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Westland Mayor Bill Wild wins fourth term

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It appears Bill Wild is going to be the mayor of Westland for four more years. Unofficial vote totals for the city show Wild with 8,704 votes. Wild re-

ceived roughly 72% of the vote. "We really, truly have something special going on here in the City of Westland," Wild said to supporters Tuesday night. "You all should be proud of that. I'm proud of that."

The mayor's competitor, Council-

woman Tasha Green, received 3,367 votes. All election results are unofficial until certified by the Wayne County Board of Canvassers.

Wild is the city's longest serving mayor and will start his fourth term after the new year. Westland's mayor

serves a four-year term in a non-partisan role. Right now, Wild makes \$121,574 annually.

The mayor celebrated his re-election with a host of supporters, city staff and

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Mysterious white sphere in Canton Twp. explained

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The eye-catching white sphere with antennae protruding from its surface that sits on an elevated platform just north of Michigan Avenue and east of Sheldon Road in Canton Township looks like something straight out of a 1960s science fiction movie.

The tiled object has been a part of the south Canton landscape since 1963 — but it's not an exaggeration to estimate that few of the township's residents (or the thousands of motorists who cruise past it daily) know exactly what it is.

One of only two in Michigan — the other located in Coopersville, five miles northwest of Grand Rapids — the object is a Common Air Route Surveillance Radar (CARSR), which is used by the Federal Aviation Administration to track military and civilian aircraft movements within a 200-mile radius, according to fortwiki.com.

The station also provides air-ground radio communication with aircraft.

Hubert Martin, a former FAA employee, said the Canton station was used to track Flight 93 that crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania in 2001.

A spokesperson for the FAA's Belleville headquarters said the administration was not allowed to provide further details regarding the Canton site.

The Canton radar device has been upgraded at least two times since it was built in 1963. In 1992, it received an upgrade kit to implement three-level weather data processing; and in 2012, it was modified to become a CARSR radar with a 7172 antenna, fortwiki.com added.

The Canton radar site data is now available to the USAF/NORAD Battle Control System-Fixed (BCS-F) operations centers as well as the FAA Cleveland ARTCC.

Other federal agencies have access to the data under the Homeland Security umbrella.



The large radar dome along Sheldon Road near Michigan Avenue in Canton.

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Hope Network opens ABA clinic in Livonia

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Ladywood High School has students — perhaps of a younger variety than its used to — in its halls once again.

Hope Network recently opened an applied behavioral analysis, commonly called ABA, clinic in part of the building owned by Madonna University. The clinic, at 14680 Newburgh Road serves people 21 and younger with autism spectrum disorder.

"It's the science of behavior," Maggie Moore, clinical director for the center, explained. "It's looking at how can we change behavior and how can we improve life. In the context of people who have differences, we're trying to help them reach their full potential."

Moore said Ladywood is an ideal setting for school-age clients who may be learning to open a locker, participate in a class or ask for something they need. Moore said ABA therapy can happen between the ages of 18 months to 21 years, but it generally more popular with young children.

ABA can also help people outside the autism spectrum, but Hope Network's insurance-supported treatment works with autism.

Ladywood's space can accommodate up to 100 Hope Network clients in future years, and can provide internship opportunities for Madonna students as the client base grows. Hope

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Hope Network Center for Autism is located behind these doors on the campus of Madonna University.

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Where vets can eat free on Veterans Day

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Veterans Day comes with a plethora of freebies to those looking to mark the Nov. 11 holiday.

Below is a non-exhaustive list of the discounts and offerings from various

restaurants and businesses for those who served in the U.S. military.

Applebee's will offer a free meal for veterans on Nov. 11. Visitors who stop by one of the area's restaurants in Livonia, Westland, Canton Township and Novi can select an entree from a curated menu. Eligible entrees include a top sirloin,

bacon cheeseburger and three-cheese chicken penne. The promotion is valid for dine-in only, though those who redeem the meal will also receive a \$5 gift card to use at their next visit.

Bob Evans will offer a free meal

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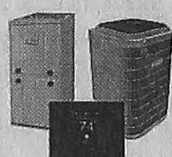
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Plymouth police say woman was attacked at downtown bathroom

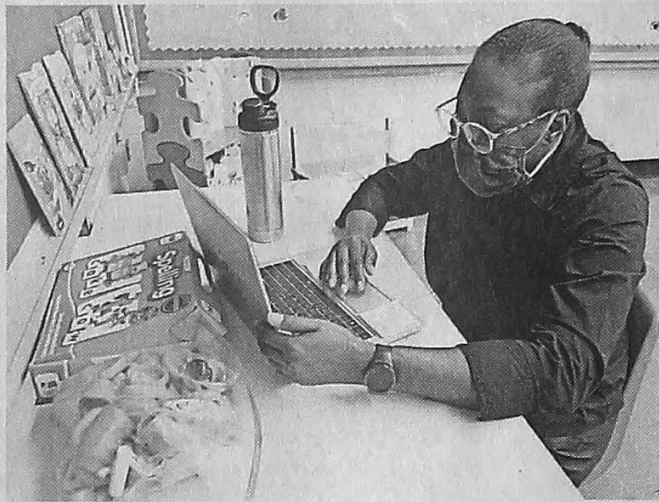
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Plymouth police are searching for a teen they say tried to sexually assault a woman leaving the downtown Comfort Station public bathroom in the 700 block of Penniman Avenue.

The man, described as 15 to 20 years of age, apparently entered the women's bathroom and hid in a stall Oct. 30. At about 7 p.m., or roughly 20 minutes later, the woman entered and used the facilities. When she exited a stall, she told police the suspect attacked and tried to sexually assault her.

In a report, police said the unharmed woman fought him off, and he fled out the door, toward Kellogg Park and then Union Street.

Police said the white male suspect has short brown hair, stands between 5 feet, 7 inches and 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weighs between 120 and 140 pounds. At the time, he was wearing dark clothing and white tennis shoes.



Board Certified Behavioral Analyst Janel Smith works on a lesson plan before a student arrives in her classroom at the Hope Network Center for Autism on the campus of Madonna University.

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Clinic

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Network has locations all over Michigan and already has a work program for Michigan State University students.

"We've been talking with Madonna for quite some time and they are really interested in getting internship opportunities for their students," Moore said. "I really like working in a school-type setting for the children."

Madonna bought the old Ladywood school in October 2018 and announced a partnership with Hope Network in December 2019. The pandemic delayed the center's opening, which was originally planned for the summer of 2020. The university is using the rest of the building as its performing arts, athletics and academic center.

Moore said she's seen ABA have a profound impact on people's lives. The therapy works on everything from social and motor skills to self-care and leisure.

"It can be anything," she said.

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Westland brings needed updates to recycling center

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Westland has tried to reduce its impact on the environment in recent years, and its do-it-yourself recycling center plays a big role in recycling success. The outdoor facility, at 37137 Marquette, allows residents who don't live in traditional houses to recycle and creates a drop-off zone for items not recycled at the curb.

"The recycling center helps our community recycling efforts in two ways," Mayor Bill Wild said in an email. "First, it gives residents in apartments, condominiums and local businesses that aren't part of the curbside recycling program access to single-stream recycling. Second, it allows us a collection site for other recyclable items that aren't collected at the curb (like) glass, steel, oil, appliances, clothing and batteries."

"The site is very well used and plays a big part in keeping the community's recyclables out of the landfill."

The city recently used a \$50,000 grant from Environmental Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) to improve the site. Updates include improved signage, paving and lighting.

"Certainly the paved surface is the biggest improvement as the site was known for being muddy in the past," Wild said. "The improved signage, lighting and flow has been improved for customers and for the vendors that service the site."

All materials collected at the site are either hauled away by a recycling processor or used to generate revenue for the city. The city sells the steel, appliances and clothing collected at the center.

Wild said residents who can use the curbside recycling program, which restarted in July 2020, have recycled near 3,000 tons in the last year. Since the city started recycling in 2009, its kept 50,000 tons of recyclable material out of landfills.

"While we originally had an issue with contaminated loads early on, contaminated loads are down



The Westland Recycle Center has bins for households to deposit scrap metal, aluminum cans and glass containers. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

85% from this time last year," Wild said. "I believe the city's educational outreach and ongoing efforts have been beneficial."

Wild is hopeful that impact will continue, and the city recently received another EGLE grant worth \$100,000 to continue its efforts in encouraging residents to recycle.

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Research charities before donating



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Guest columnist

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and many of us will soon make our annual charitable contributions.

As I have mentioned many times in the past, Americans are the most generous people on Earth. Unfortunately, scam artists are aware of the generosity of the American people; particularly, at year-end. It's not surprising that there are more scams regarding charities during the holiday season than at any other time of year.

If you are going to make charitable contributions, it is important that you do your research in order to protect your hard-earned money.

