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Farmington Hills approves 42-home project

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Farmington Hills' Ridgeview Drive is getting a next-door neighbor.

After initially being denied in July, a site plan for a vacant parcel on the north side of 10 Mile Road just east of Orchard Lake Road made by Sherr Development

was approved at city council's Jan. 13 meeting. The homes will back up to the west side of Ridgeview.

Council voted 5-2 in favor of the plan, with Mayor Vicki Barnett and Councilman Michael Bridges voting in dissent.

Council said the 16-acre site and its plan, while not ideal, addressed some of the concerns that led to the original de-

sign being voted down. These concerns included the number of homes, and an outlet to Orchard Lake Road and a cul de sac length that posed safety concerns.

"I'm very happy that you did put the road onto 10 Mile," said Councilwoman Samantha Steckloff. "That was a huge concern of this governing body."

"I personally feel a lot more comfort-

able because of that."

In a lengthy presentation, Sherr Development Co-Presidents Roger Sherr and Stuart Sherr repeatedly said they felt this new plan was great for the space and made concessions to address council's worries.

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Frame Works owner Cindy Eckley displays some of the many portrait photos left by customers over the decades the shop on Penniman Avenue in Plymouth. Eckley is working to reunite the images with their owners or the owners' descendants.
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Frame shop owner seeks to reunite images with owners

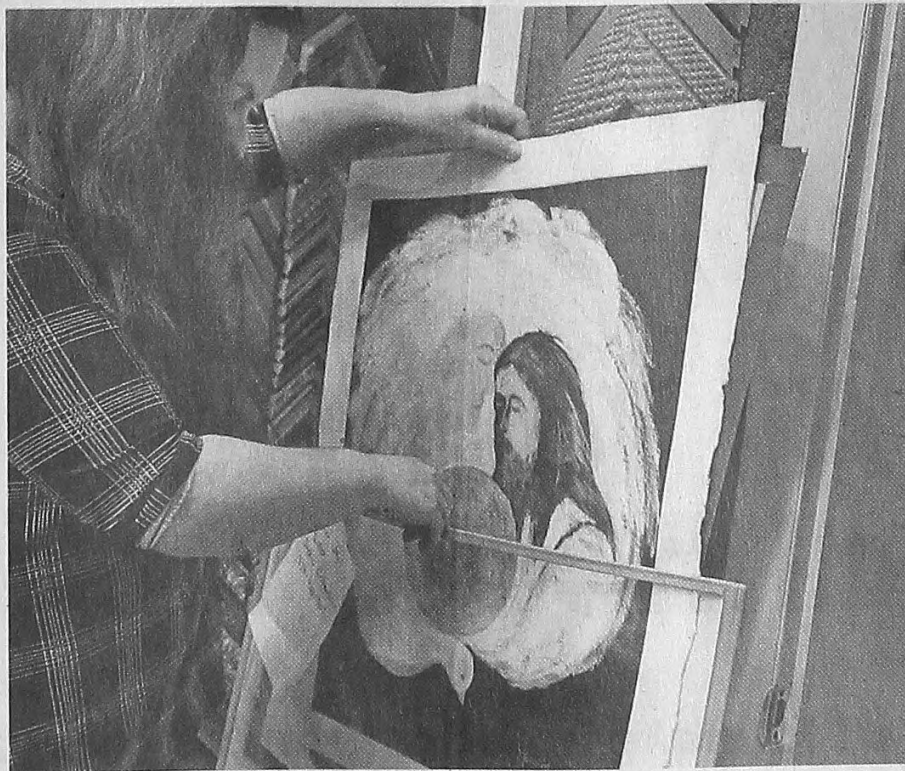
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Cindy Eckley may be a certified framer, but for the last few years, she has also been a detective.

Fanning several old photographs across the counter at Frame Works in downtown Plymouth, Eckley marveled at the images she hopes to reunite with their families. Old pictures of a family from the early 1900s, a wedding photo from the mid-1900s, and even a portrait dating back to the 1800s have all been left abandoned in the shop for decades.

Eckley, the new owner of Frame Works at 833 Penniman Ave., has been on a mission since she returned to this side of the state several years ago: to connect some of the old photos and artwork dropped off for framing that was never picked up.

"I have been sorting for five years," said Eckley, who became the outright owner of Frame Works at the start of the year. "People would leave artwork on



Eckley looks through some paintings by Father Jacob Samonie left in the shop.

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Canton-based tequila brand expands to 2 other states

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It's been a wild year for Canton resident Don Ferguson.

The co-CEO and co-founder of Teeq Tequila debuted his line of tequila product in late 2018. After growing slowly across Michigan and receiving plenty of exposure, Ferguson's line of tequila is on the move to warmer and sunnier climates.

The Canton-based tequila company run by Ferguson and his wife, Nayana, and launched with co-founder Michael Rowoldt, will grow its tequila empire by two states beginning next month: Florida and California. Those two locations, Ferguson said, were targeted because of their high intake of the agave-based spirit.

Having fewer logistical challenges in those states helped as well, Ferguson said.

"We wanted to pick two states that were easily accessible to us," he said. "Under our importation, we have access to those states immediately. We can directly import to a warehouse in California and in Florida."

Tequila lovers in those two states can begin to find the beverage on store shelves and at restaurant bars beginning in February.

In addition to the two styles of tequila launched by Teeq at the beginning — coconut lime blanco and reposada — a third has been added to the line: a blanco, which works well when mixed for cocktails such as margaritas but can also be drunk straight. That line was added in October.

"It's the purest form of tequila," Ferguson said. "It doesn't have that bite. It's really smooth so it can be sipped on ice."

The line has grown from 100 locations last year to more than 375 across Michigan. Teeq Tequila can be found at restaurants and shops across metro Detroit as well as the areas around Lansing, Livingston County, Grand Rapids, Port Huron and Battle Creek.

The company's success began to truly grow, Ferguson said, after Hometown Life published a story on Teeq Tequila in January 2019.

He said people still mention that story to him when he's in western Wayne County, and he takes a copy with him when he goes to tastings in other communities, such as Livonia and Canton.

"It really did start with that article," he said. "I put it up and people read it, and say 'Wow, you're in Canton.'"

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Nurses fear for their safety at work

Mich. medical staffers seek tougher laws to protect them

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In Sandra Dorsey's 40 years as a nurse, she's been kicked and grabbed and spit on. She's seen another nurse being thrown across the room by a patient who had broken out of leather restraints.

"There's so many different ones and different kinds of violence ..." said Dorsey, who lives in Howell and is a critical care nurse at University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor. "I'm never used to it. And I wish that it never existed."

Nurses are four times more likely to experience workplace violence than other private-industry employees, according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Compounding the problem, hospitals are required to provide treatment to

anyone seeking medical care and can't turn patients away, even those who have a history of assaulting staff.

Despite the risks, there are few legal protections in place for nurses, and, because their attackers are often patients seeking medical care, their cases often aren't prosecuted.

The Michigan Legislature is considering bills that would increase penalties for assaulting a nurse and require hospitals to have violence-prevention plans in place.

Nurses support it. Some lawmakers aren't sure new laws will stop the violence.

Dorsey said that workplace violence is so prevalent, it can feel like it's a part of the job, just like listening to patients' lungs or giving them their medicine.

"Nurses, and I think sometimes institutions, feel like it's just a part of our job. And really, as a caring profession, we

need to do away with the expectation that it's a part of the job," she said. "I think that there is an expectation that because patients are ill, their behavior is excusable, and that's not true. Violence should not be tolerated in any way, shape or form."

'We have to take care of whoever comes through our doors'

It is a felony to assault police officers, firefighters, EMTs and paramedics.

Despite the high risk for nurses and other health-care professionals, Michigan law provides no specific protection for them.

Nurse advocacy groups, including the Michigan Emergency Nurses Association and the Michigan Nurses Association, are working to pass legislation that would.

In practice, there are often fewer repercussions for people who assault nurses because they are patients and

prosecutors often don't bring charges.

Federal law requires hospitals to admit anyone who comes to an emergency room seeking treatment. This means nurses must treat everyone, even if they have a history of violence against hospital staff.

"We have to take care of whoever comes through our doors, so that's why it's so important to really be working to protect our healthcare workers," said Bronson Hospital Vice President of Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer Dorothy Malcolm. "These are people who went into business to help people, not get hurt on the job."

Malcolm is in charge of patient care services at Bronson in Battle Creek and oversees nursing, the emergency department, surgery and the inpatient unit.

She worked as an ER nurse for 15 years.

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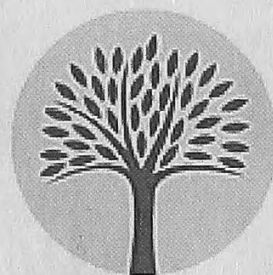
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"We're seeing more and more violence in the emergency department and in the hospitals in general," she said. "We've had employees who have been physically assaulted by someone punching them, kicking them, even biting them, and this can happen with patients or even patient family members."

Jamie Brown, president of the Michigan Nurses Association and a registered nurse at Ascension Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, said the rise in violence is making it harder for nurses to do their jobs.

"It's more of the overdoses, the alcoholics, the families of people that are in car accidents... They are taking out their frustrations on the nursing staff and it's hard to deal with them," she said. "As you walk in, you start looking around and trying to see if anyone looks like they might cause problems."

For many nurses, the expectation of violence is leading to burnout, Brown said.

Violence on the rise

Violence in hospitals is a growing problem.

For every 10,000 full-time registered nurses, there were 8.7 reported cases of intentional injury caused by another person in 2018, according to the most recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That's just under the rate for 2017, which was a five-year high at 8.8 cases per 10,000 workers.

The rate of violence against nursing assistants is even worse: 26.3 reported cases for every 10,000 full-time nursing assistants in 2018. That's nearly two-thirds the rate for police officers.

The national average for reported cases of intentional injury caused by another person across all industries in 2018 was 2.1.

Katie Pontifex is a registered nurse at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing and sits on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Nurses Association. She's been a nurse for 11 years and said she sees some sort of violence nearly every day she works.

"You won't find a single nurse or health-care professional who hasn't experienced some form of workplace violence," she said. "We've become a little

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Sandra Dorsey, Critical care nurse at University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor

bit desensitized to it because it's such an everyday occurrence."

Nurses want to see fewer excuses

Pontifex had a violent interaction with a patient last year that kept her from her regular duties for three months.

The patient was known to be violent but wasn't medically stable enough to be discharged.

Pontifex said she was walking by the patient's room when she heard yelling.

"I responded and caught this patient attempting to stab one of our patient care techs with a pen," she said. "In the process of intervening and attempting to get the object away from the patient, I was deeply scratched on my hand and wrist."

She filled out the proper incident reports and thought the injury wouldn't be a big deal, but a week later her hand was infected and still swollen. In the struggle, her tendon was twisted. She had to undergo occupational therapy to get the use of her wrist back.

"My wrist is still weak, but I get by," she said. "It's not my dominant, and I'm very fortunate."

Pontifex was not able to pursue charges against her assailant because she said the patient had been found incompetent to stand trial in a different assault case involving her coworker.

The Ingham County Prosecutor's Of-



Dorsey

fice said that patients can be found incompetent to stand trial based on a recommendation from the state Center for Forensic Psychiatry. In some cases, the defendant can continue to undergo psychiatric treatment with the goal of attaining competency, and if that patient can be found competent, the case can proceed.

Pontifex said that she's heard similar stories from nurses who struggle to get charges brought against people who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

"That's where we see it a lot from the prosecutors' side is when we get these explanations, 'Well, it was very stressful, they were in a very stressful situation,'" Pontifex said. "It doesn't excuse it."

Legislation would increase penalties

Thirty-five states have workplace violence laws in place that set stricter penalties for assault of nurses, and nine states require employers to run workplace violence programs, according to the American Nurses Association.

Lawmakers in Michigan have considered such legislation many times in the past. Just last year, four bills were brought before the House.

Four have been brought before the Senate since 2013. None were signed into law.

House Bill 4327 and Senate Bill 80

would make it a felony to assault a nurse. Both bills have been in committee since early 2019.

House Bill 5089 and Senate Bill 303, which would require health facilities and local health departments to provide training and report injuries to law enforcement, are also both in committee.

Sen. Peter Lucido, a Republican who represents Michigan's 8th District, is the Senate majority whip and chair of the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. He's also a cosigner of Senate Bill 80.

Lucido said that he supports nurses, but he isn't sure legislation would deter people from assaulting them.

"I know there's an obligation in the health-care industry to go ahead and make people well, and you can't turn away people when you have an obligation. But if somebody is also mentally or emotionally or medically unstable and they create the assault ... how do you handle those that don't have the requisite intent to create the crime?" he said. "Where do we stop with the carve-outs? ... How about a customer service representative or a greeter over at Walmart?"

Even if stricter penalties are put in place, Lucido said, that wouldn't guarantee that prosecutors would bring charges against people who assault health-care workers.

"So, me making a law that says it's stricter penalties if you assault a medical professional, my question is: Is that going to make the prosecutors prosecute? And the answer is, I doubt it," he said. "What good is making a law if no one's going to enforce it?"

Rep. Jim Haadsma, a Democrat who represents Michigan's 62nd District, said he was concerned about penalty creep, the continued incremental increase in the state's penalties and sentence lengths.

