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WXYZ-Channel 7 reporter Mary Conway leaving station after 29 years

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Mary Conway

Longtime **WXYZ-Channel 7** reporter Mary Conway is leaving the station to move to Colorado, the station and Conway said today.

After nearly three decades at the station covering the automotive industry and a wide range of topics, Conway plans to leave the station Aug. 18 — after covering the Woodward Dream Cruise.

Conway, 54, started in broadcast news as a reporter at **WIFR** in Rockford, Ill. She was also the weekend anchor at **WZZM** in Grand Rapids before joining WXYZ.

Conway said she is moving to Colorado to be close to family. Her husband is retired and "it's time to start another chapter in our lives."

She said the past 29 years have been a thrill and she will continue to handle freelance projects for the station.

Among her favorite stories to cover was the elevation of Cardinal Adam Maida in Rome. "We were in the front row with Pope John Paul II," Conway said. "That was remarkable."

"I've interviewed Rosa Parks and covered Nelson Mandela when he was here...they have sent me to the big auto shows all across the country."

Conway emphasized that the timing of her departure had to do with a family lifestyle change and the sale of her home; the station had offered her a three-year contract renewal.

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