Scams regarding charities come in a variety of formats. In many situations, the charity doesn't exist. The fraudulent charity may even have a wonderfully designed website with pictures, particularly of children or animals. Some of these charities have names that sound recognizable; however, it is all a sham. These charities steal your money and obtain your sensitive information.

Don't forget, there are also several charities that do legitimate charitable work; however, the bulk of the money raised is not for the charitable purpose, but rather, to compensate their executives and pay marketing costs.

In today's world, it's easier than ever to investigate a charity. The two places I use are charitynavigator.org and give.org. These are free websites that can

provide you a wealth of information on legitimate charities.

Writing a check to a charity is probably the most popular way to give; that doesn't necessarily mean it is the best way. As opposed to writing checks, I often recommend people donate appreciated securities.

Donating a stock or a mutual fund that has a gain comes with several tax benefits. First, your charitable contribution is the fair-market value of the stock; not what you paid for the stock, but what it is actually worth. In addition, you do not have to pay any capital gains tax on that investment. Considering how well the market has done of late, donating appreciated securities is a very tax-efficient way to make charitable contributions.

If you are over 70½, you can also consider making your charitable contributions through your IRA. Particularly, for those of you who no longer itemize your deductions, using your IRA is a great strategy.

Even though you can't write off your donation as a charitable contribution, the offset is that you are not taxed on the distribution from the IRA. Typically, when you make a distribution from a traditional IRA, you are taxed; however, if you're 70½ and donate that money to charity, you avoid the tax.

If you plan to make year-end charitable contributions, this is a great time to start doing research on charities. Whether you receive a phone or email solicitation, before you send any money, make sure the charity is legitimate and that they're spending your money wisely.

Good luck.

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Veterans Day

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from a special menu for veterans and active-duty military on Nov. 11. Vets can select from breakfast and dinner entrees, including brioche French toast, country fried steak and a country biscuit breakfast. Bob Evans has locations in Livonia and Canton.

California Pizza Kitchen will provide a free meal to veterans and active-duty military Nov. 11. Dine-in guests who qualify can receive a complimentary dish from a predetermined menu, which includes pizza, salads and pasta. Veterans will receive a free iced tea or fountain beverage, plus a card for a buy one, get one free offer at their next visit by Nov. 20. California Pizza Kitchen operates locations at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and at Somerset Collection in Troy.

Red Lobster will serve up a free appetizer or dessert to veterans Nov. 11. Visitors who dine in can select from appetizers such as seafood-stuffed mushrooms and crab-stuffed shrimp rangoon, or desserts such as key lime pie or vanilla bean cheesecake. Red Lobster has locations in Novi, Livonia and Westland.

Starbucks will give all veterans active-duty military members and military spouses a free 12 oz. hot coffee Nov. 11. The Seattle-based coffee company will donate 25 cents of every hot coffee sold to Headstrong and Team Red, White & Blue, groups that as-

sist with the mental health and well-being of military families. Starbucks has locations in Livonia, Redford Township, Westland, Novi, New Hudson, Milford, Northville, Northville Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township and Canton.

Wendy's will offer veterans a free breakfast combo at its restaurants nationwide Nov. 11. The fast food chain — which began serving breakfast nationwide last year — will serve up the combos to veterans who show a valid ID from 6:30-10:30 a.m. at any of its restaurants. Wendy's has locations in Livonia, Westland, Wayne, Redford, Novi, Canton, Plymouth, Garden City, Northville Township and South Lyon.

Menchie's Frozen Yogurt will serve up free frozen yogurt to veterans and active-duty military Nov. 11. Veterans who show proper identification will have their first 6 oz. of frozen yogurt free. Menchie's has locations in Farmington Hills, Livonia, Northville Township, Novi and Canton.

Chili's will offer veterans a free entree Nov. 11. The restaurant will serve veterans and active-duty military from a menu of seven dishes when they dine in. Chili's has locations in Novi, Livonia and Canton.

Famous Dave's will offer vets a free sandwich on Nov. 11. Veterans and active-duty military can head to the restaurant and receive a free Georgia Chopped Pork Sandwich and a side. This offer is good for both dine-in and to-go orders. Famous Dave's BBQ has locations in Westland and Novi.

ELECTION RESULTS

Wayne, Oakland reshape city councils, commissions

Ed Wright and Philip Allmen

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Voters across metro Detroit went to polls Tuesday to make their preferences known in city elections.

All results are unofficial until certified by the county board of canvassers.

Led by Jim Jolly and Laura Toy's 13,000-plus vote totals, four candidates earned seats on the Livonia City Council beginning January 2022.

Jolly's 13,681 votes earned him council presidency while Toy (13,517 votes) will serve as vice president. Third-place finisher Robert Donovic (12,402 votes) will serve a four-year term while fourth-place finisher Scott Morgan (10,890 votes) will serve two years.

Jolly, Toy and Donovic are all incumbents. Candidate Carrie Budzinski's effort to become the first non-white person on council fell just over 1,000 votes short with 9,684 votes. Dan Centers

(9,337 votes) and Ken Overwater (7,100 votes) round out the candidate field.

Council members are non-partisan and earn \$17,270 annually. Jolly will earn \$18,519 as president. The new board officially will be seated in January.

The Farmington City Council will have one new member on the city's governing council.

With three seats open in Tuesday's election, incumbents Maria Taylor and Steven Schneemann led the way, earning the most votes with 1,279 votes and 1,134 votes, respectively. Each earned a four-year term on council.

The difference between third and fourth place, however, was much closer when Johnna Balk tallied 972 votes, one more than David Delind with 971. Delind was appointed to the council in 2020. The third-place winner earns a two-year term on the council.

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Voters cast their ballots for Precinct 6 in Birmingham in the basement of the Baldwin Public Library on Tuesday. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Mayor

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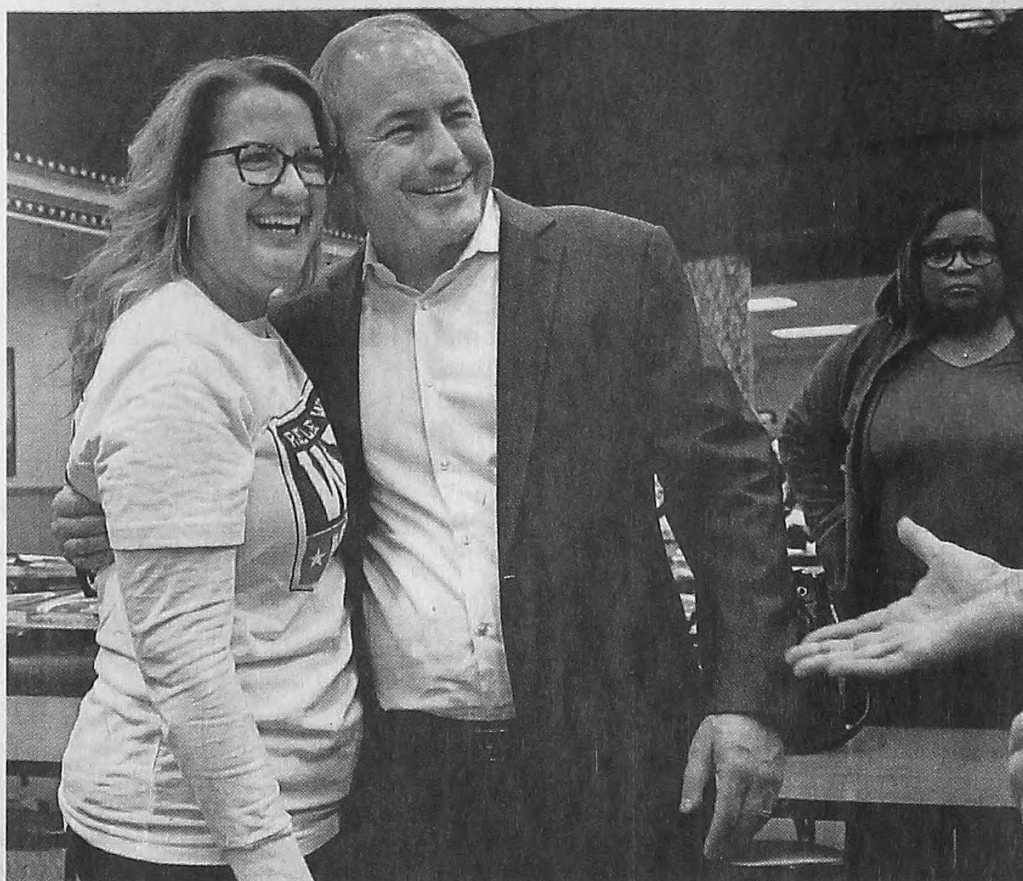
fellow candidates Tuesday evening at the Wayne-Ford Civic League near the intersection between Wayne and Ford roads.