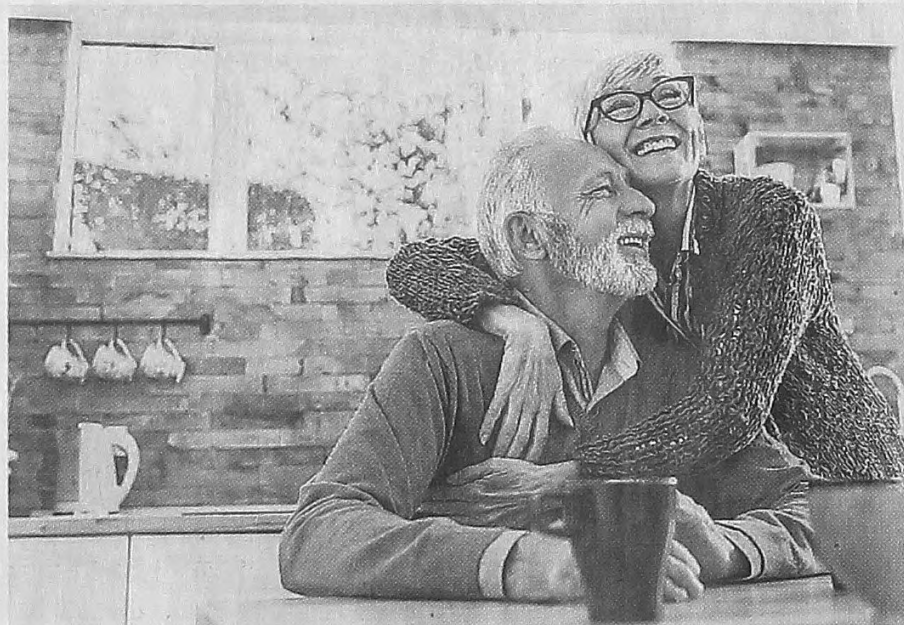
"I think nurses should be entitled to the same protections as first responders. This kind of mandate, however, does take away a lot of discretion from judges, and what's more significant, the fiscal obligation on the state for incarcerating these alleged criminals."

Does legislation work?

The data on whether having stricter penalties in place leads to lower rates of violence against nurses is inconclusive.

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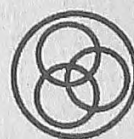
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State-level data on occupational injuries is not as detailed as at the national level due to changes in Bureau of Labor Statistics survey participation each year and insufficient sample sizes. That means that occupational incidence rates can't be broken down as narrowly by job type, which prevents a direct comparison.

Limited data also prevents a comparison of incidence rates before and after laws went into effect. Data on intentional injury caused by another person isn't available prior to 2012, and some states have had laws in place for longer than that. In other states, stricter penalties only recently went into effect.

Along with stricter penalties for people who assault nurses, some states have also introduced reporting requirements for hospitals, which also prevents a direct comparison.

Pontifex said that, although it may take some time for laws to deter violent behavior, she believes eventually they would.

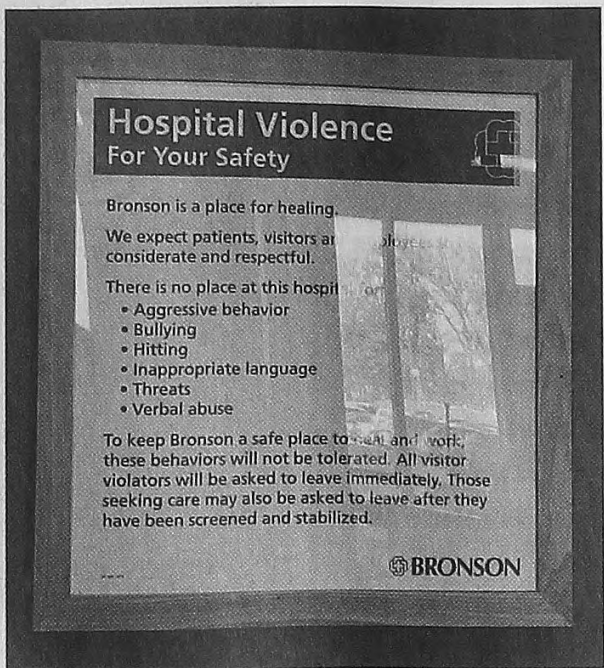
"You go to a bar, have too much to drink, and you escalate your behavior, you might be inebriated, but ultimately, you're held responsible if you do anything. ... You don't drink and drive because you know there are penalties," she said. "I've seen it compared to a patient who is in a lot of pain or under stress, not the dementia patient... You or I, going in, and we're in pain out of our minds, and we act up, we should be held accountable."

'The patient always comes first'

Brown, the president of the Michigan Nurses Association, said violent interactions with patients happen on a regular basis, about two out of every three days that she works.

"Recently, a pregnant woman did get kicked in the stomach upstairs, and then just this last weekend, I had a patient that was confused and tried to hit, kick and bite the nurses, including myself," she said.

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Bronson Hospital in Battle Creek has signs posted in the emergency department that outline expected behavior. COURTESY OF ELENA DURNBAUGH

had a patient that was confused and tried to hit, kick and bite the nurses, including myself," she said.

The violence makes it difficult for nurses to do their job, she said.

"You try to make sure the door is always between you and your patient so you can get out and they can't corner you," she said. "Once in a while, the police will get called, but ... the cops can't do anything until they actually touch us."

It's helpful when management is able to stand behind nurses and a police report can be filed, Brown said, but that's a rarity.

"Very rarely do people file police reports, and I do believe I was told it won't go anywhere because it's not a big enough deal to follow up with the legal process," Brown said. "The patient always comes first. It's kind of like the customer-is-always-right type mentality."

In the past year, nine employees at Bronson Hospital have filed police reports for assault, according to Lt. Doug Bagwell of the Battle Creek Police Department. Most were non-aggravated assault and many involved an individual who was intoxicated or mentally ill.

Cayley Winters, a former certified nurse assistant at Bronson, said that it's common for nurses to be discouraged from filing a report.

"When health-care providers do get assaulted, you can press charges, but... it takes so long for the courts to do anything, a lot of cases end up getting dropped, and often, this is something I experienced, management didn't want you to," she said. "Just, nothing's done about it. It was exhausting."

"Working 12s and nights is exhausting enough, working three, four days is exhausting enough ...," she

said, "and then to go to work and to be so discouraged and feel like your dream was a sham because management and the law doesn't stand behind you? It sucks."

Hospitals put safeguards in place

Many hospitals, like Bronson, are trying to do more to protect their workers, Malcolm said.

Bronson posts signs in its emergency room stating the hospital's expectations for patients' conduct. They have security around the clock.

"We've done a lot of things to further protect our employees over the recent years as violence has escalated, things like offering self-protection and deescalation training, we do that. We've expanded our employee assistance program after traumatic events," she said.

Sparrow Hospital put a visitor management system in place to help with violence prevention. Between 4 p.m. and midnight, all hospital visitors are required to check in with a photo ID and wear a badge that includes their name and where they're going, Pontifex said.

Sparrow also has mandatory violence prevention and deescalation training in place and encourages employees to report workplace violence.

Pontifex said having those systems makes health-care workers feel supported and has created a positive culture change at the hospital.

"I have the resources I need," she said. "If we are having a positive change at our very large hospital, I can only imagine how my colleagues at some of these smaller hospitals would feel."

Not all hospitals provide that kind of training, though.

Brown said that Borgess trains security guards, nursing aides and psychiatric nurses on how to deal with violent patients, but floor nurses, ER nurses and critical care nurses don't receive any training.

"You get really good at dodging," she said.

In a statement, Borgess Hospital said, in part, that "With workplace safety a top priority, all Ascension Borgess associates complete annual required safety education, including mandatory de-escalation training for all nursing staff to help prepare them for addressing any potential violent behavior."

Burnout

The expectation of violence is causing nurses to leave the field.

"You're constantly looking and double checking your ways out of the room before you ever walk in," Brown said. "That is part of the reason you have nurses leaving bedside nursing ... because of the violence. You get burned out much quicker."

The number of nurses leaving the field each year has grown steadily, from around 40,000 in 2010 to a projected 80,000 by 2020, according to a 2015 study by Montana State University.

"Every year it seems to be getting worse for the nurses to go into their job," Brown said.

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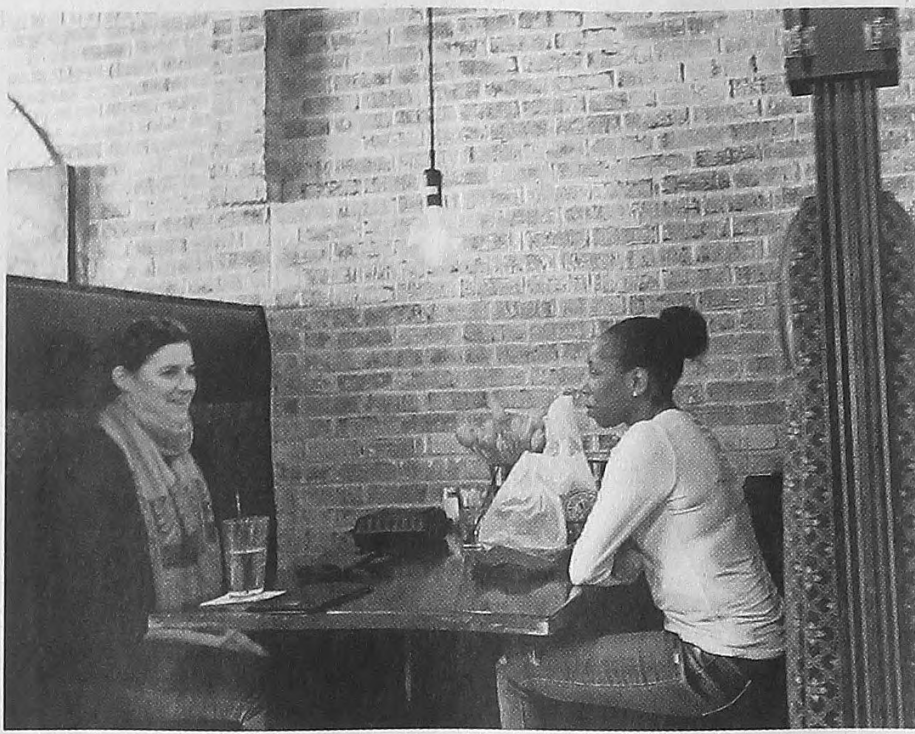
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Two Mi.Mosa guests finish a late lunch on Jan. 21. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Mi.Mosa in Farmington reopens after 2 months

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It's time to make brunch plans in downtown Farmington again.

Closing down Mi.Mosa for more than two months wasn't exactly how the Khalil brothers planned to spend their holidays. But the duo were forced to close the popular brunch spot at 23360 Farmington after a burst pipe left water damage under the restaurant's flooring.

"It happened suddenly," said Majid Khalil, a Livonia resident who owns the restaurant with his brother, Jacob. "The pipes were deteriorated. They were 60 years old. They had to come up to code and be redone."

"The whole place got cut up."

The shutdown wasn't expected at all, Khalil said. The restaurant, which opened in 2016, had experienced some water backup issues in the past, but those were typically easily fixed.

The two took the unplanned opportunity to improve the restaurant and make other necessary upgrades. In addition to replacing some of the building's infrastructure, the two replaced the floor, lightened up the restaurant's brick walls, reupholstered the seats and added some space in the kitchen for prep work. Khalil declined to share how much the renovations cost.

Khalil said regular guests wouldn't see a major difference in the menu, though some renovations have allowed

for some additional space to prep items like hand-cut steaks, something the 76-seat restaurant hadn't offered before.

"I didn't have the prep room, but I made room now," Khalil said. "I got a lot of good things that happened with everything after the piping went out."

In addition, the kitchen has new shelving, new coolers and other new fixtures.

Diners can still expect to find their usual breakfast and brunch items. Drinks have also remained the same, with patrons able to enjoy a glass of wine, a beer or one of several types of mimosas made at the bar.

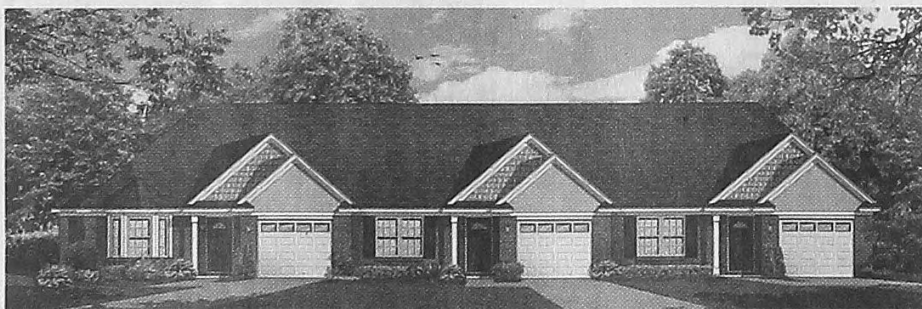
Those looking to get back into their brunch habits at Mi.Mosa can visit the eatery during its regular hours, which are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 9 a.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. A full menu can be found at mimosafarmington.com.

The brothers are happy to finally have Mi.Mosa open again as downtown Farmington's brunch locale of choice. Khalil said he's not planning on having to rip up the floor again anytime soon.

"It's a big relief," he said. "Everything worked out. We've got a whole new fresh place. Everything's up to code."

"The pipes are going to last another 100 years."

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A rendering shows the design of a proposed condo development in Westland. COURTESY OF INFINITY HOMES

Westland council approves condo development plan

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Starting in summer, a new condominium development will be built in Westland on Farmington Road between the intersections with Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail. The development will also back up to Edward Hines Drive.

The development will sit on about five acres of land, with six one-story buildings making up 28 condos.

