoshian took to film. "For the new guys, how hard we play,

getting them to really understand, 'You think you have played hard in your life, you are going to play harder here than you have ever played before,'" Negoshian said of what he used film to show the new players, giving them an idea of the offensive and defensive gameplans at live speed.

Negoshian knows that 2021 is a weird year. He said it's tough to pinpoint anything without the consistent preparation throughout the offseason heading into a normal game schedule.

But he knows two things will happen on the court this season: playing hard and execution. Those, to Negoshian, are non-negotiables. Those are two things he has seen specifically from Hayes and Jihad throughout their years in the program.

"The kids they have become, the leaders they have become, you really can't describe it," Negoshian said. "They are such great kids from great families who believed in everything we have taught, everything our program has been about.

"We have to make (the season) as great as we can for them."

### Seaholm

Head coach: Michael DeGeeter, seventh season

2019-20 season: 11-10, third in OAA Blue, 63-24 loss to Farmington in dis-

trict semifinal

Key players: Senior Johnny Cross, junior John Chinonis

What to expect: Last season, head coach Michael DeGeeter led Seaholm to an 11-win season, with the Maples earning their first winning record since the 2012-13 season.

Heading into 2021, through all of the uncertainty and the things going on outside of the gym — whether it be CO-VID-19 or social issues in the country — DeGeeter said this was the season to have 10 seniors.

With this, he said, comes a maturity, a narrow focus one only one thing at a time. However, it also leads to success on the court and how the Maples play together despite, DeGetter admits, not having as much talent as other teams in the division.

"We have to play together and do things the right way, execute things the right way in order to succeed because we don't have a LeBron James," DeGeeter said. "We can't go one-on-one with anyone.

"The fact that we have a program already in place that they are accustomed to, I think, gives them a level of comfort they wouldn't have otherwise. They already know our structure, they know our expectations, they know the way we want to play."

Senior captain Johnny Cross, who also plays tennis and lacrosse at Seaholm, returns to the Maples for his third varsity season, and will try and help replace the production of Alex Lonze and Dominic Cullen, two All-League players who graduated after last season.

However, DeGeeter said that junior John Chinonis will play a huge factor in the team's success, calling him a "real geady player" that's coachable and can shoot the basketball.

After earning his first winning record in his tenure with Seaholm, DeGeeter knows it will take a lot of hard work to get back to where Seaholm was a season ago, something the team is willing to do in the OAA Blue.

"We're in a very tough division," De-Geeter said. "It's going to be very difficult to win a lot of those games, but I think we will get better over time. We'll progress, so we will be contesting for the league title at some point. "

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 2021-02-05:** Botsford General Hospital, 2000 Town Center, Ste. 1200, Southfield, MI 48075, on behalf of Lessee 18th Street Development, LLC, 1550 Market, Ste. 200, Denver, CO 80202, seeking to erect a business center ground sign, group identification ground sign, directional ground signs and wall signs on property located on the **north side** of Seven Mile (39000), between 275/96 Expressway and Haggerty, resulting in excess ordinance allowances.

<u>APPEAL CASE NO. 2021-03-08:</u> David and Mary Ann Earley, west side of Brookfield (11019), between Orangelawn and Plymouth, seeking to erect a covered front porch, resulting in deficient front yard setback.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 – all comments must include name, address and signature.

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Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82109427412 Zoom call in number: 312-626-6799 Webinar ID: 821 0942 7412

If in-person public meetings become a lawful option, then the meeting will be held both in person at the Livonia City Hall Assessor's office conference room, located at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia Michigan and such additional meetings as may be necessary for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll for the year 2021 and hearing any taxpayers deeming themselves aggrieved by the said assessments.

The meetings of the Board of Review provide the only opportunity after March 2, 2021 for property owners to present protests or suggestions relative to the assessed valuation placed on property by the Assessor for the year 2021. Property owners deeming themselves aggrieved by the assessments will have the opportunity to be heard and may obtain further information from the Office of the City Assessor.

Tuesday	March 2, 2021	<b>Organizational Meeting</b>	9:00a.m.
Monday	March 8, 2021	9:00a.m 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m 4:00p.m.
Tuesday	March 9, 2021	9:00a.m 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m 4:00p.m.
Wednesday	March 10, 2021	5:00p.m 9:00p.m.	
Thursday	March 11, 2021	9:00a.m 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m 4:00p.m.
Friday	March 12, 2021	9:00a.m 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m 4:00p.m.
Monday	March 15, 2021	9:00a.m 12:00p.m.	and and and and

Pursuant to Public Act No. 165, Public Acts of 1971, we hereby give notice that the following tentative ratio and multipliers will be used to determine the State Equalized Value (S.E.V.) for the year 2021.

CLASS	RATIO	S.E.V. FACTOR (MULTIPLIER)
Agricultural	50.00	- 1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Note: Appointments for the Board of Review may be made by calling the Assessor's Office at 734.466.2220.

Linda Gosselin, MMAO (4) City Assessor

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