Wild campaigned on items including creating more recreation opportunities for residents, improving infrastructure and supporting the city's public safety services.

"Let's keep this good thing going," the mayor said. "I can't wait to get to work tomorrow."

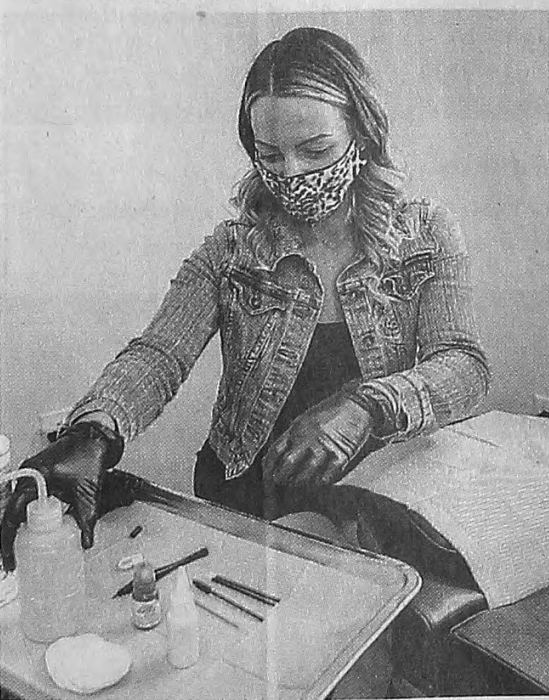
Westland residents also elected four people to city council. Councilman James Godbout, Council President Jim Hart, Councilman Peter Herzberg and Melissa Sampey received the most votes. Godbout, Hart and Herzberg will serve four-year terms, and Sampey will serve a two-year term.

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Above, supporters of Westland Mayor Bill Wild watch election returns Tuesday at the Wayne Ford Civic League. At left, Wild and his wife Sherri, left, greet a well-wisher. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Results

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Also on the ballot were Geof Perrot (848 votes), Cathi Waun (844 votes) and Jacob Nelson (446 votes).

Members of Farmington City Council earn \$3,000 annually. Farmington council members appoint a mayor internally every two years.

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt held off a spirited challenge by newcomer Ajay Raman. Gatt tallied 6,883 votes to Raman's 5,699 votes.

Gatt will serve his sixth term as mayor. Gatt was first elected to the city council in 2003 and was elected mayor in 2011. He raised more than \$60,000 for this campaign.

Per the city charter, the mayor earns \$6,500 annually. He will be sworn in for a 2-year term on Nov. 8, the first council meeting following the election.

It was a mixed bag for partisan politics in the Novi City Council election. With the local Republican and Democratic clubs each campaigning on behalf of the half of the six candidates on the ballot.

Winning a four-year seat are Brian Smith (6,455 votes), incumbent Justin Fischer (6,336 votes) and Ericka Thomas (6,291 votes). Rounding out the ballot were Julie Maday, who was appointed to the council in January, receiving 5,857 votes; Mark Alafita with 5,769 votes and Karyn Chopjian with 3,874 votes.

City council candidates earn \$4,500 annually. They will start their four-year terms when they are sworn in Nov. 8 and will join Laura Marie Casey, Hugh Crawford, and Dave Staudt on council.

In **South Lyon**, Dan Pelchat cruised to another two-year term as the only candidate on the mayoral ballot. He received 1,580 votes. Jennifer Redfern ran as a write-in candidate; 74-write-in votes were cast.

Pelchat has served as South Lyon mayor since 2017 and is an IT technician for South Lyon Schools. The South Lyon mayor earns \$220 per month and will be sworn in Nov. 8 for a 2-year term.

For South Lyon City Council, one incumbent will not be returning. With three four-year positions available, voters turned to Alex Hansen (1,232 votes), Lori Mosier (1,185 votes) and incumbent Glenn Kivell (1,104 votes). Challenger Jim Hamade received 720 votes, while



Birmingham Precinct 6 Chairperson Lucetta Franco prepares to tabulate a vote cast in the basement of the Baldwin Public Library on Tuesday.
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incumbent Carl Richards tallied 362 votes.

Kivell has served on city council for 24 years. Mosier is retired after working 27 years for the city of South Lyon as an accountant. Hansen is a credit union branch manager who moved to South Lyon a year ago.

City council members earn \$180 per month and are sworn in Nov. 8. They will join council members Lisa Dilg, Stephen Kennedy, and Maggie Kurtzweil.

South Lyon had three charter amendment proposals on the ballot, meant to clean up and clarify language. All three passed easily.

Charter Amendment Proposal No. 1, dealing with setting up polling locations in the city, passed 1,294-341.

Charter Amendment Proposal No. 2, which addresses conflicts of interest, was approved, 1,552-179.

Voters passed Charter Amendment Proposal No. 3, 1,269-420, which says state law takes precedence over the city charter if there is a conflict.

Huron Valley Schools voters approved two requests related to non-homestead millages.

The first, approved 7,487-2,799, renews the 17.3886-mill tax for 10 years on commercial and secondary residences, which would raise \$10,458,485 in the first year levied for district operations.

The second proposal asked for restoration to the full 18 mills for the next 11 years, overriding the Headlee Amendment. That vote was closer, but still passed handily, 6,401-3,880.

In **Farmington Hills**, incumbent Vicki Barnett easily held on to her seat against newcomer Gina Phillips, 11,640-3,329.

The mayor is a nonpartisan official, serves a two-year term and makes \$875.08 monthly. Following this upcoming term, Barnett will have to sit out one election cycle before being eligible to run for mayor again.

For the Farmington Hills council, two incumbents retained their seats, and a newcomer will join the seven-member board. Valerie Knol led the way with 9,899 votes, followed by Michael Bridges with 7,824 votes. Joining them on council is Randy Bruce with 7,029 votes.

Rounding out the candidate field are Jon Aldred (5,113 votes), Jacob Kovacs (4,040 votes) and Matt Strickfaden (5,736 votes).

Strickfaden was appointed to the council earlier this year to fill an open seat. Council members serve four-year terms and make \$583.36 monthly in a nonpartisan capacity. The mayor leads the city council during meetings. Council appoints a mayor pro tem from among itself once a new board is seated. New council seated at first scheduled meeting following the election.

The Farmington Hills public safety millage easily passed, 11,523-3,779. The 10-year, 17-mill tax levy will mostly cover operational costs for the police and fire departments in areas like staffing and equipment.

For **Northville** City Council, newcomer John Carter (1,087 votes) and Andrew Krenz (973) earned four-year terms by outdistancing incumbent Patrick Giesa, who racked up 645 votes.

Krenz was appointed to the council in April to replace Sam Ekong, who relocated out of Northville.

Incumbent Brian Turnbull ran unopposed and received 1,364 votes, earning Turnbull a second two-year term.

In **Plymouth**, everyone on the ballot came out a winner. Of the four candidates running for four open seats on the Plymouth City Council, incumbent Mayor Pro-Tem Nick Moroz picked up 1,086 votes to edge runner-up Jennifer Kehoe (1,078). Alanna Maguire earned 995 votes while Linda Filipczak received

837 votes.

Moroz, Kehoe and Maguire all earned four-year terms while Filipczak will serve a two-year term.

Two-term Mayor Oliver Wolcott decided not to run for a third term. A new mayor will be voted in by council members at the Nov. 8 meeting.

Led by top vote-getter Katie Schafer with 3,084 votes, three new members of the **Birmingham** City Commission were elected to four-year terms. Joining Schafer are Elaine McLain (2,370 votes) and Andrew Haig (2,340). Anthony Lang finished six votes shy of Haig with 2,334 votes. David Bloom was close behind with 2,297 votes. Stephen Konja received 706 votes. Linda Schrenk tallied 642 votes.

The triumphant trio will replace veteran commissioners Rackeline Hoff, Mark Nickita and Stuart Sherman, who had amassed nearly 50 years of combined commission experience.

Commissioners are paid quarterly at \$5 per meeting.

Incumbent Birmingham Library Board President Melissa Mark, Vice President Frank Pisano and newcomer Danielle Rumble earned four-year terms on the board while Karen Rock secured a seat on the board that will expire in 2023.

All four candidates were assured seats on the board. Mark has served on the board since 2017; Pisano since 2009.

Westland Mayor Bill Wild earned an impressive 71.8% of the votes to convincingly defeat challenger Tasha Green, 8,704 to 3,367.

Wild's victory will give him a fourth four-year term and make him the city's longest-serving mayor. Green first and only city council term will end in December.

Wild's annual salary is \$121,574.

For the Westland City Council, Jim Hart, Jim Godbout, Peter Herzberg and Melissa Sampey earned seats on the Westland City Council after collecting more votes than four other challengers.