The property is where the former one-room Perrinville schoolhouse used to sit. Originally built by Henry Ford in the 1930s, the schoolhouse was placed onto a trailer and moved to Greenmead Historical Park in 2016. The land, previously owned by Livonia Public Schools, was sold to Novi-based Infinity Homes in 2017.

Westland City Council approved the rezoning, preliminary plan and final site plan for the property's new purpose, with further review to come from Wayne County.

The final plan was approved 5-2, with Councilmen Peter Herzberg and Mike McDermott voting in dissent. McDermott voted in favor of the rezoning, giving that a 6-1 approval.

Herzberg said he wanted the space, which was zoned R-5 residential, to stay that way.

"I would like to see it be walkable and bikeable and I would like to see it remain R-5," he said.

Councilwoman Andrea Rutkowski expressed a similar concern, noting the proximity of the space to Hines Park. Developer Rino Soave with Infinity Homes said he is open to adding sidewalks on the Farmington Road side of the space. There are already sidewalks on the Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive areas of the property.

Trees between 8 and 12 feet tall will encircle the property.

"They'll give basically everybody some screening and bring some privacy," Soave said.

Soave said he doesn't think added traffic will be cause for concern. The development's only outlets will go onto Farmington Road.

"We figured having a drive off Farmington would ease the traffic flow and give it the best possible use," he said.

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mingham Shopping District, said in a statement. "With 800,000+ white lights still aglow throughout town, we encourage everyone to come out and enjoy a fantastic meal in a picturesque setting." Menus for both lunch and dinner options with Birmingham Restaurant Week are available on the Birmingham Shopping District's website, though some restaurants had yet to post their menus and pricing as of Tuesday morning. Also new this year is a social media contest: Diners are encouraged to post a photo of their restaurant week meal to Facebook or Instagram, using the hashtag #birminghamrestaurantweek, and list the restaurant's name. The winner will receive a \$50 gift card to a downtown Birmingham restaurant. More information, including full menus, can be found at the Birmingham Shopping District's website, allin-birmingham.com.



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"I don't like to use the word 'perfect,' but this is pretty close," Roger Sherr said. The neighborhood will now open on to 10 Mile Road, which local police and fire see as safer than the originally proposed Orchard Lake Road option. The home density was decreased from a proposed 44 units to 42. Both Sherrs expressed frustration that the original plan from July had not been approved, which would have followed the lead of the planning commission, and that some council members were still not totally content with the revision. "We've taken care of the two primary concerns of this city council: the length of the cul de sac and the connection to 10 Mile Road, which we have now installed into the plan," Stuart Sherr said. "Unfortunately, we weren't able to keep the Orchard Lake Road connection. ... "This has been going on for months



A new residential housing development is proposed near the corner of Ten Mile and Ridgeview in Farmington Hills. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM


and it's costing us a significant amount of planning." Several council members did not take

kindly to the developers' complaint. "I really appreciate you coming forward with this project, but every time

you guys come up here I feel like I'm getting a little attacked over here," Steckloff said. Councilman Ken Massey said it's council's job to look out for the residents' best interests. Massey later introduced the resolution to approve the plan. "Be cautious when you're talking to us," he said. "I don't need a lecture." The homes, geared toward first-time home buyers or empty-nest couples looking to downsize, will range between 1,600 and 2,500 square feet, the developers said. Several residents from Ridgeview spoke during the public hearing, most of whom said they didn't think the plan was ideal but was far better than the option proposed last summer. "I feel that this plan is much better than the previous plan," said Ann Kuelbs, a resident of Ridgeview and the president of its homeowners association. Contact reporter Shelby Tankersley at stankersle@hometownlife.com or 248-305-0448. Follow her on Twitter @shelby_tankk.


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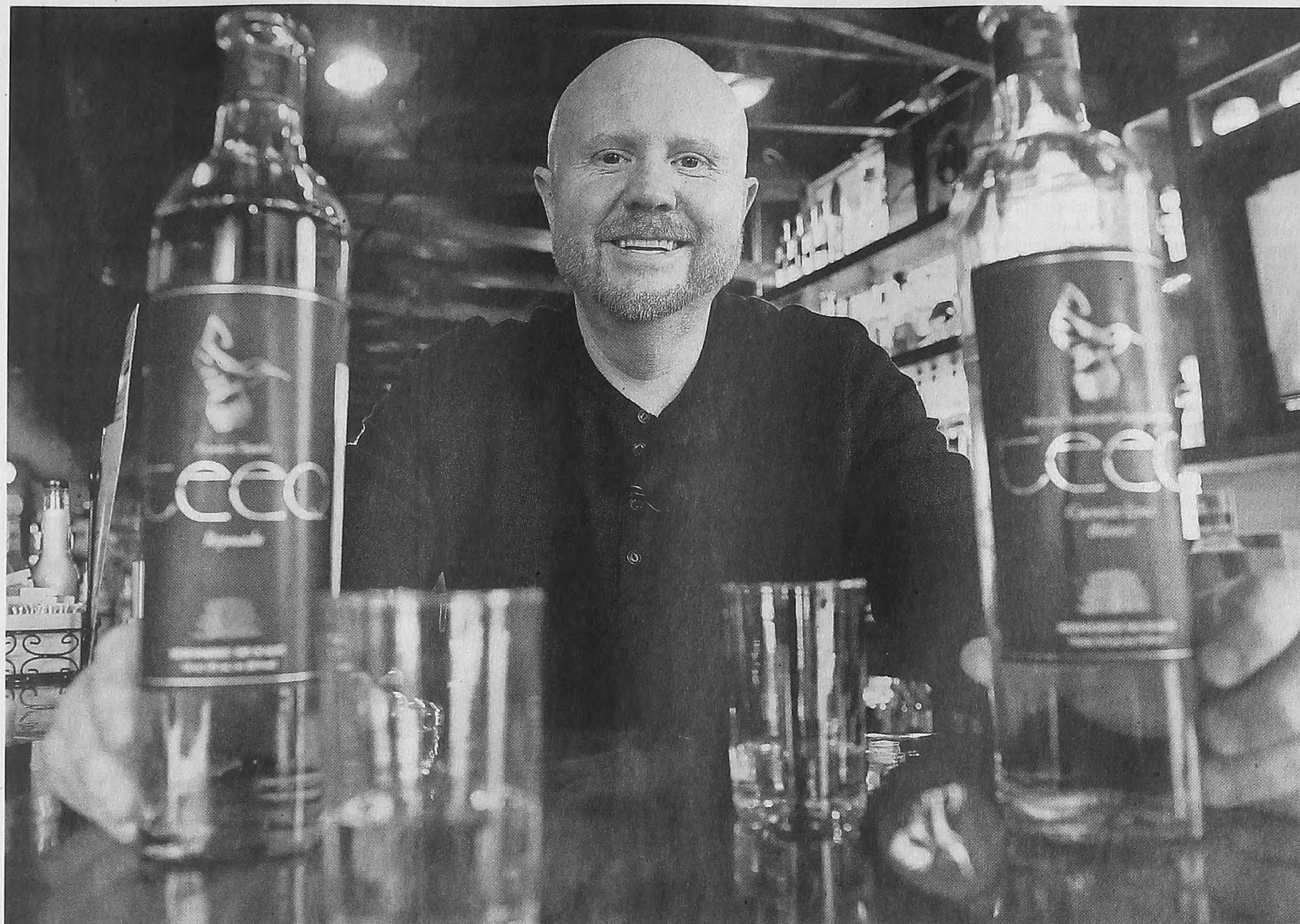
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Don Ferguson, of Canton, and his wife, Nayana Ferguson, partnered with Michael Rowoldt to produce Teeq Tequila. The company has seen such success in Michigan that it has expanded its product availability to Florida and California, starting next month, and plans to enter the San Francisco World Spirits Competition in March.

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Tequila

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In the new states, tequila drinkers will be able to find Teeq Tequila in markets such as Tampa and Miami in Florida, and in San Diego and San Francisco in California.

Being in the San Francisco market in the coming months is key, Ferguson said, as the company plans to enter the San Francisco World Spirits Competition in March, a prestigious competition that could boost the spirit company's profile if it does well enough.

"If we win, I want people to be able to buy it," Ferguson said.

He said he hopes to grow the busi-

ness more, not only across Florida and California, but to other parts of the country. He said he's currently in negotiations to expand to three more states.

Those looking to purchase Teeq Tequila can search for locations on its website, teeqspirits.com.

Not even Ferguson expected such success so fast when the company began. He's looking forward to everything

that's planned for the company in 2020.

"It's been pretty aggressive," he said. "If you would have told me we're getting ready to expand to California, Florida ... all these different things, I wouldn't have believed it."

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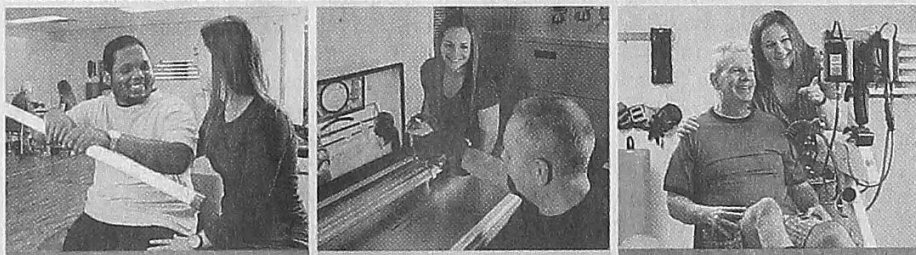
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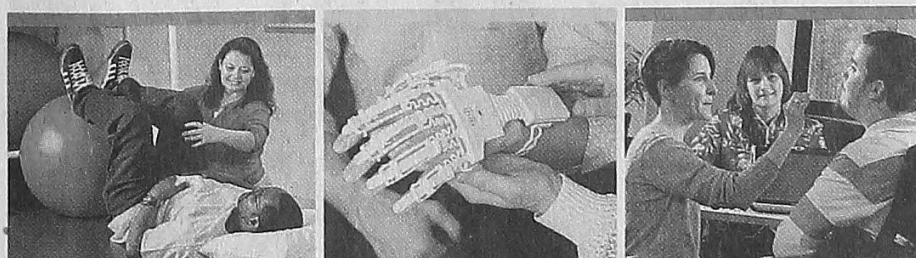
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consignment and never pick it up.”

After returning to work as a framer in Plymouth after a stint in Saugatuck and Holland, the Livonia resident who graduated from Canton High School found herself working at Frame Works for previous owner Al Larson. As Larson retired in 2015, she began slowly taking over the business, to the point where she had 100% control starting this year.

In between building framings for local customers, she began sorting through the stacks of images dropped off by customers scattered all across the shop, perhaps since the store opened in 1975, looking to connect them with the original owners or family members.

“We’ve had things that have gotten picked up after 12 years,” she said. “People would leave things and who knows where the paperwork went or how long it’s been here.”

To date, she’s reconnected hundreds of images and pieces of art to their owners or the subject of a photo. She’s down to about 30 pieces or so and has turned to the power of Facebook to help find the owners, creating an album titled “Who are these people?” to try and identify the photos’ subjects.

“These are the ones I couldn’t find on my own,” she said. “I can’t believe after this many years, I’m still finding things in nooks and crannies.”

Follow the clues

Many times, Eckley has little to go on: a name or a date written on the back, or a scrap piece of paper attached. One of the more popular images found by followers of the shop’s social media page was an image of the Rev. Jay Samonie, a popular Catholic priest in the Archdiocese of Detroit, who was also known for his artwork, who died in 2010. The image is of a younger Samonie walking down the street with Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corktown behind him.

The image, taken by a Detroit News photographer decades ago, sparked plenty of discussion online about the priest’s life years after his death, Eckley said.

“It started people talking about their memories of him and what a great man he was,” she said.

Since finding out who the man was, Eckley eventually found Samonie’s youngest sister, whom she contacts when she finds some of Samonie’s artwork, which was also at the shop.

After discovering the trove of lost images, Eckley contacted Ellen Elliott, a local historian and executive director of the Friends of the Penn in Plymouth. Elliott came over believing the images were ones stored from the days when the building was a bank in the 1800s, but was surprised to see they were deliberately dropped off by customers, never to be picked up.

While she did not recognize anyone in the images, she said simply keeping all those images shows how serious Frame Works took its charge of being a place of preserving history.

“I was really impressed that Cindy put out that call to people to have this,” Elliott said. “Part of the history and preserving history is knowing who the people are.”

“If you don’t know what they are, their story disappears.”

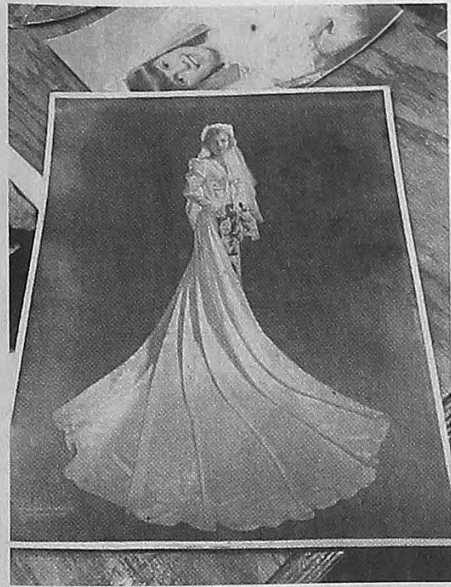
Reunited at last

One such group of images for which



Frame Works owner Cindy Eckley is trying to find the owner of this photo, labeled “Tom.” It’s one of several lost images that customers never picked up.

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This bridal portrait is Eckley’s favorite of all those left at the shop throughout the years.



“We’ve had things that have gotten picked up after 12 years,” Eckley said. “... I’m still finding things in nooks and crannies.”

