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**WLNS 6 News Main Anchor, Sheri Jones, to retire after over three decades of service.**



After an extraordinary career that lasted more than 35 years at WLNS 6 News, anchor Sheri Jones will be leaving the station and the television news business.

Her last day will be Friday, May 9th.

Not content to just sit behind the anchor desk, Jones has won many awards for her work as a reporter over the years, including numerous awards from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters (MAB) and the Associated Press Managing Editors (APME). Her award-winning pieces include:

- [The Kenya Connection](#) - where Jones not only volunteered with Habitat for Humanity to build a home for a grandmother but took a video camera to document the process.
- [Gun Safety - One Family's Tragic Story](#) - where Jones told the emotional story of a family whose 3-year-old got hold of a gun and accidentally took his own life.
- Jones was also instrumental in the station's coverage in a series on mental health, which earned a [national award from Mental Health America](#)

Jones was also the scriptwriter and narrator for an Emmy Award Winning Documentary, "We Can Do It! A Celebration of Michigan Women." The documentary chronicled the first 24 years of the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, and it aired statewide on PBS. Today some 800 schools across Michigan provide students access to it in their research libraries.

Jones has also helped cover some of the biggest stories in mid-Michigan over the last four decades, including East Lansing riots, the Spartans winning the NCAA basketball tournament in 2000, the Larry Nassar scandal, and the mass shooting at MSU.

Some of her many other accolades include induction into:

- The Michigan chapter of the [National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences "Silver Circle"](#) for more than a quarter century of service to Michigan journalism
- The [Michigan Broadcasting Hall of Fame](#)
- The [Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame](#)

But Jones won't just be remembered for her time on TV. She has also been an active member of the community - leaving a legacy like few other journalists. She has emceed thousands of events over the years, served on numerous boards, and led many community efforts. Among those accomplishments:

- Since 1994, Jones has been the spokesperson for the Mid-Michigan Crime Stoppers Program. She produces a weekly segment which has aided in the capture of hundreds of Mid-Michigan's most wanted felons. Of the many awards she has received, one that she is most proud of is being recognized as the Crime Victim's Rights Outstanding Advocate from the State of Michigan.
- Jones helped spearhead the creation of "[Angel House](#)" - a shelter and home for kids who have been abused or neglected as well as young moms in the foster care system and teaches them life skills to help them become independent and thrive.
- Jones chaired "[Women Build](#)" for Habitat for Humanity and got 100 women (many of them from WLNS-TV) to help build a home for a family in need

She has also been highly recognized by the community for her work, including:

- The Lansing Chamber of Commerce "[Athena Award](#)" - which recognizes female leaders in the community
- The Extraordinary Woman award from the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame
- The Leadership in Individual & Social Responsibility award from Olivet College

Jones has also served as a friend and mentor to hundreds of journalists who started their careers in Lansing before moving on to other markets. Her legacy as a journalist will continue on in them.

WLNS Vice President and General Manager Marci Daniels commented, "Sheri is an amazing person. She embodies everything that is good about local journalism. She cares deeply about the issues and needs in our local community, and she gives everything she has every day to inform and educate our viewers. She never misses a single beat. It's a challenging position to navigate day-in and day-out, with immense responsibility, and she handles it with impeccable

professionalism and dedication. Sheri has made her mark on Mid-Michigan and on WLNS 6 News, and we will always be better for the legacy that she leaves us.

I am thrilled for her to take this next step after so many decades of service, but she will be greatly missed, and I know I speak for the entire team as well. I have told Sheri many times that we would keep her for as long as she wanted to stay, but she has made the decision to retire from 6 News and continue to her next adventure. I wish Sheri and her family all the best in the years to come.”

WLNS News Director Jam Sardar states, “Whether it’s in front of the camera or behind it, there’s no one like Sheri Jones. On camera, what you see is what you get: someone who is caring, warm, and most of all – genuine. Behind the camera, she treats everyone from the governor to the custodian with interest, respect, and grace. Some anchors are only celebrated because they’ve been around a long time – and that’s fine. But Sheri Jones has – in so many ways – told stories and taken action that have made an actual difference in this community and made the lives of mid-Michiganders better. Someone else will join Chivon on the anchor desk, but no one will fill Sheri’s shoes.”

Jones commented, “Reflecting on my time at WLNS, my second home for nearly 4 decades, I am deeply humbled to have had the privilege as an anchor/reporter to deliver stories that informed and inspired Mid-Michigan. I have overwhelming appreciation for the hundreds of colleagues I’ve worked alongside creating the friendships and memories I have made since walking through the doors of TV6 as an intern. Thank you to everyone who believed in me and shaped my career and life in more ways than I could have ever imagined. It has been a privilege of a lifetime and one I will carry in my heart forever.”

Jones plans to write, travel, and spend more time with her father and family. She'll also continue to be involved in the community.