Hart (6,770 votes), Godbout (6,204) and Herzberg (6,130) earned four-year terms while Sampey (6,037) will serve a two-year term.

Once the new board is seated in 2022, members will chose a president and president pro tem from among themselves. Council members are paid an annual salary of \$17,368 with small increases for the council president and president pro tem.

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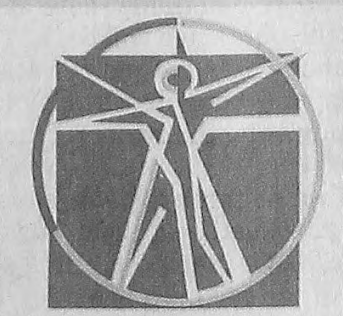
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Small Michigan businesses cash in on malls abandoned by big retailers

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Every time Pennie Bailey of Ypsilanti walks into her store, The Sophisticated Lifestyle Boutique in Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor, she said it feels like she's walking into her dream.

Bailey, a small business owner, has always wanted to open a boutique in a mall. Now, she dreams of being in more prestigious malls across the U.S.

"I can't even describe the the feeling that I get walking into what I built," Bailey said. "It's almost still not real. This is my goal. This is my dream right here, and I'm walking into it every single day."

She has an online store at letsshopsophisticated.com, a Facebook group called A Sophisticated Ladies' Group, and now the store in the mall. She'd like to expand to other big metro Detroit malls, too, places like Twelve Oaks in Novi and Somerset Collection in Troy.

As department stores — and even whole malls — close and large tenants continue to move out, small business owners like Bailey are finding more opportunities to move in and grow their customer base through access to foot traffic. Plus rents are negotiable.

Two other examples?

Joshua Felix opened Survived, a clothing store, in Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn.

Monique Hampton opened Build Your Baskets in Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

All three owners have the common goals of reaching foot traffic and creating brand awareness.

"I am seeing more in-person sales than I've seen online," said Bailey, 27, of Ypsilanti.

Opportunities to move into a mall range from opening a pop-up shop to opening a business from scratch.

Twelve Oaks, in Novi, hosted temporary pop-up shops at a space called Emerge.

"We would offer a short-term, very affordable, fixtured store, ready-to-go to local entrepreneurs, who may not have the bandwidth to run a full store on their own, or maybe couldn't afford to invest in a full store," said Lori McGhee-Curtis, vice president of specialty leasing at Taubman, which owns Twelve Oaks.

Emerge ran for three years, up until the coronavirus shut things down. The pop-up small business opportunity is expected to relaunch in spring 2022.

"It gave them three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday to operate a store, which I considered the prime opportunity — the highest traffic days," McGhee-Curtis said. "We want to see that progression, where they emerge from Emerge into their own stores."

Twelve Oaks welcomes unique, trendy and experiential businesses to move into the mall, such as the Detroit Selfie Museum in Novi and a virtual reality experience in a Hawaii mall, said McGhee-Curtis. The option of flexible leasing, temporary spaces, experiences and kiosks are a few things that work well for the mall.

The focus on e-commerce has grown tremendously with sales set to increase by 13.7% in 2021, according to Insider Intelligence, which has forced some of the larger tenants like New York & Company and Sears to close their storefronts permanently across the U.S. At the same time, entire malls in Detroit have experienced a permanent closure, such as Eastland Center and Northland Center, which are both set to be demolished and redeveloped.

But there are many people who still want an in-person mall experience.

Jeffrey McMichael, senior tax manager at Cohen & Company, which is an accounting firm that has shopping centers as clients, said it will be important for malls to get creative and bring in nontraditional tenants.

"Under the economics of it, traditional malls were set up to where the anchor tenants, like Sears, Macy's and places like that, paid the bulk of the rent in the whole entire space due to the sales and the footprint," McMichael said.

"Once you lose those anchor tenants, then you have your small businesses, the haircut place and your toy stores inside that then have to pick up the actual rent for the full square footage and it becomes more cost-prohibitive because it's such a large space."

A one-story department store in the U.S. takes about \$78.40 per square foot to build, spiking the cost to \$9.3 million, according to a RSMMeans data collection from 2013. A small business in a popular shopping space might pay a rental fee average of \$3,642 a month depending on the area, said The Balance Small



Sophisticated Lifestyle Boutique makes its home in the Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor. PHOTOS BY JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS



Pennie Bailey, owner of Sophisticated Lifestyle Boutique, said, "This is my goal. This is my dream right here, and I'm walking into it every single day."

Business.

The entrepreneurship experience has been bumpy for Bailey, who was originally told by many people that the Sophisticated Lifestyle Boutique idea wasn't going to succeed. She held pop-up shops at venues in the Midwest starting in 2018, and eventually opened her store in Ann Arbor, next to Von Maur, in October 2020.

But here she is. The pink store with sparkles and decor at every corner offers clothing and accessories for a classy, reserved and sophisticated shopper. The store is full of dresses, blouses, pants and other accessories.

She hopes for improvements when it comes to advertising, such as creating short videos interviewing entrepreneurs, placing billboards for the shopping center and checking on the success of the businesses. And since she often helps aspiring entrepreneurs, she hopes that the outreach of seeking small business owners will continue to grow.

"Every time someone comes to me asking about a mall opportunity, I tell them who to talk to," Bailey said. "Support gives us more exposure."

There have been negatives. She gets treated poorly by quite a few customers, where some will walk out after realizing that a Black woman owns the store or they will laugh at her when she asks to

share information about her store. Bailey said you really have to have a thick skin to be in the industry.

At Survived at Fairlane Town Center, Felix, of Detroit, opened just two and a half weeks before the first coronavirus lockdown. Since the reopening in June 2020, the store's brand has grown enough to expand sometime this year. Felix said that people are bypassing big box stores to gain an experience with small business owners, such as meeting the owner, collaborating with the brands and more.

"I think that small businesses are re-connecting that relationship that was lost with bigger brands," Felix said. "I think it's critical to malls because people need to be able to relate. People need to be able to come into a space and feel at home, to some degree."

The store sells streetwear, from crop top hoodies and leggings to jogger suits and jean jackets, starting at \$38. You can also find accessories like hats at its Dearborn location (18900 Michigan Ave.). The store donates a portion of its profits to feed and clothe people who experience homelessness in Detroit.

Because Survived is located in a mall, Felix said he often gets aspiring entrepreneurs walking through the store's doors seeking advice. The No. 1 question that people ask is: "How did you get

here?" He always says, "Don't be discouraged." In an interview Wednesday, he added, "Stay focused and continue to build."

When opening a small business in a space with a lot of foot traffic, Felix recommends making sure your store's message is clear. Plus have a lot of inventory available.

Rana Abdelkhalig, the marketing director of Fairlane Town Center, said the mall encourages its shoppers to support local businesses, and that the mall thinks of its tenants like family members.

"We want to see entrepreneurship thrive all around us because we believe in diversity and making connections with customers beyond the transaction," Abdelkhalig said. "Additionally, locally owned businesses are operated by our neighbors, so when individuals choose to shop locally at our center, they are not only helping small businesses make a name for themselves, but also building the local economy."

In Laurel Park Place in Livonia, Hampton, 41, of Westland, who owns Build Your Baskets, said interest in her store has grown so much that she plans to have a pop-up shop this holiday season at Twelve Oaks Mall, where she previously held a holiday pop-up shop. At Build Your Baskets, customers can pick items that will go into a personalized gift basket, starting at \$29.

"I have gotten a lot of people locally who just came in my store — wasn't ready to buy at that time, but actually ordered online," Hampton said. "I think the mall does a good job of helping small businesses. I think Laurel Park does a wonderful job with helping small businesses with the cost with the lease. I worked with Twelve Oaks to get my cost down this year."

When it comes to the lease at Laurel Park Place, Hampton is set to pay an introductory rate for six months. This means that her rental payments will be paid through a percentage of her sales since she has a unique business, which will soon determine how much her monthly rental fee will be.

Since there are many vacancies in malls and shopping strips, Hampton has advice for the owners of those buildings.

"I would think that you should reach out and advertise to small businesses to lease," said Hampton. "If it's vacant, you're not making any money anyway. I always say, advertise to small businesses and businesses, and give them a couple of months free, so they can get their names out but give them a year lease. As they build their businesses, you're building your business because now you're getting the foot traffic."

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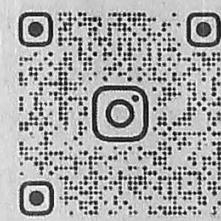
When asked why he thinks they have been so successful, Gabriel stated that Aratham is able to stand by their promise of being an organic, plant based company, without sacrificing flavor. "A crowd pleaser is our spaghetti Bolognese. People ask 'Are you sure there is no meat in this?' There isn't. We don't buy any processed meat - we make our own from oatmeal and seeds."