Elliott was able to pinpoint an owner were several photos taken in Cuba by Ann Arbor photographer Jack Kenny.

Eight prints were found in the shop, and given Kenny’s history in Plymouth—he owned Quicksilver Photo, from the early 1980s until it closed more than a decade ago—she came to the conclusion they belonged to him.

Sure enough, after calling him, they discovered the images were Kenny’s, left in the shop on consignment with the former owner. Given that the images were dark-room, sepia-toned prints, which Kenny hadn’t made in over a decade, he said he suspects they were there for a long time.

“These are probably from the early 2000s, and they were there the whole time,” Kenny said. “I had forgotten because I had done so many shows over the years.”

Just hours after getting the call, Kenny stopped by the shop and picked up the photos, giving Eckley a copy of a book by him as a token of appreciation.

“It’s also fun to find out who these people are, where they lived and try to find out why this photo is here,” Eckley

said. “All I knew was that the gentleman used to own Quicksilver Photo on Ann Arbor Road in the ‘90s.”

In between searching for photo and art owners, Eckley provides a wide range of framing services for those looking to highlight artwork and photography. In addition to framing, she sells an array of artwork by artists from across the region, including local renowned artist Tony Roko.

Getting into the framing business was a combination of art and history, both passions for Eckley. Being in the framing business for decades, she’s seen plenty from those looking to frame. After doing some art shows with family decades ago, she was introduced to framing, and decided it would make a great career.

“That struck a chord with me because I had a skilled-trade, carpentry background,” she said. “I get to be creative and work with art. It was a good career choice for me.”

Elliott knows how important preservation is and has relied on Frame Works for years. She has multiple pieces hanging in her home that were framed by

Frame Works over the years, and won’t take work anywhere else when it needs to be presented correctly.

The shop’s connection to the community, Elliott said, is priceless.

“In my home, I have family photographs that are years and years old,” she said. “I wouldn’t trust those photographs with anyone but Frame Works.”

“It’s important to our history as a community that we continue to have businesses like that in town.”

Eckley is excited to work with customers when they bring in work to be framed using one of the more-than 8,000 frame options in the shop.

Eckley would be more than happy to continue framing the photos left in her shop if the owners are interested.

Anyone who may recognize any of the photos is encouraged to reach out.

“I love art, I love history,” she said. “These people belong somewhere.”

“They need to go home.”

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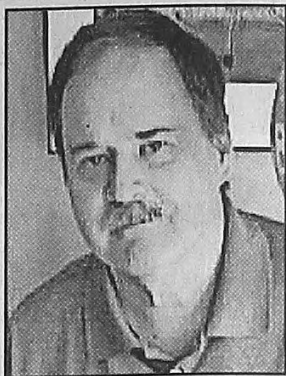
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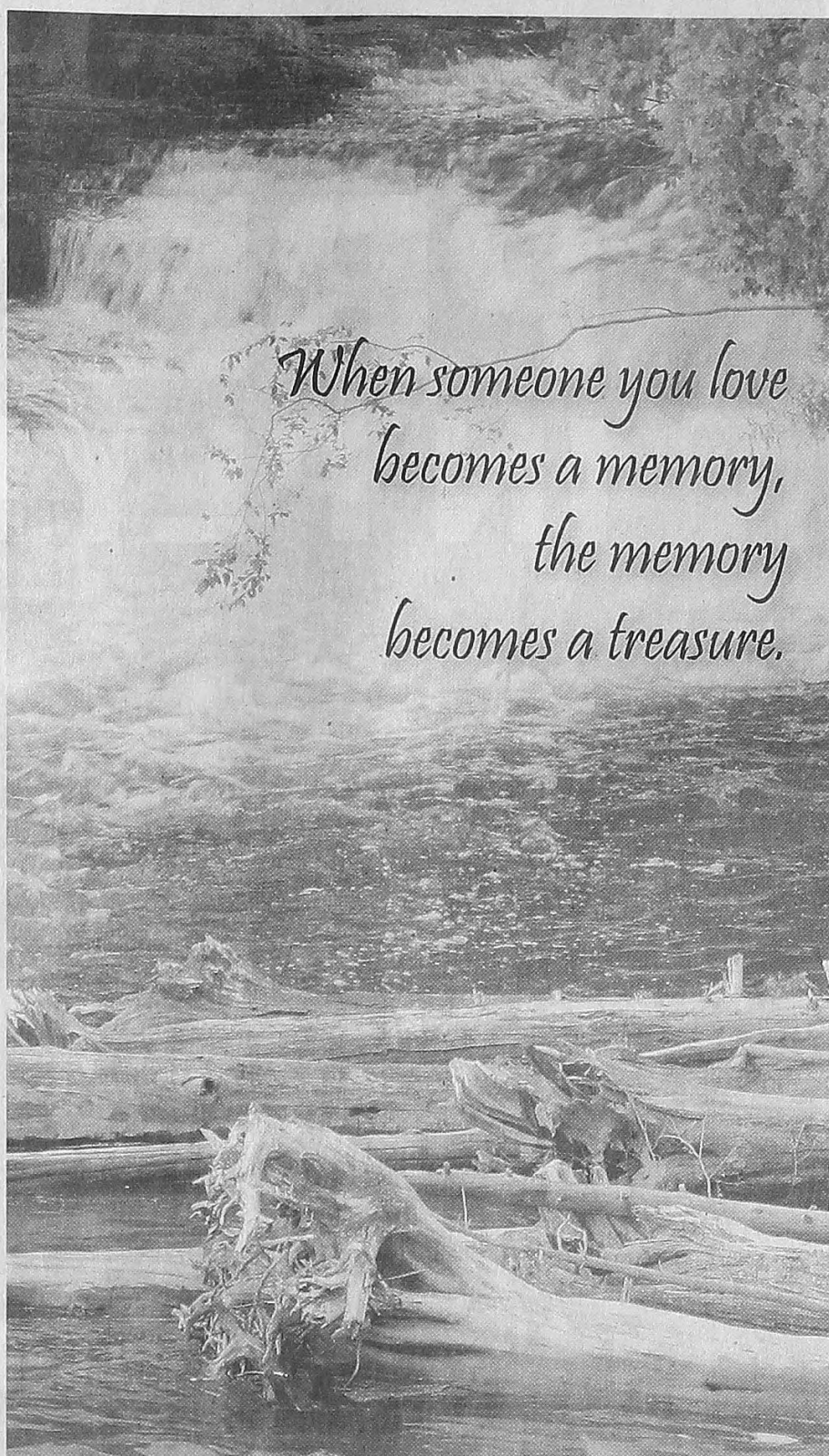
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Sports

Brother Rice turns tide in CC hoops rivalry

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The first edition of the Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central rivalry was a race to 60.

Neither the Warrior nor the Shamrock basketball teams have won a game

in the 2019-20 season scoring less than 60 points, but it seemed that both teams were on opposite trajectories.

Catholic Central had lost each of its past five games, averaging 49.6 per game, while Brother Rice came into the game on an offensive roll, winning four of its past five games and scoring more

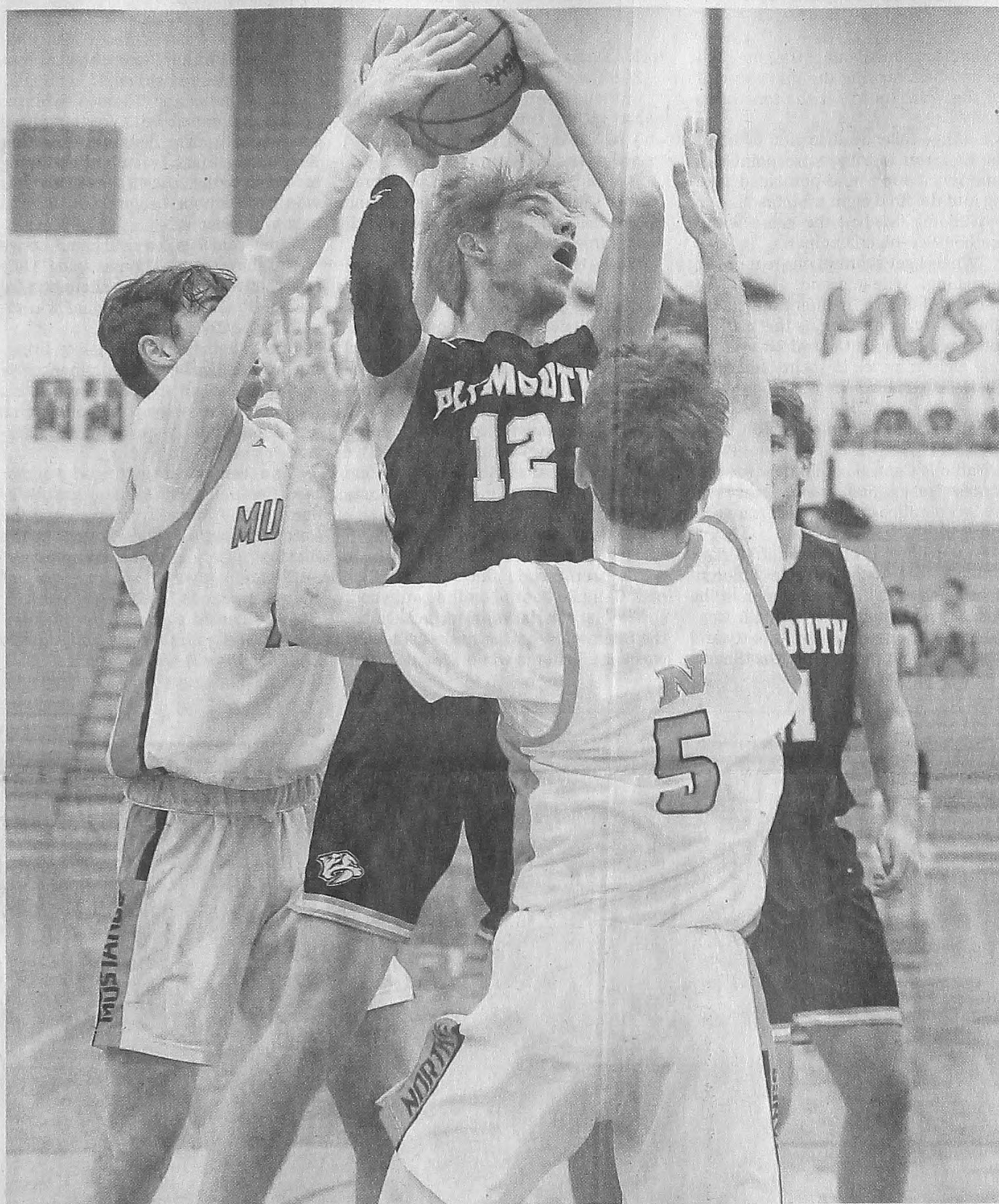
than 75 points in each win.

While senior guard Antonio Nikprelaj made sure that 60-point win streak would continue with four seconds left in the game, Brother Rice (7-3) had Catholic Central (2-7) handled well before that, beating the Shamrocks, 60-45, on the road Tuesday night.

With the win, Brother Rice earns its first win against the Shamrocks since the 2014-15 season.

Here are three takeaways from the first meeting between the two foes:

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Plymouth's Kane Elmy tries to get a shot off while being pressured by two Northville players. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Northville stuns Plymouth in comeback victory, 49-48

Andrew Vaillencourt
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It was a tale of two halves Tuesday night at Northville High School.

The Plymouth Wildcats jumped all over the Northville Mustangs early, taking a 13-point lead into halftime, but it was Northville that stormed all the way back in the second half to earn a 49-48 victory.

"Sometimes you don't necessarily deserve to win one, I thought they outplayed us for a lot of the game," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "Not a lot was going our way, but our guys, they found a way. They played with a lot more urgency in the second half on both ends. When you can steal one, you have to feel pretty good about those."

The win boosts Northville to 9-0 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA. Plymouth falls to 4-5 and 1-4.

"Some dumb turnovers on our part against the press, I probably should have called a timeout after the first one but I didn't," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said. "That being said, we had a good look at the end there. Sometimes the ball doesn't bounce your way. They played harder than us in the second half no question about it."

"I thought we weathered enough

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Salem uses perimeter consistency to defeat Plymouth

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
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Salem boys basketball head coach Bob Brodie wanted to see his team get out of the 40s. Through seven games, the Rocks had only scored more than 50 points in a game twice, scoring 55 points in a five-point loss to Novi their last time out.

At first, Salem did not seem to be on the path to giving Brodie what he wanted, failing to find a presence inside and passing frantically, trying to find an open look in the perimeter.

But Charlie Argust found his stroke.

The Salem junior forward hit six 3-pointers, including four in the first quarter, boosting a Salem (4-4) offense to its first win against a KLAA West opponent this season, beating Plymouth (4-4), 66-55, at home Friday night.

"We've been struggling on offense a lot at the beginning of the year," Argust said. "To hit those 3's and get us started against our rival, it felt really good."

Here are three takeaways from Salem's win against Plymouth:

Firing from the perimeter

Brodie knows that he has good 3-point shooters. He said Salem has shown that lately.

And when the Rocks are firing consistently, it allows the offense to use each part of its game effectively.

"Tonight, we got hot again from the perimeter and that forces them to come and that opens up our inside game," Brodie said.


The Rocks hit 11 3-point makes on 23 attempts against Plymouth, including seven in the first half. The outcome: scoring the most points the Wildcats have allowed all season.

Argust, who led the team with 22 points, gave Salem momentum offensively with a connection beyond the arc.