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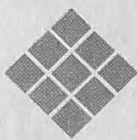
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James Bruce Edwards

James Bruce Edwards passed away on October 24, 2021, in Venice, Florida and was surrounded by his family. He was born on March 6, 1943, in Saline, Michigan to Everett and Virginia (Zemke) Edwards.

Jim graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1961 and then served his country for two years in the U.S. Army. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University with both a bachelors and master's degree in Education.

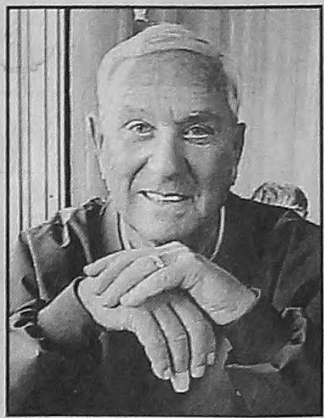
Jim had a 40-year career with the Wayne-Westland Schools where he had an impact on countless lives as a teacher, role model and mentor. Jim served as the Curriculum Director for the District as well as principal for the Walker-Winter and Wildwood Elementary Schools for several years.

Generous to a fault, Jim would always offer his time, his wisdom, and possessions to those in need, with no questions asked and with the utmost sincerity and concern for others. He was a true giver, in every sense of the word.

He served on the board of directors for the Michigan Educational Credit Union for two decades as well as the YMCA.

Jim is survived by his wife of 34 years Donna, who was his anchor, soul mate and love of his life; sons Russell (Caroline) Edwards of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Brian Edwards of Pompano Beach, FL; stepchildren Douglas (Theresa) Willett and Deborah Willett, of Plymouth, MI; grandchildren Emma and Molly Edwards, Ashley Willett, Adam Willett, and Sarah (Jared) Schmatz; sister Marlene Lloyd of Ypsilanti, MI, brother Buck (Kathy) Edwards of Treasure Island, FL, and sister Diana (Tom) Short of Saline, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Eric Edwards.

A celebration of life ceremony will be planned for a future date in Michigan.



Julie Mattran Fielder

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Julie Mattran Fielder, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, passed away on October 23, 2021 in Maryland. She is survived by her beloved husband, James Fielder; her loving parents, Don Mattran, Sr. (Rose Mattran), and Betty Jacobs (Dale Jacobs); Siblings, Don Mattran, Jr. (Marianne Mattran), Guy Mattran (Eileen Redden), Kim Mattran, and Christy Mattran; Uncle Randy Mattran (Emily Mattran); Sisters In Law, Jordan Fogal and Marie Baisden; many Nieces, Nephews, Great Nieces, Great Nephews, Cousins and Friends. Julie will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers, Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073 (248) 549-0500 on Sunday, November 14th from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. A Catholic Funeral Mass will be held at St. Hugo of the Hills Parish Stone Chapel (2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304) on Monday, November 15th at 11:00 am. Memorial Tributes can be made to The Sky Foundation, Inc. (Pancreatic Cancer Research) located in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and/or to Our Lady of the Fields Roman Catholic Church in Millersville, Maryland.

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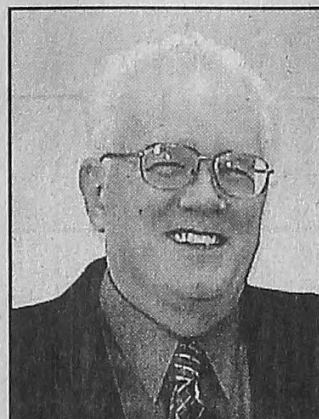


Raymond Wallace Wiederhold

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Born October 29, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan - died October 19, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents Wesley and Harriett, and his five siblings: Marian, Morris, Harold, James and Elizabeth. Ray was married for 67 years to the love of his life Dolores. He was a loving father to four daughters: Cynthia Begarowicz, Kimberly Collins (Brian), Lori Perri (Tom) and Tamara Kelly (David). He is survived by 11 grandchildren: Shawn Begarowicz (Jamie), Joshua Begarowicz (Amy), Alicia Johnson (Jeremy), Megan Niles (Rob), Kevin Perri (Tiffany) Melissa Begarowicz, Carly Nowicki (Mike), Keith Perri, Leeann Kuchta (Jaren), Jolene Hadd (Travis) and Amanda Perri; 24 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. Ray was a proud graduate of Cass Technical High School in Detroit, honorably served eight years in the US Navy, worked hard all of his life to provide for his family and after his retirement he spent 13 years volunteering with the Salvation Army. He loved baseball, trains, ice cream, reading books, music and grocery shopping but most of all he loved people and everyone who knew Ray couldn't help but love him in return. A Memorial service is being planned for spring 2022 (please check <https://www.rggrharris.com/> for updates). The family requests that any donations be made to the Salvation Army (Plymouth) in Ray's memory so their important ministry that Ray loved so much can continue to support people in need.

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Marilyn Hester Smith

TRAVERSE CITY - Marilyn Hester Smith, 91, of Traverse City, passed away peacefully on October 24, 2021 with her family by her side under the care of hospice.

Marilyn was born on February 1, 1930 in Pontiac to the late Henry Franklin and Delema (Goulet) Stack. She grew up in Westacres in Commerce Township and graduated from Walled Lake High School in 1948.

On October 8, 1955, She married Wilfred Dow Smith at Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church in West Bloomfield. They built a home in West Bloomfield and lived there for 41 years.

Marilyn worked in the personnel department for Pontiac Motors and also in the Assessor's Office in West Bloomfield Township. She retired in 2003 and moved to beautiful Northern Michigan to be closer to family.

In her free time she enjoyed baking, reading, travelling and playing cards. Above all else she cherished her grandchildren.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, husband and brother Joseph.

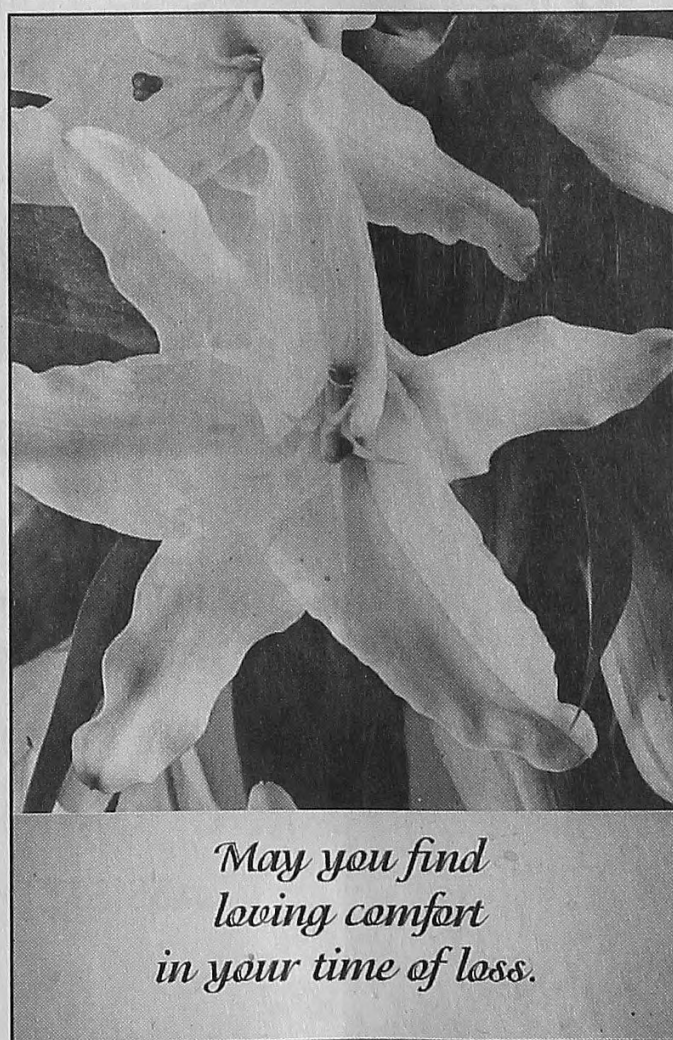
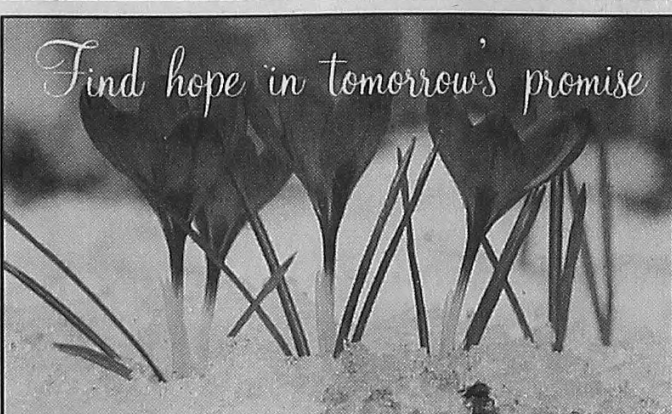
Marilyn is survived by her son James (Dawn) Smith and daughter Suzanne Smith; grandchildren Matthew Smock, James Smith Jr., and Jessica Smith.