The Rocks scored 11 of the next 13 points, capping off the run with four free-throw makes by senior forward Zach Peters after a foul and a technical by Plymouth's Jacob Smith.

"We are labeled as a shooting team, but I think once Charlie started hitting them, we all started hitting them, we gained momentum," Salem forward Garrett Smith said. "We all just worked together as a team, I think it makes our chemistry better."

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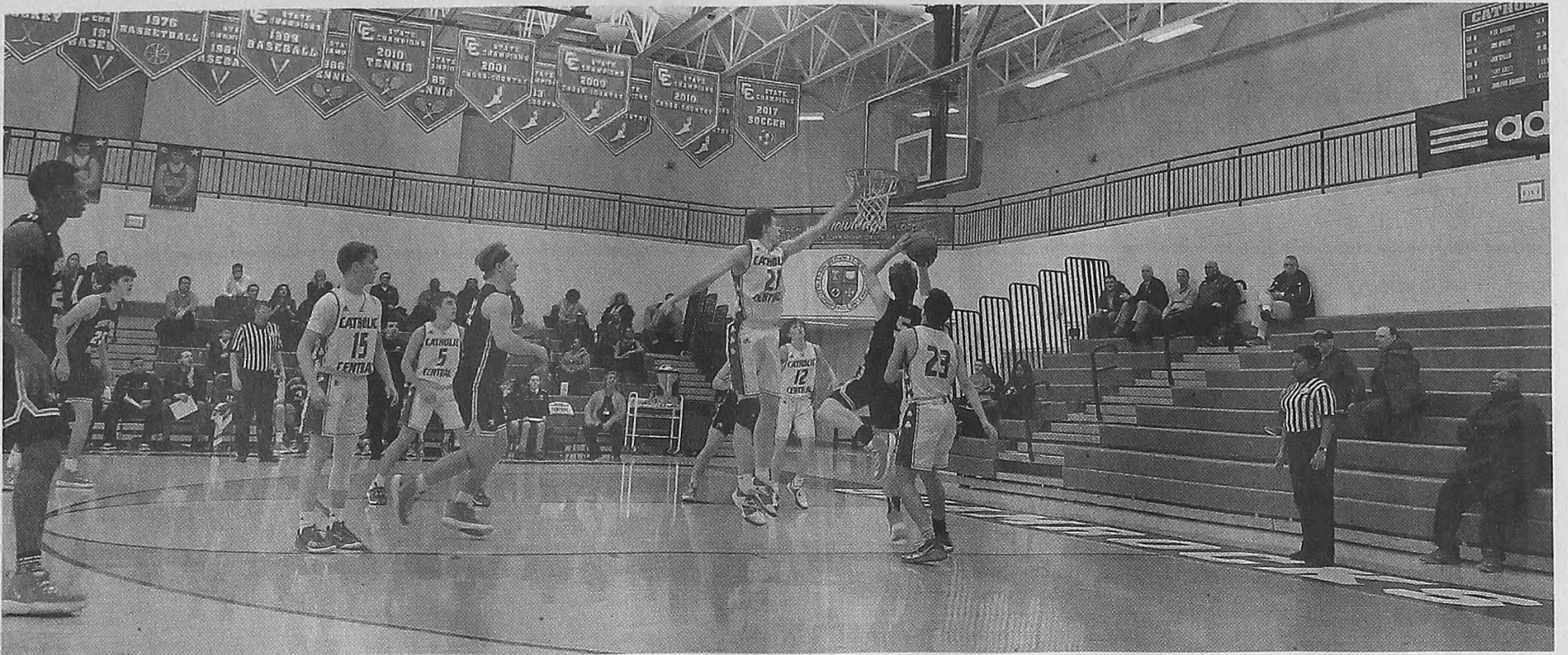
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Brother Rice freshman guard Henry Garrity finishes at the rim against Detroit Catholic Central. Brother Rice won, 60-45. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Rivalry

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Playing with emotion

Brother Rice head coach Rick Palmer described his team's performance in the first half as "emotional."

The Warriors allowed 16 first-quarter points, including two runs — a 7-0 run to start the game and a 6-0 run at the end of the first quarter — to hold a six-point lead after eight minutes. After allowing 10 points in the second quarter, Brother Rice left for halftime with a two-point deficit.

Palmer re-energized his team in the locker room, calling for them to copy the Shamrocks by playing with fire instead of allowing the fire to dictate play, like the Warriors did in the first half.

From the start of the final 16 minutes, the Brother Rice head coach saw a different team.

"In the second half, we played with the emotion you would expect in a rivalry game," he said.

Brother Rice freshman forward Curts

Williams exploded out of the gate in the second half, scoring the first 10 points for the Warriors to set the tone offensively.

Brother Rice used 16 points in the third quarter to turn a two-point half-time deficit into a nine-point lead heading into the final eight minutes.

Williams finished the game with a Brother Rice-high 13 points.

"When I get scoring, our team really gets going," Williams said.

That offensive momentum carried into the fourth quarter, as the Warriors outscored Catholic Central 20-14 in the final eight minutes to secure their fifth win in six games.

Defense rises to the occasion

Catholic Central sophomore forward Cooper Craggs: that was the target for the Brother Rice defense the entire second half.

Shamrocks coach Brandon Sinawi said his team tried to give different looks, such as using two big men at the same time — something Catholic Central has not done all season — to try and dissuade the pressure on the Sham-

rocks' leading scorer.

But it was to no avail.

Catholic Central was limited to five points in the third quarter, recording only two field goals. Craggs was limited to two points in the entire game.

"We did it with our man pressure," Palmer said. "We finally came out and played the way I expect to play in a rivalry game."

Riding a six-game losing streak, having not won a game since a 62-55 victory against St. Clair Shores Lake Shore on Dec. 15, Sinawi said the second half collapse represented what Catholic Central has been through as of late.

"It's, kind of, been the story of our season," Sinawi said. "We come out with a good gameplan, we come out fired up and with energy. We carry a half, and we just can't seem to shake the second half."

Changing the tide

It's been awhile since Brother Rice beat Catholic Central on the hardwood.

The last win the Warriors had against the Shamrocks on the basketball court was a 59-53 home win on Jan. 16, 2015.

Since then, Brother Rice has lost seven-straight games to its rival.

But Williams and Thomas, who recorded 12 points for the Warriors, have seemingly brought new life to Brother Rice, a team that has not had a winning record since the 2014-15 season and has won two Catholic League games in its past four seasons.

"They said this is a rival game, so we had to show them," Thomas said. "They said that we had no team chemistry, so we had to show that we could win together, play together."

But Williams is not focused on bringing Brother Rice back to prominence. He wants to exceed expectations for his freshman season, to set the tone for his remaining three years with the Warriors.

"As a team, we are getting a lot of momentum from these league games," Williams said. "We really want to win the Catholic League, trying to get to the Breslin."

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Consistency

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Defense steps up in paint

While Salem drained 3s, Plymouth was neutralized where it usually attacks most offensively: the paint.

After scoring 15 first-quarter points, the Wildcats connected on only two field goals in the second, connecting on five-of-eight attempts from the free-throw line.

Plymouth forward Matt MacLellan connected on 3-of-7 from the field, recording six rebounds and six turnovers.

"It's silly for us, right? Silly with the people we have and the way we have played all year long," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said about Salem taking away the Wildcats' ability in the paint. "That's one of the major decisions I was very disappointed in our group about."

But that was Salem's main defensive approach.

Smith said the Rocks prepared for the Wildcats' forward by working on getting through screens, forcing an inside presence and getting in front of driving big men.

"We knew who their scorers were. We know these guys, it's no secret," Brodie said. "We tried to defend their post players as well as we could."

In an attempt to come back, the Wildcats began to fire from 3.

Senior Ethan Bentley hit 5-of-6 attempts from deep and leading Plymouth with 17 points.

'Talk Is cheap'

As Salem warmed up for its fifth KLAA West game of the season, the team wore white warm-up shirts with the saying "Talk is cheap" on the back.

Through seven games, the Rocks have been inconsistent, scoring as many as 92 points against Livonia Churchill to as little as 36 against South Lyon East and Hartland.

To Soukup, it was as simple as Salem played like it had something to play for.

"They outcompeted us on every loose ball, every rebound," Soukup said. "Just played a smarter ballgame than we did tonight."

To Brodie, there are steps to be taken in each game.



Salem junior guard Chris Kovacs tries to get past a South Lyon East defender. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

But first, he said, it starts with the offense.

"We said we have to get out of the 40s. We have to get over 50," Brodie said. "If we break 50, we're OK."

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"We are labeled as a shooting team, but I think once Charlie started hitting them, we all started hitting them, we gained momentum. We all just worked together as a team, I think it makes our chemistry better."

Garrett Smith Salem forward

GYMNASTICS

Farmington takes 2nd at Rockford Invite

Andrew Vaillencourt
Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The reigning state champions were back in action for a big early season tournament this month.

Farmington, which hadn't lost a meet or an invitational in more than two years, was knocked off by Rockford Orange at the Rockford Invitational and finished in second place at the event.

Despite the second place finish, it was still a very strong outing for the Falcons.

Rockford Orange finished first with 143.675, with Farmington right behind at 142.150. Bloomfield Hills placed third with 137.7, Lowell fourth at 136.25 and Canton was fifth at 134.75.

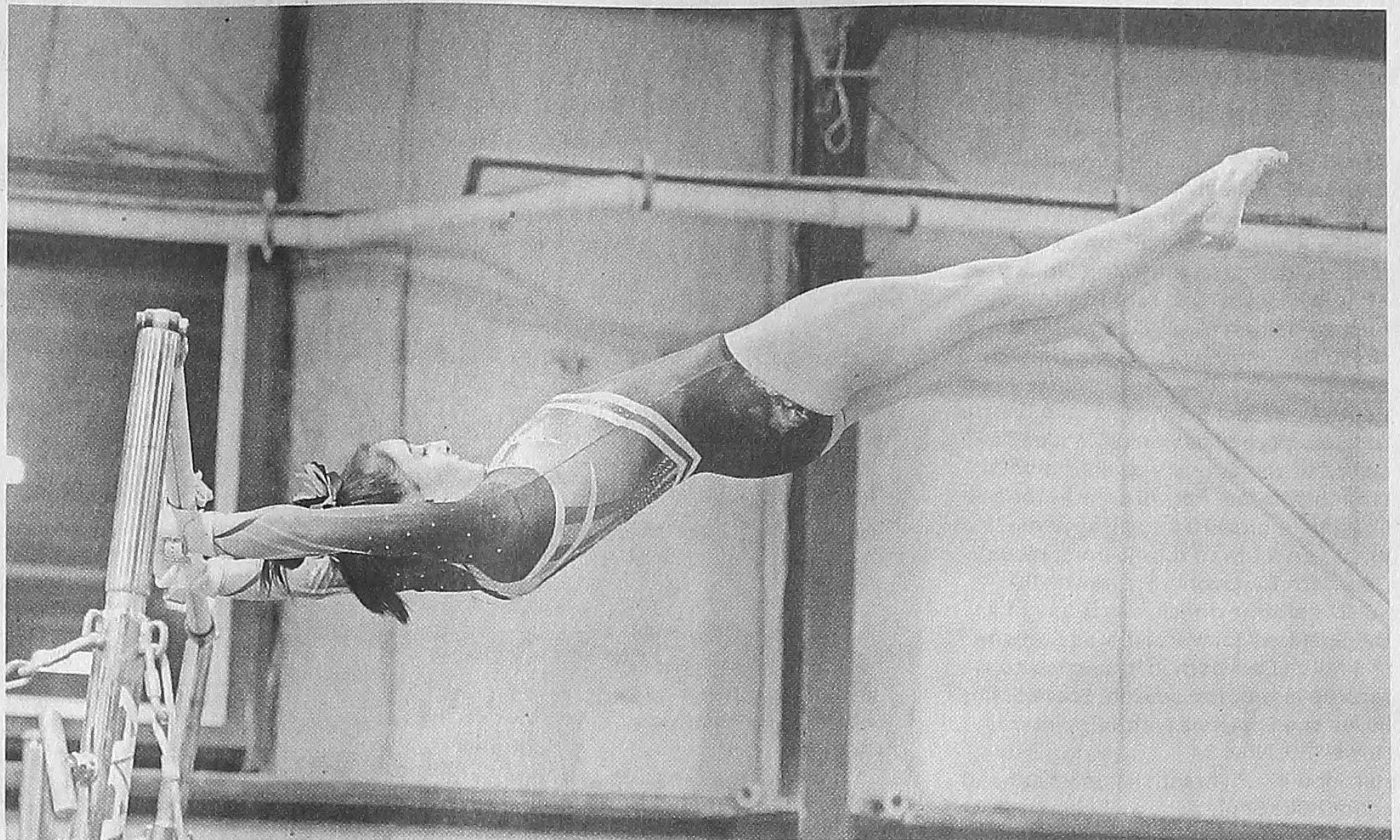
"This invite allows us to see the competition on the West side of the state and Rockford came out on top by 1.5 points," Farmington coach Jeff Dwyer said. "(Going undefeated for two years) was a good run and quite an accomplishment. We dug ourselves a hole by starting out on beam and having to count six falls. I give the team credit for trying to fight back but Rockford was too much. They always have a very respectable team and this year's team is no different."

Several gymnasts had great meets for Farmington. Sydney Schultz placed third in the all-around Division 2 completion and won the vault and uneven bars. Allison Schultz placed in the top 10 on three events. Elena Vargo placed first on vault, floor, and the all-around completion.