The mass of Christian burial celebrating her life will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Christ The King Catholic Church at 2 pm, with visitation beginning at 1:30 pm. Interment will follow at Acme Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or the Hospice of Michigan.

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Marlene Messina

MONROE - Marlene Messina, 77 years of Monroe, Michigan, passed away October 30, 2021 in her home surrounded by family after a brief illness.

Born July 14, 1944, Marlene was raised in Detroit. A graduate of Cooley High School, Marlene married the love of her life Frank in 1962. The two were married 51 years and in that time they raised three wonderful children: Joanne (Todd) Cameron, Debbie (David) Hanson, and Vince (Christine) Messina.

The two had homes in Redford, Canton, Plymouth, Punta Gorda, and more recently, Monroe. Marlene along with Frank founded Messina Concrete, one of the last surviving family owned and operated ready mix companies in the area.

Marlene enjoyed travel, dining out, going to the casino, her always present dog, Bella, and her five grandchildren: Caitlyn, Avery, Jake, Emerson, and Elliott.

Her life was filled with love, happiness, friends, great travel, and wonderful memories. Never one to shy away or not let her opinion be known, she was direct and to the point. Small, but mighty.

"Mom, rest easy. We won't forget you and your legacy will live on."

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 5-8 pm and Friday from 1-8 pm at Bacarella Funeral Home, 1201 S. Telegraph Rd., Monroe, MI where funeral services celebrating her life will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, Marlene asked that donations be made in her name to ProMedica Hospice of Monroe.

Online condolences and special memories may be shared with the family by visiting the obituary page at www.bacarellafuneralhome.com.

Joyce Marian (Bittner) Wylie

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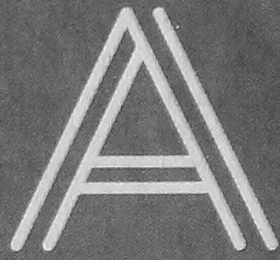
Joyce Wylie, 84, of Mount Pleasant, formerly of Livonia, Mi, passed away on Monday, October 27, 2021, at Green Acres Assisted Living in Mt. Pleasant. Joyce was born in Danville, Illinois on February 26, 1937, daughter of the late William and Marian (Prehn) Bittner.

Joyce graduated from Paris High School and continued her education at DePauw University for her bachelor's degree. She then attended The Ohio State University for a master's in counseling, where she met the love of her life, Bruce Wylie. They were married on April 20, 1965, in Paris, Illinois. Together they raised their two children in Livonia, Mi. She also developed a close relationship with her oldest stepson. Joyce taught in the Livonia Public Schools for many years. She served as a Boy Scout and Girl Scout leader; she enjoyed watching choir, sporting events and dance recitals for both children and grandchildren. Joyce loved her family and supported them in all their endeavors; they were her world. Joyce is survived by her children, Allyson (John) Klak of Mt. Pleasant, and Bradford (Pam) Wylie of Canton; grandchildren, Elizabeth Klak, David Klak, Lauren Wylie, Andrew Wylie, Jonathon Wylie, Travis Wylie and Casey (Scott) Wylie-Knight; great grandchildren, Andrew Wylie Barron and Alex Wylie; and sister, Jane Bittner of Paris, Il. Joyce was preceded in death by both parents; husband, Bruce Wylie; and stepson, Ian Bruce Wylie. A private family service will take place in Ohio. She will be interred next to her husband at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Cincinnati, Oh. To sign the online guest book or leave a condolence for the family please visit www.CharlesRLux.com.



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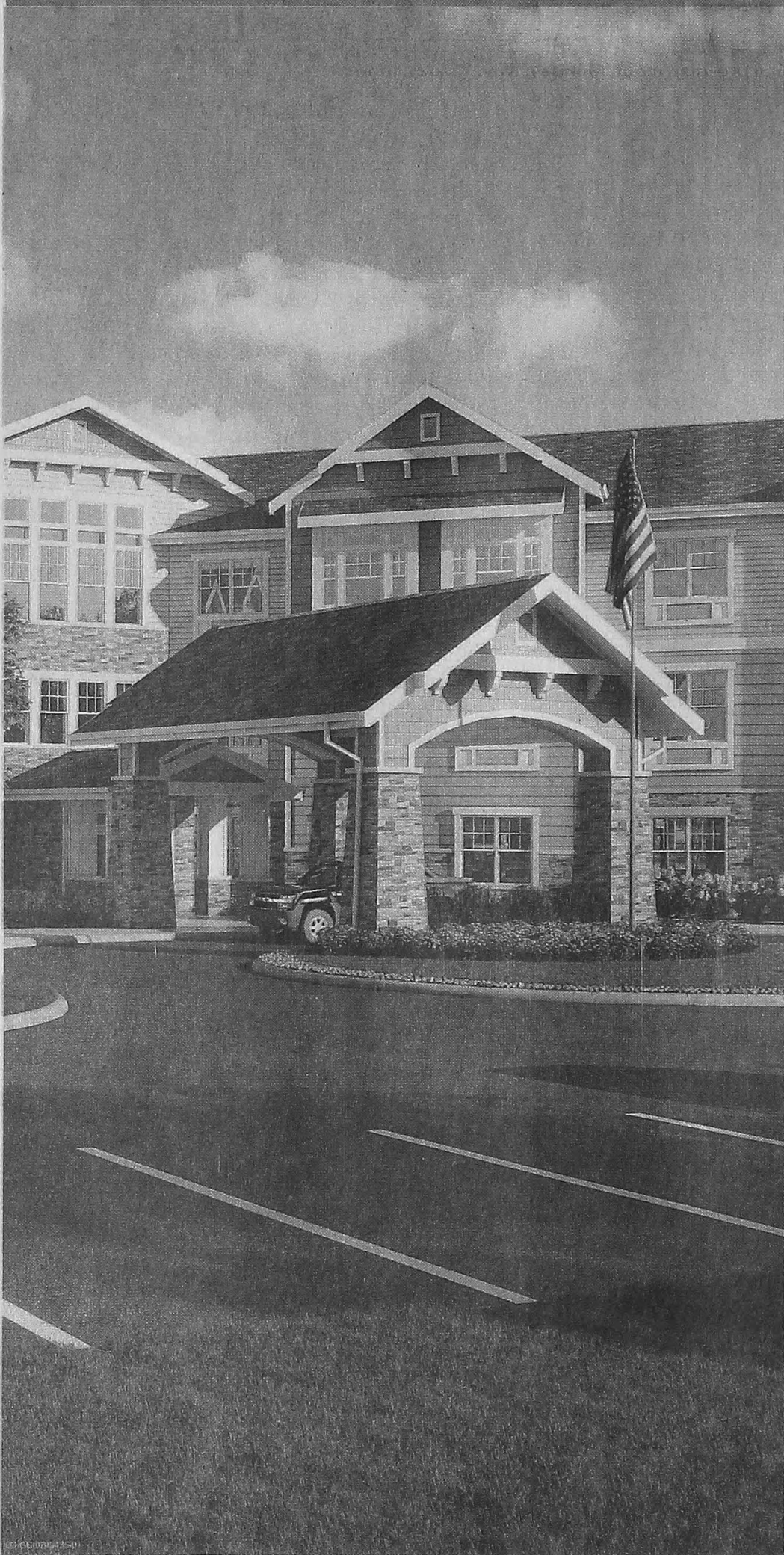
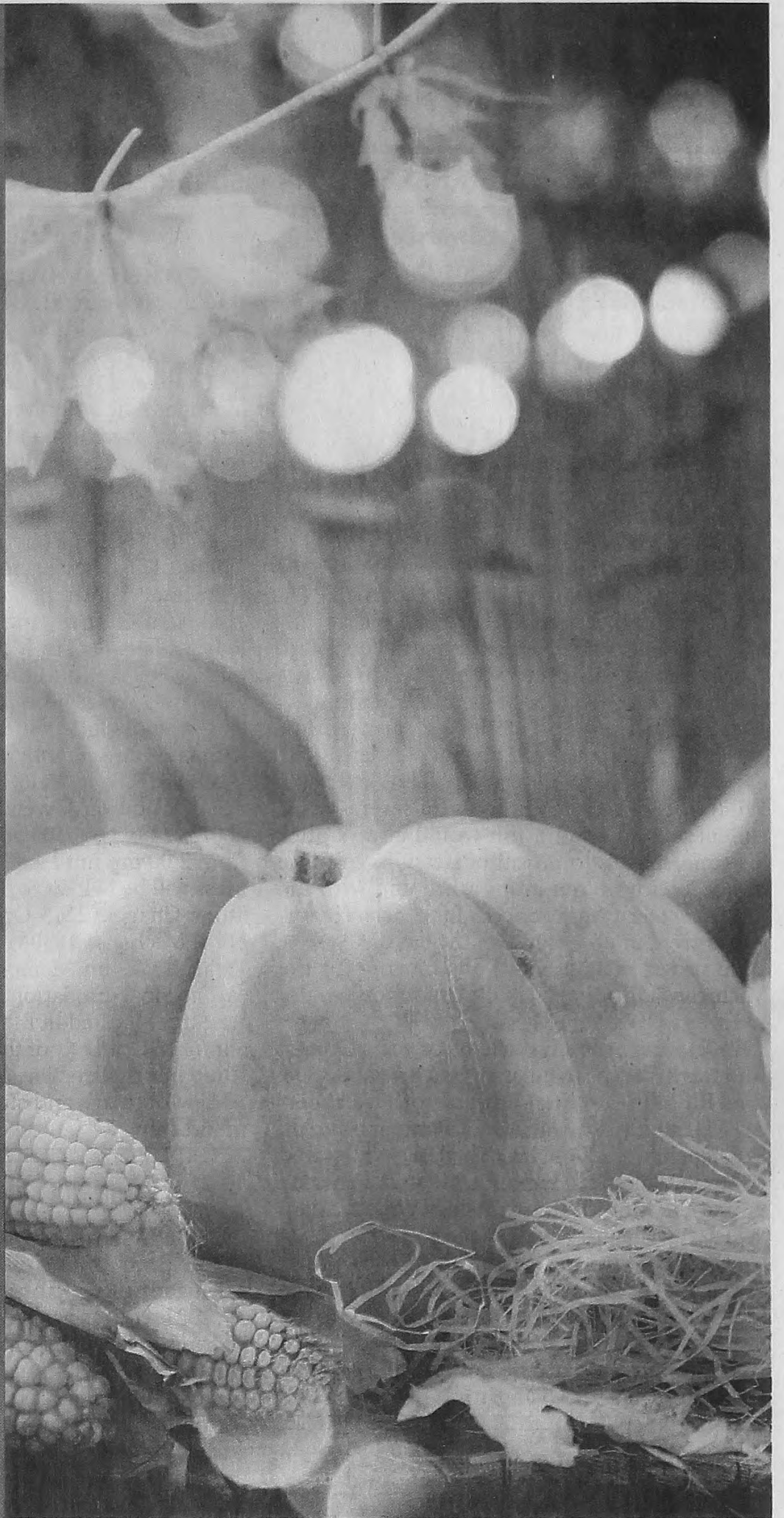
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That showed as the Yellowjackets (6-3) had no trouble running away from Redford Union (8-2) 35-7 in the Division 4 pre-district on Saturday at Hilbert Middle School.

Country Day scored on offense, defense and specials teams. It returned in-

jured quarterback Brandon Mann behind center, brought back tailback Parker Yearego and got a breakout performance from Gabe Zeldes on defense.

"We had good preparation," MacLean said. "We brought a number of our JV kids up who improved our intensity. All of them. It was just a good week. We got Brand-o back. We got Parker Yearego back. He hadn't played in a long time, and I think that just kind of lifted us. The guys really had a good week. It's not usually an intense practice, but our practice

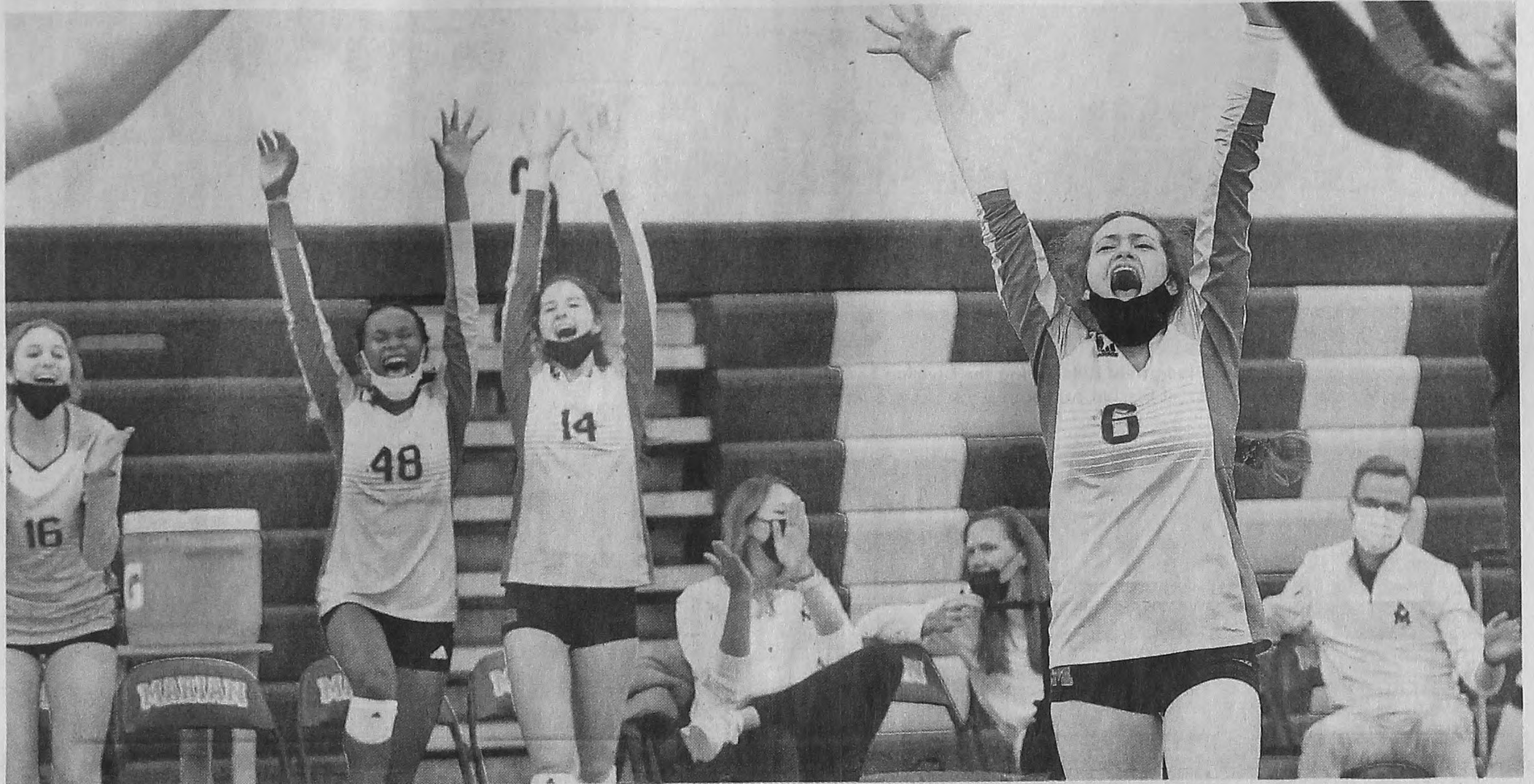
Friday was really a good practice, and it was one of the best of the year."

Confidence is key for Zeldes

Zeldes hasn't necessarily played timidly. But MacLean knows a little more confidence could make the junior one of the toughest safeties he's coached.

Zeldes likely left Saturday's game with the confidence he was missing.

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Mercy celebrates scoring a point against Bloomfield Hills during the Division 1 volleyball pre-district on Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, at Marian. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Mercy gets more than district tune-up from Bloomfield Hills

The Marlins halted the Black Hawks' comeback attempt with heady play above the net

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The Farmington Hills Mercy volleyball team had a tall task ahead of them this week.

Quite literally. The No. 5 Marlins started the Division 1 district tournament with a 3-1 victory over Bloomfield Hills during Monday's pre-district at Marian. They breezed through the first set, 25-13, and battled the Black Hawks for 25-22 and

25-23 wins in the second and fourth sets, respectively.

The only set they dropped, 25-21, saw Bloomfield Hills' almost 6-foot middle hitter Ashlea Nwabueze rocket home the winning point on an undiggable spike.

And right there is the problem. Almost half the roster is made up of underclassmen, most of whom aren't exactly the tallest ones out there.

Mercy was going to face nothing but height the rest of the week, assuming it kept winning playoff games.

It played Seaholm in Wednesday's semifinal. The Maples are led by hitter Audrey Brown, who's committed to Fordham University. On top of having over 1,500 career kills in high school, already this season she's had one of the

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Denipote wills Brother Rice past Grosse Pointe North in regional final

Giuliano Denipote scored two goals, including the game-winner in overtime, to lift the Warriors past the Norsemen in the D-2 regional championship

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What a gutty performance by Giuliano Denipote.