"I was concerned about our depth this year as we are not as deep as past years," Dwyer said. "Zoe Rasico, Sara Lashbrook and Grace Spencer stepped up big to help alleviate some troubles we encountered at this meet. We will need them to continue to do this as we head deeper into the season. Zoe placed in the top 10 on vault and bars and Grace on bars."

Farmington followed the invite up by beating Northville in a dual meet on Jan. 10.

"Any team that can score in the 140's has many quality gymnasts on their



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Jeff Dwyer Farmington coach

team," Dwyer said. "Northville scored a 141.55. That is where we had been scoring all season, but we really hit big on all events and scored a 146.7."

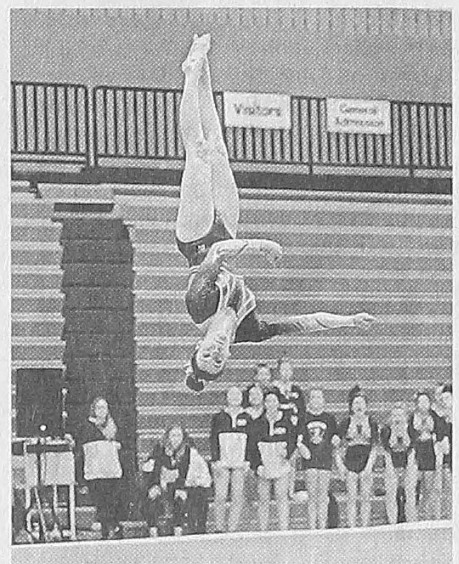
Dwyer said that high of a score initially surprised him, but when he looked at the individual scores after the meet he could see how it happened.

"The girls were in a loose, positive mood prior to the meet and I believe this helped," Dwyer said. "We have been discussing how we needed to work on the mental aspect of the sport and it looked

like it may have helped.

"This was the first time all season where I felt we were competing as a team versus getting wrapped up in individual scores. We have always emphasized the team over individual placement. That takes time to develop but hopefully it will keep going."

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Farmington's Elena Vargo helped lead her team to a second-place finish at the Rockford Invite. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Northville

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storms, but couldn't weather that last one."

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Plymouth pounces early

Plymouth came out on fire to start the game, taking a 15-11 lead after one and a 30-17 lead at the half.

Much of the Wildcats success came inside through 6-foot-7 senior Matt MacLellan, who scored 13 first half points. Nine of those came in the first quarter alone.

Plymouth had big nights from senior Jacob Smith and junior Brandon Cradeth, who scored 11 and nine points, respectively.

MacLellan, however, was limited to just three points in the second to finish the game with 16. He was taken out of the game just over a minute into the third quarter after picking up his fourth foul, two of which were offensive fouls. He came back in for good with 5:38 left in the fourth, but it wasn't enough. He fouled out with 19 seconds to go.

"We couldn't stop him early, he's a really good player," Sander said. "He did a lot of posting up but he could face up and score the ball too. (Him getting into foul trouble) was certainly key for us."

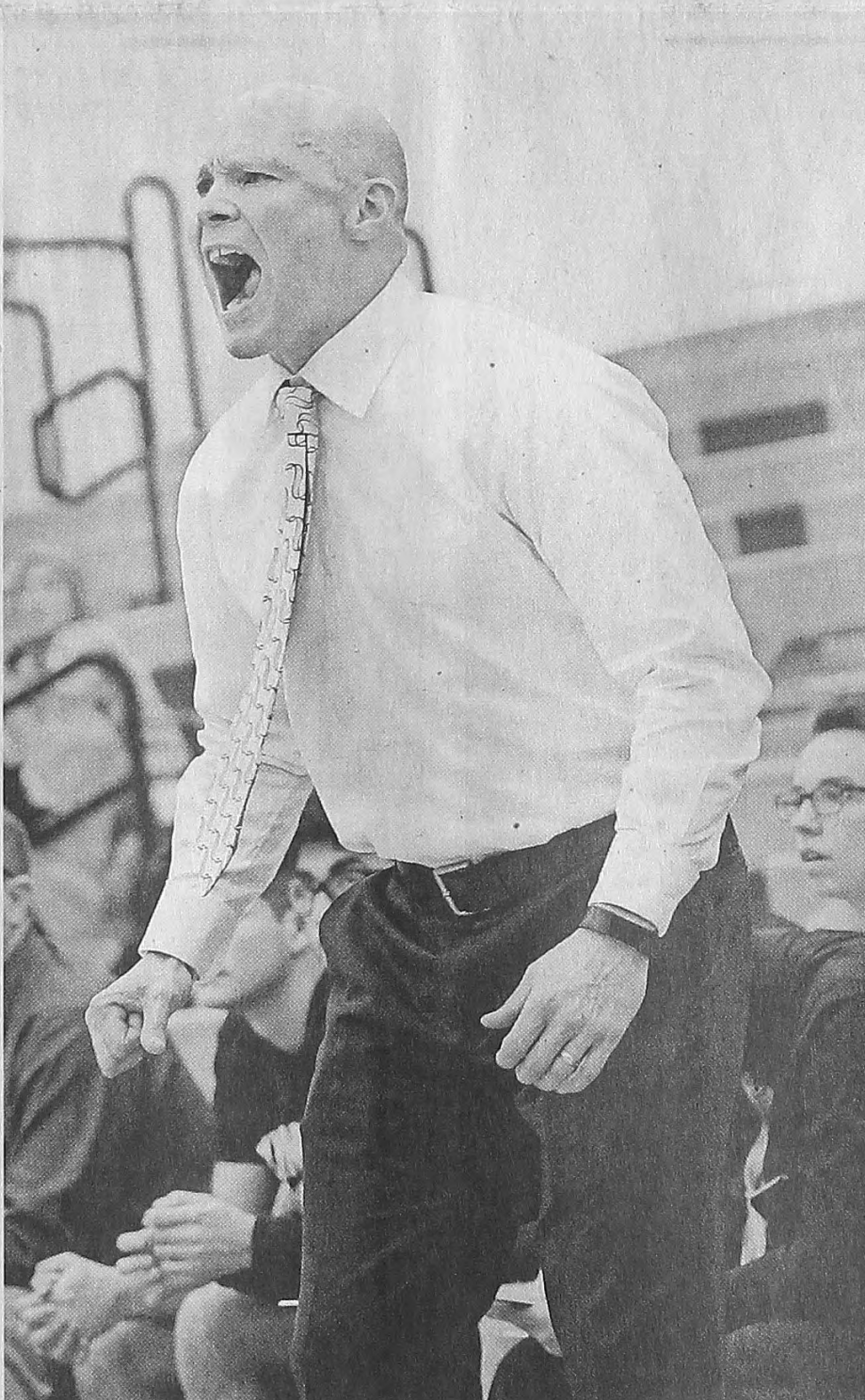
Wild finish

Plymouth may have been the stronger team in the first half, but it was all Northville in the second. The Mustangs slowly but surely whittled the Wildcats lead down, getting it to nine after three quarters.

Northville caught fire again in the fourth, bringing its deficit down to just four points with four minutes exactly left in the game. From there, it went back and forth until MacLellan hit his lone three of the night to give Plymouth a six-point lead.

At the time, it seemed like it would be enough to ice the game. Northville had other ideas.

Strong press defense forced a pair of Plymouth turnovers that turned into Northville points, bringing the Mustangs to within two with 1:11 to go. A controversial travel call on Plymouth on a



Plymouth boys basketball coach Mike Soukup yells for his defense to pressure Northville more during the first half of their Jan. 21 game at Northville.

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play where a foul could have easily been called on Northville, benefited the Mustangs, who took advantage of the situation.

Northville senior Zach Shoemaker

found senior Grant Mathiesen in the right corner for a three-pointer that gave Northville a 49-48 lead with 34.5 seconds to play. After Plymouth was then unable to score, Northville turned the

ball over on an in-bounds play, giving the Wildcats one final chance with 11.2 seconds left. They got off two good shots near the basket, but neither the shot nor the follow-up went down and Northville began to celebrate its win.

"We just needed to play like we had been that got us to this point," Sander said. "That's playing incredibly hard and intense on the defensive end and I thought we got away from that. ... Hopefully we aren't getting over-confident because we need to do the things we do well that separate us from our opponents."

Shoemaker show

Mathiesen hit the game-winning shot to finish with 10 points, but Tuesday night belonged to Shoemaker, who finished with a career high 27 points for the Mustangs. He scored 21 of those points in the second half to lift his team when it needed him most.

"Down 13, I knew I had to step it up and do something," Shoemaker said. "Being able to score 21 and come back from that deficit feels good."

He's been the team's key player all season.

"We're probably going to go as far as he can take us. We certainly needed him to step up. I thought he really wanted the ball down the stretch. He made a couple great plays to score it, but to me, one that says a lot about how he plays and about our team, he kicks it to Grant for the game-winner when some guys would probably force a shot because they want to be selfish."

Shoemaker has consistently been one of the KLAA's most dominating players and has the Mustangs atop the conference standings, ahead of both Canton and Howell, which are tied for second in the West Division. Sander knows his team has a target on its back.

"It's extremely exciting for our guys to be a part of," Sander said. "There's a trade off that comes with (being at the top), you're going to get everybody's best shot every single night. We might be at the top, but every team in our division can beat the others on any given night, there's that much parity."

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HOMETOWN LIFE WINTER SPORTS SCOREBOARD

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Boys basketball

Jan. 3
Canton 52, Salem 40
Plymouth 64, Monroe 45: The Wildcats used a 17-6 second-half run to earn their second-straight victory, led by Matt MacLellan, who scored a team-high 23 points.
North Farmington 56, Farmington 48

Jan. 7
South Lyon East 55, Walled Lake Central 43: South Lyon East junior Zander Desentz led the Cougars to their third-straight win, scoring 16 points. The Cougars scored 20 fourth-quarter points en route to the 12-point victory.
Dearborn 72, Livonia Stevenson 60: A 48-22 halftime deficit was too big for the Spartans to overcome, as Stevenson fell to Dearborn in its second conference loss of the season. Steve Shimko led the Spartans with 14 points.
Howell 56, Novi 34
Hartland 47, Plymouth 41: In what head coach Mike Soukup described as a tight game throughout, fourth quarter shooting woes led to the Wildcats' second loss of the season. Jacob Smith led Plymouth with 24 points.
Farmington 66, Birmingham Groves 63
Birmingham Seaholm 44, Pontiac 36
Dearborn Divine Child 59, Detroit Catholic Central 55
Northville 52, Brighton 42

Jan. 10
Livonia Stevenson 66, Dearborn Fordson 62 OT: Evan Bradford led the Spartans with 28 points, while Luke Merchant scored 13 and recorded seven rebounds in Stevenson's fourth win of the season and its first in KLAA East play.
Howell 59, Plymouth 54: After a 22-13 first quarter run, Howell could not be stopped, as Plymouth lost its third game of the season. The Wildcats cut their deficit to three points late in the game.
South Lyon 58, South Lyon East 44
Northville 49, Novi 38

Jan. 14
John Glenn 59, Wayne Memorial 49



Mustang Domenic Rodriguez gets off a shot. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Novi, 60, Salem 55: Alando Williams leads the Wildcats to their third win of the season and their first win in KLAA West play with 16 points. Bruce Turner added 15 points and 12 rebounds.
Belleville 51, Livonia Stevenson 49: After trailing by 10 points at half, the Spartans finished within a possession against Belleville.
Plymouth 64, Brighton 45: Matt MacLellan led the Wildcats with 24 points, earning their first win of the season in KLAA West play.

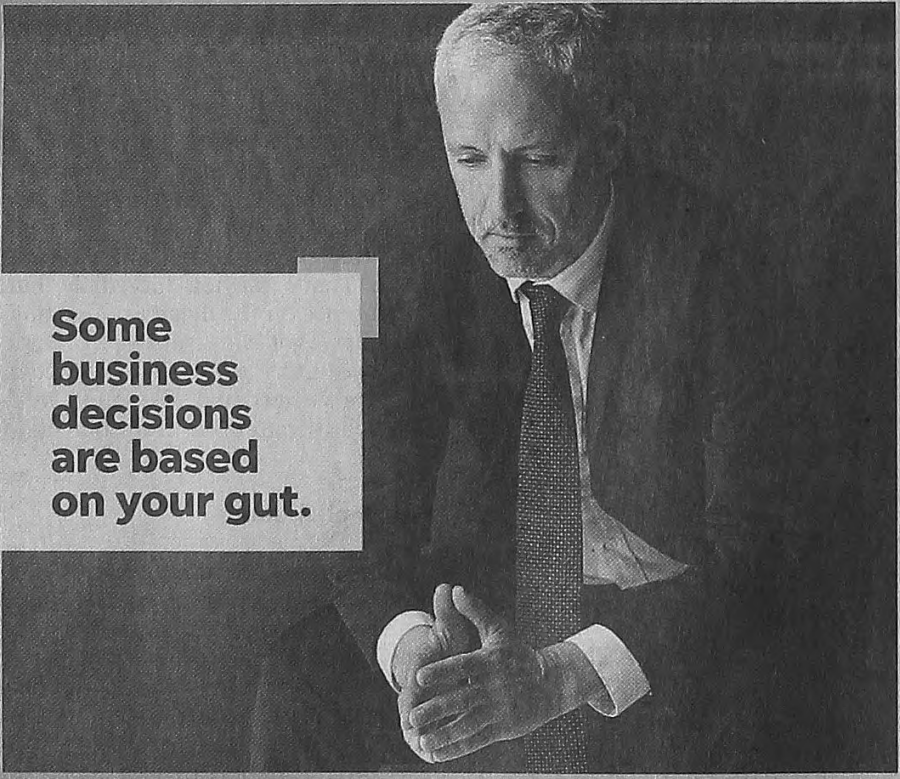
Northville 60, Canton 51

Jan. 17
Salem 66, Plymouth 55
Livonia Stevenson 63, Wayne Memorial 55: Wayne Memorial connected on only 8-of-20 from the free-throw line, falling to the Spartans despite 20 points from Dante Foreman.
Canton 78, Novi 65

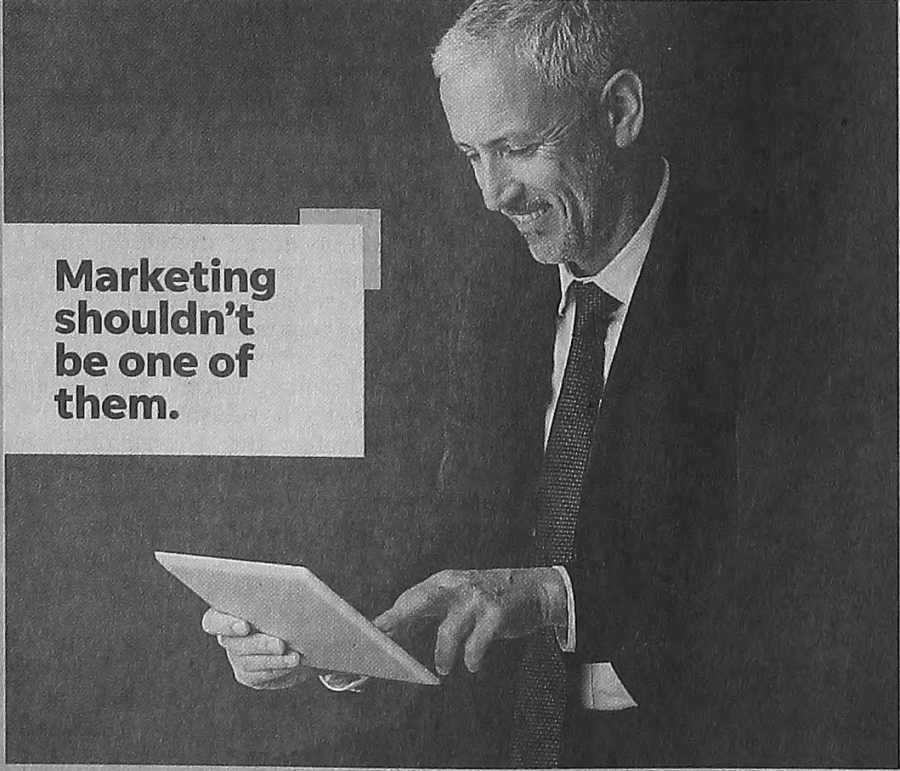
Jan. 21
Brother Rice 60, Detroit Catholic Central 45
Brighton 55, Novi 45: Novi loses its

fourth KLAA West game of the season. Bruce Turner led the Wildcats with 16 points.
Livonia Stevenson 47, Livonia Franklin 39: After amounting to a 15-5 first-quarter lead, Stevenson could not be stopped led by seven-point performances from Nathan Waligora and Steven Shimko.
Canton 49, Hartland 43 OT

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Lakeland 58, Walled Lake Northern 37: David Jabiro led Lakeland to its sixth win of the season and its fifth win in Lakes Valley Conference play with 21 points.

Girls Basketball

Jan. 3

Mercy 54, Warren Regina 22: Mercy continues its win streak to start the 2019-20 season with a dominant win against Regina. The Marlins were led by Jill Smith, who had 12 points and five steals.

Jan. 6

North Farmington 47, Troy 40: North Farmington earns its sixth win of the season, led by Heaven Rogers, who scored 20 points and recorded 18 rebounds for the Raiders.

Jan. 7

Hartland 50, Plymouth 40: Plymouth dropped its first KLAA game of the season to Hartland, led by Ella Riley, who scored 16 points for the Wildcats. South Lyon East 37, Walled Lake Central 32

Mercy 46, Marian 34

Jan. 9

Plymouth Christian Academy 68, Lutheran Westland 26: Morganne Houk, Anna Fernandez and Ariela Boboc led Plymouth Christian Academy to its sixth win of the season, combining for 48 total points. Houk recorded 10 steals, while Fernandez added 11 steals and seven assists.

North Farmington 29, Lake Orion 24

Jan. 10

Howell 59, Plymouth 40: Plymouth lost its second game in KLAA West play, falling to Howell 59-40 in its third loss of the season. The Wildcats were led by Sophie Zelek, who scored 21 points. Farmington Hills Mercy 57, Dearborn Divine Child 27: Ellie Tisko led the Marlins with 19 points en route to Mercy's eighth win in eight games.

South Lyon East 58, South Lyon 38:

South Lyon East continued its success, winning its second straight win with a 20-point win against rival South Lyon. Northville 45, Novi 26

Jan. 14

Wayne Memorial 74, John Glenn 43
Brighton 50, Plymouth 20
Plymouth Christian Academy 55, Oak-

land Christian 38: Plymouth Christian earned its seventh win in eight games led by Ariela Boboc, who had 15 points and eight rebounds, and Anna Fernandez, who had 12 points, eight rebounds and five assists.

Livonia Stevenson 53, Belleville 44:

Kerry Donehue led the Spartans to their fifth win of the season with 12 points, four steals and three rebounds.

Farmington Hills Mercy 47, Father Gabriel Richard 34: The Marlins earned their ninth-straight win with 14 points from Alexis Roberts and 11 points for Sophie Dugas.

Jan. 14

Plymouth 60, Salem 47: Ella Riley led the Wildcats to their fourth win of the season with 23 points and a school-record seven 3-pointers.

Jan. 17

Plymouth Christian Academy 58, Southfield Christian 16, Anna Fernandez helped the Eagles to their eighth win of the season with 24 points, nine steals and six rebounds.

South Lyon East 51, Walled Lake Northern 34: After starting the first quarter with a 12-4 lead, the Cougars earned their fifth win of the season, led by Lucy Cronin, who had 18 points.

Farmington Hills Mercy 46, Lutheran 33: Maya White scored 13 points en route to the Marlins' 10th win in 10 games.

Jan. 21

Northville 44, Plymouth 41: Despite 14 points from Ella Riley and nine points from Kyra Brandon, Plymouth loses its fourth KLAA West game of the season. Hartland 66, Canton 18

Lutheran Northwest 44, Plymouth Christian Academy 39: Plymouth Christian Academy suffered its second loss of the season, as Anna Fernandez recorded 16 points and four rebounds, while Morganne Houk scored 13 points with four rebounds.

Farmington Hills Mercy 52, Warren Regina: Maya White paced the Marlins with 14 points and six rebounds, while Jill Smith added nine points for undefeated Mercy.

Hockey

Jan. 4

Detroit Catholic Central 6, Orchard Lake St. Mary's 0: The Shamrocks continued their shutout streak — not allowing a goal since Nov. 27 — with the six-goal victory against the Eaglets. Brendan Miles scored two goals for Catholic Central in its seventh win of the season.

Livonia Stevenson 5, Hartland 2
Salem 3, Canton 0

Jan. 8

Grosse Pointe South 4, Detroit Catholic Central 3

Jan. 10

Detroit Catholic Central 5, St. Michael's (Toronto) 4: Catholic Central traveled to Toronto and earned a shootout win against St. Michael's.

Jan. 11

South Lyon Unified 8, Milford 3: After two periods, Milford found itself in a four-goal deficit that it would not come back from, falling to South Lyon Unified for its fifth loss of the season.

Jan. 16

Salem 8, Livonia Franklin 0

Jan. 18

Detroit Catholic Central 2, Cranbrook Kingswood 1: Blake Salamon and Dylan Dooley scored two goals for the Shamrocks, allowing a goal by Cranbrook Kingswood with 20 seconds left in the game.

Wrestling

Jan. 4

The Livonia Franklin wrestling team finished in second place at the Rochester Adams meet, finishing with five champions: Christian Gerber (119), Jager Kwiatkowski (130), Erick Reaves (171), Zach Beckett (189) and Jake Swirple (heavyweight). The Patriots are 7-0. Detroit Catholic Central places first at the CC Invitational with four first-place finishers.

Bowling

Jan. 7

Livonia Franklin 18, Belleville 12: Franklin continued its undefeated season against Belleville, as sophomore Jordan Sewruk bowled a 235 and freshman Ian Wright recorded a 448 in the two-game series.

Jan. 10

Livonia Franklin 27, Livonia Stevenson 3: In a battle between previously undefeated teams, Franklin earned its sixth-straight win. Sophomore Ian Cain led the Patriots with a 235, while sophomore Josh Bombolewski bowled a 213.

Jan. 12

Livonia Franklin won the Mark Voight Memorial Tournament, defeating Saline 407-336, Canton 455-336 and Salem, in the finals, 400-394.

Jan. 14

Livonia Franklin 24.5, Dearborn 5.5: Franklin continues to roll KLAA oppo-

nents, setting the conference-high two-game series of 2100. Ian Wright led the Patriots with a 245 and a 209, while senior Josh McPherson added a 202 and a 245.

Jan. 17

Garden City 27, Melvindale 3: Brandon LaBean led the Cougars with games of 193 and 235. Reece Bramigk (178,223) and Ian Will (193,188) also helped with the victory for Garden City.

Jan. 19

Livonia Franklin took first place in the Wayne County tournament, led by junior Ken Kloth (234, 237, 237), sophomore Ian Cain (205, 274, 214) and senior Aaron Wright (245, 238, 201). The Patriots defeated U-D Jesuit, Belleville and Salem in the final to secure the tournament victory.

Jan. 20

Garden City 20, Romulus 10: The Garden City boys bowling team remained perfect with Reece Bramigk (188, 210) and Ian Will (176, 210) leading the way to victory.

Swim and Dive

Jan. 9

Novi 99, Salem 87: The Wildcats improved to 5-0 with a dual-meet victory against the Rocks, winning seven of the 12 total events.

Jan. 11

Novi fell short of a win at the West Bloomfield Invitational after splitting into two teams after another team dropped out in the last minute. The White team finished in second place with 214 points, while the Green Team finished in fourth with 148 points. Rochester High School finished in first place with 233 points. Novi won 16 of the 48 total events.

Jan. 14

Novi 135, Dewitt 51: Novi wins 12 of 13 total events in its non-conference dual meet to continue its six-meet win streak.

Jan. 16

Novi 131, Canton 55: Senior simmer achieved two state qualifying times in the 200 IM and the 100 butterfly, while senior Connor Johns earned a state qualifying time in the 100 backstroke, helping Novi to its seventh-straight dual meet win.

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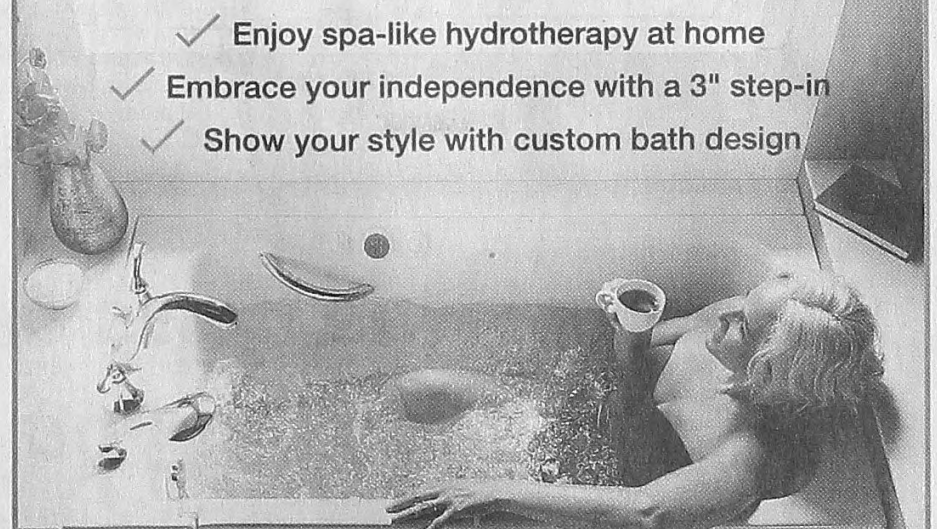
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PURCHASE OF SOCCER EQUIPMENT FOR THE 2020 / 2021 BUDGET YEAR

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.
PLYMOUTH CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR:

PUD 19-02 Preliminary Planned Unit Development Review
230 Wilcox (Wilcox Mill)
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Mill on Rouge, LLC

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

1. Z 20-01 Non-Use Variance Request for 1482 Sheridan
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Applicant: Richard & Janet Wilson

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Habits of the highly employable that you can pick up

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In a job search, it can be so easy to fall into ruts and passive roles while you wait for things to happen. If you're looking to refresh yourself and your "hireability" in the new year, there are several things that highly employable people do — and you can do too.

Be proactive

This is the big one because it has the most impact on life. If you're waiting around for an opportunity to fall in your lap, chances are it won't. Your old roommate isn't going to call you out of the blue with an interview for your dream job. Your resume isn't magically going to get in front of the hiring manager at that company you've always wanted to work for. That means taking an active role in your job search: looking for new postings, reaching out to people you know who might be able to help, and setting aside regular time to look for jobs or update your application package.

Keep your resume up to date

Even if you're not actively in a job hunt, you should always have a fresh, current resume ready to PDF and send. Why? Because it saves time if you happen upon an opportunity — but it also makes you ready to negotiate for a pay raise or a promotion. If it's been a few months in your job search and you're not getting the kinds of hits you'd like, then don't be afraid to keep updating your resume or to create different resumes for different narratives you may want to present, depending on the job opening or company to which you're applying.



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Know your worth

This is a big one. A strong sense of what skills and experience you have, plus the current market value for those, will make you a more confident job seeker when it's time to show you've got the stuff. A bit of online research will take you far, with sites like Glassdoor or Salary.com telling you what people with comparable levels of education or skill-sets within your location make in similar positions.

It's also time to think about your personal brand. People who are successful are usually able to express, quickly and succinctly, who they are and what they bring. That elevator pitch will come in handy in interviews or at quick meet-and-greets that may lead to job opportunities.

Keep that network up and running

Highly employable people know the value of relationships. Your network isn't just a source of potential job leads — it also can feed you new information

soned decisions — even when there are competing needs or voices. It's important to make yourself heard, but don't forget that active, engaged listening is just as important.

Always be growing

Employers may be hiring to fill a specific role, but that doesn't mean they expect that this person will expand to fit a limited scope and then stay the same forever. Companies want team members who are looking to grow their expertise and meet new goals and challenges every year. Having a growth mindset where you're willing to push yourself out of your usual zones is a vital skill to have when approaching any kind of job search or application process.

Be positive

Yeah, I know. It sounds cheesy. But it's true. If you have a frustrated, negative attitude, it's going to be very difficult to find good things. People who are successful and sought after by employers are ones who know how to focus on the good things at hand. It's not about ignoring the bad completely, but rather spending time and energy to nudge things in a better direction.

People who are highly sought by employers are the ones who put time and care into their work. That level of care shines through clearly in every resume or interview, and it's something that all of us can strive for in order to present ourselves at our most marketable.

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12 Buster Brown's dog

16 Mexican article

19 University of Maine's city

20 News anchor Katie

21 Arduous task

22 Not be idle

23 Discoverer of Uranus ... and "The Office" co-star

26 Spoil

27 "Orinoco Flow" singer

28 Sea, to Luc

29 Buenos —

30 Commanded

31 PCs on planes, often

33 Long-range German gun of WWI ... and "Apollo 13" Oscar nominee

37 Letter #3

38 Bern's river

39 To the extent that

40 1975 Wimbledon winner ... and "Shape of You" singer

47 German article

48 U.S. architect I.M.

49 Pet treaters

50 Slaughter with a bat

52 Abnormal plant swelling

56 Schindler with a list

58 Deputy of an envoy ... and old CBS variety show host

63 Ballpark gate

64 Explorer Hernando de —

65 Rose color

66 Klee output

67 Bistro bills

68 Olay product ... and "My Cup Runneth Over" singer

73 Sheriff Andy Taylor's tyke

74 Coach Parseghian

75 — polloi

76 "T.N.T." rock band

77 Game venue

78 Officer played by Phil Silvers ... and 1970s-'80s New York City mayor

84 2006 Sacha Baron Cohen film

85 Nobelist Arafat

86 Celine of song

87 Many a repo

89 Poetic form

90 Holiday drink

92 Left-leaning slant ... and "Lou Grant" star

97 "Hips Don't Lie" singer

101 — Grey

102 Special span

103 Large, hooded snake ... and "60 Minutes" reporter for 26 years

107 Cited as evidence

111 Ship sailing past sirens

112 "— Less Ordinary"

113 Suffix with 66-Across

114 Liquefy

115 Rolodex no.

116 Money from investments ... and Reagan cabinetee

121 Previous to

122 Jib holder

123 "No clue"

124 Whoop it up

125 Berlin-to-Prague dir.

126 "— girl!" ("All right!")

127 Unboastful

128 Pastoral verse

DOWN

1 Disk at the end of a spur

2 "Three Sisters" sister

3 61-Down producer

4 Open, as a shutter

5 Luau paste

6 Peaks

7 Nobelist Niels

8 Long to undo

9 NHL's Bobby

10 "— for Alibi"

11 1983 Mr. T comedy

12 "— is human ..."

13 Bays, e.g.

14 Detective, slangily

15 Suffix with priest

16 Hedy of film

17 National park in Maine

18 Italicize, e.g.

24 Electrical current unit

25 Move quickly

30 Soccer star Chastain

32 Body of work

33 "Harrumph!"

34 Rage

35 "Oh wow!"

36 Off course

38 Birthplace of St. Francis

40 Desertion of one's faith

41 Highway pull-off

42 Polynesian-themed lounges

43 Quad bike, e.g.

44 Classic car

45 Actress Blyth

46 Turndowns

51 "Of course!"

53 1996 role for Madonna

54 Steeping sauce

55 Snacker on termites

57 Capone and Unser

59 Dupe

60 Plus more: Abbr.

61 Reef stuff

62 Guitar

63 pioneer Paul

68 "— wise guy, eh?"

69 Caring

70 Martin Luther opponent Johann

71 Hoopla

72 Actress Mitzi

73 Gold, in Italy

75 Daring

77 On deck, say

79 Tree with fan-shaped leaves

80 Up to, in ads

81 Young male, in hip-hop

82 Having five sharps

83 Central point

88 Joined with

91 React to, as a bad pun

93 Moray, e.g.

94 "Norma —"

95 Suffix with compliment

96 Fried quickly

97 Glides on ice

98 Job opening fillers

99 He directed "Life of Pi"

100 Most adept

104 Gaucho rope

105 Mali's cont.

106 Kin of khaki

107 Natty tie

108 "Vette, e.g.

109 Atelier tripod

110 Reflect (on)

113 Rural hotels

116 Thurman of "Prime"

117 Tokyo, once

118 Fizzling thing

119 Opal finish?

120 Hosp. scan

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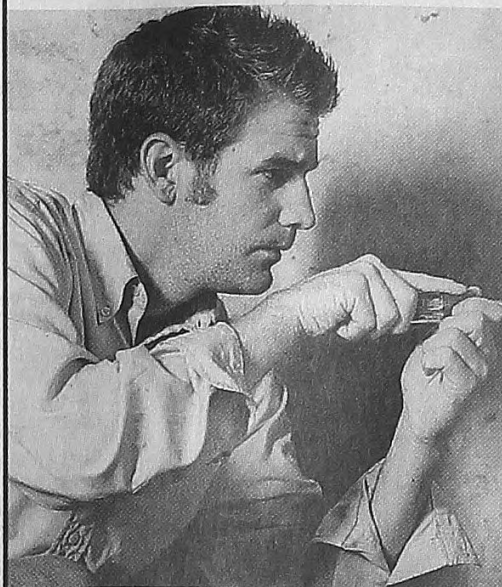
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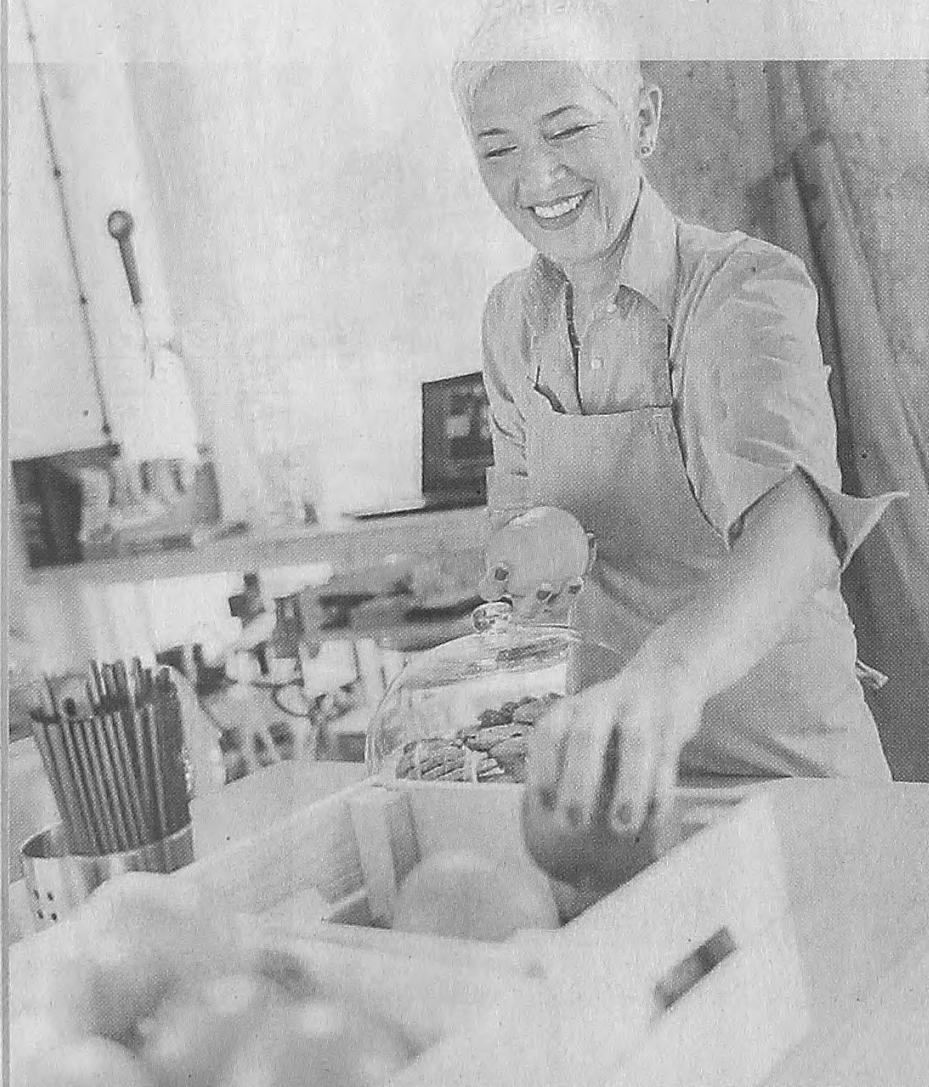
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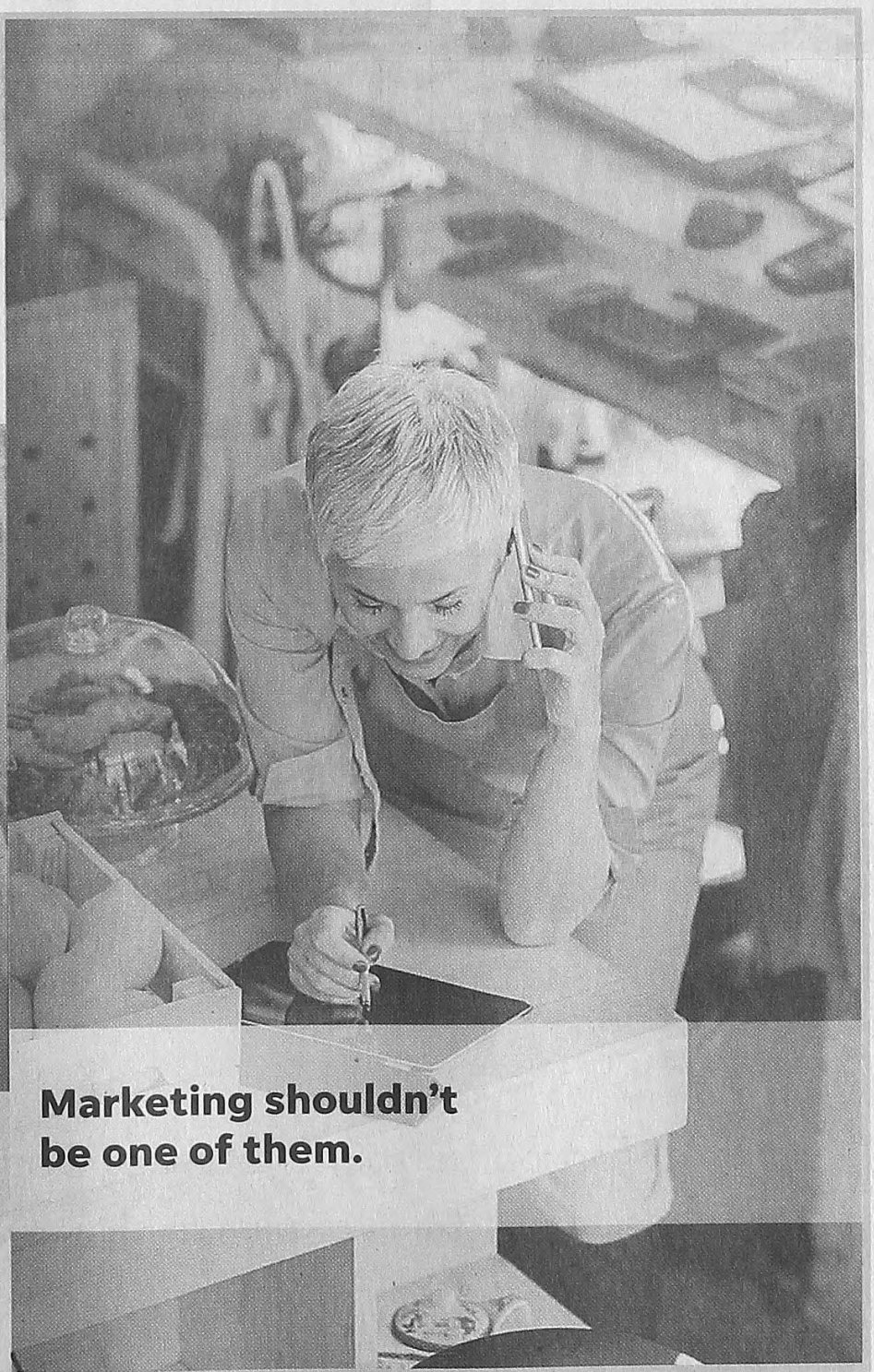
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