The senior fought through penalty-box scums, won 50-50 balls near the

corners and helped kill the clock. He battled through fierce pain all while constantly clutching his left ribs after taking a shot to his side during an attempt at a header.

The striker even mediated a sideline yelling-fest between Brother Rice athletic director Jeff Calcaterra and a prima

donna referee, who was eager to let the crowd know that he wasn't losing control of a game that was on the verge of getting out of control all throughout sudden death.

It was everything you wanted to see out of a playoff boys soccer game.

Oh, by the way, Denipote also scored a pair of goals, including heading in the game-winner from point-blank just four minutes into the first overtime of the Division 2 regional championship Oct. 28 at Livonia Clarenceville.

The Warriors escaped with a 3-2 victory over Grosse Pointe North.

Brother Rice killed the waning 60 seconds of overtime thanks to Denipote stalling in the corner. As the final horn blasted, Denipote sprinted toward midfield with his arms in the air. He was immediately tackled by teammates with hugs.

"What's next for us?" a Warrior teammate asked Denipote.

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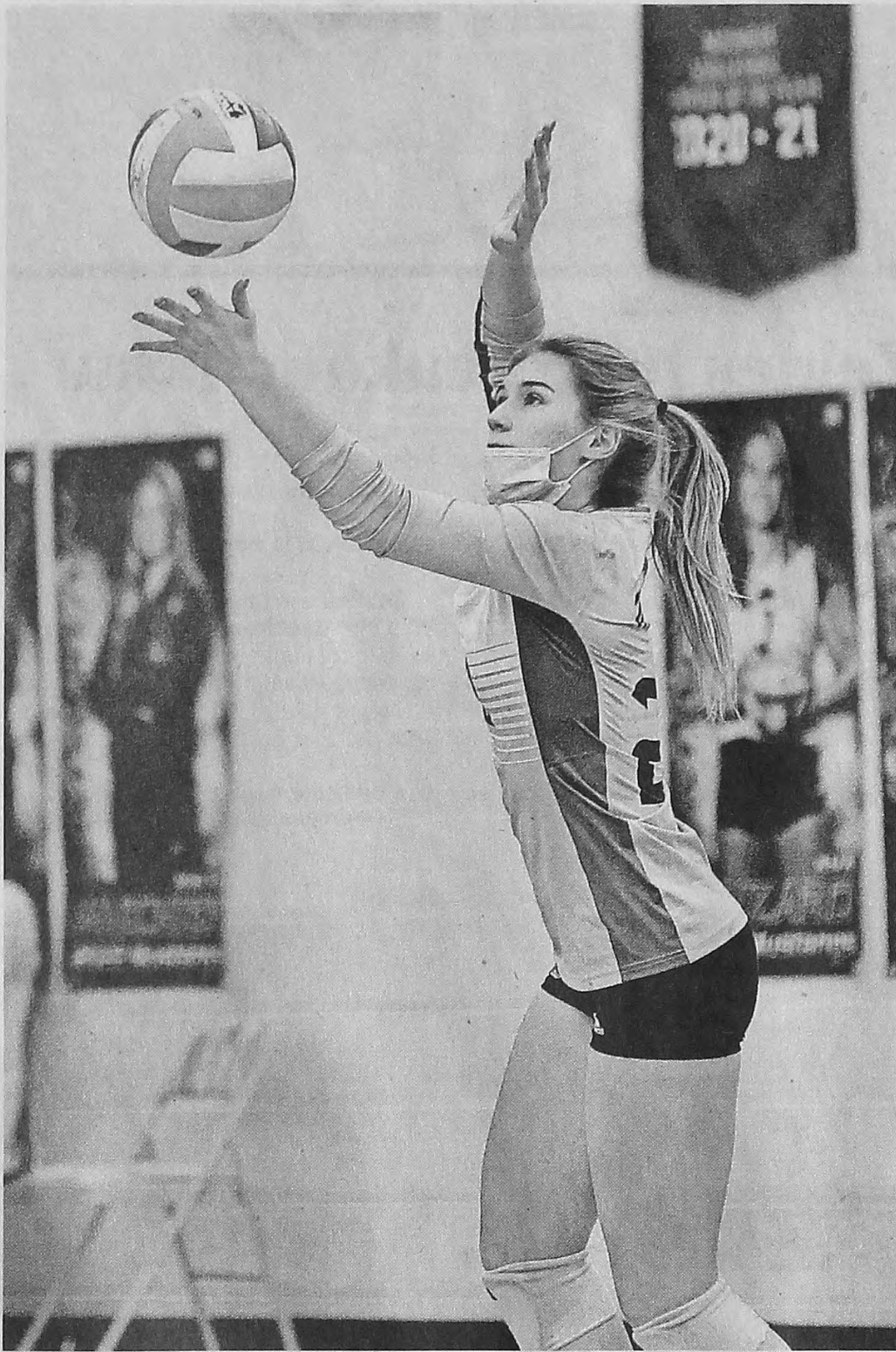
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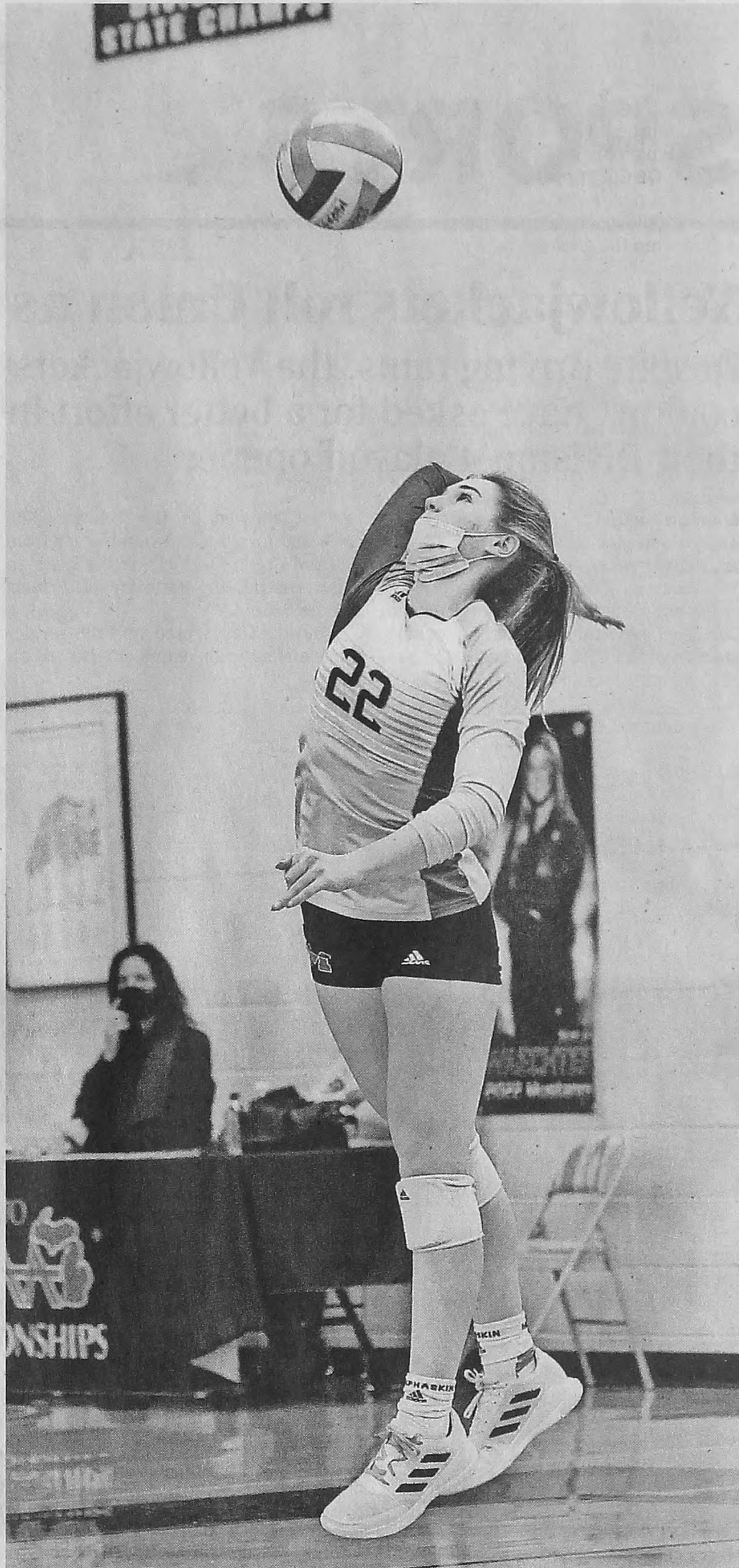
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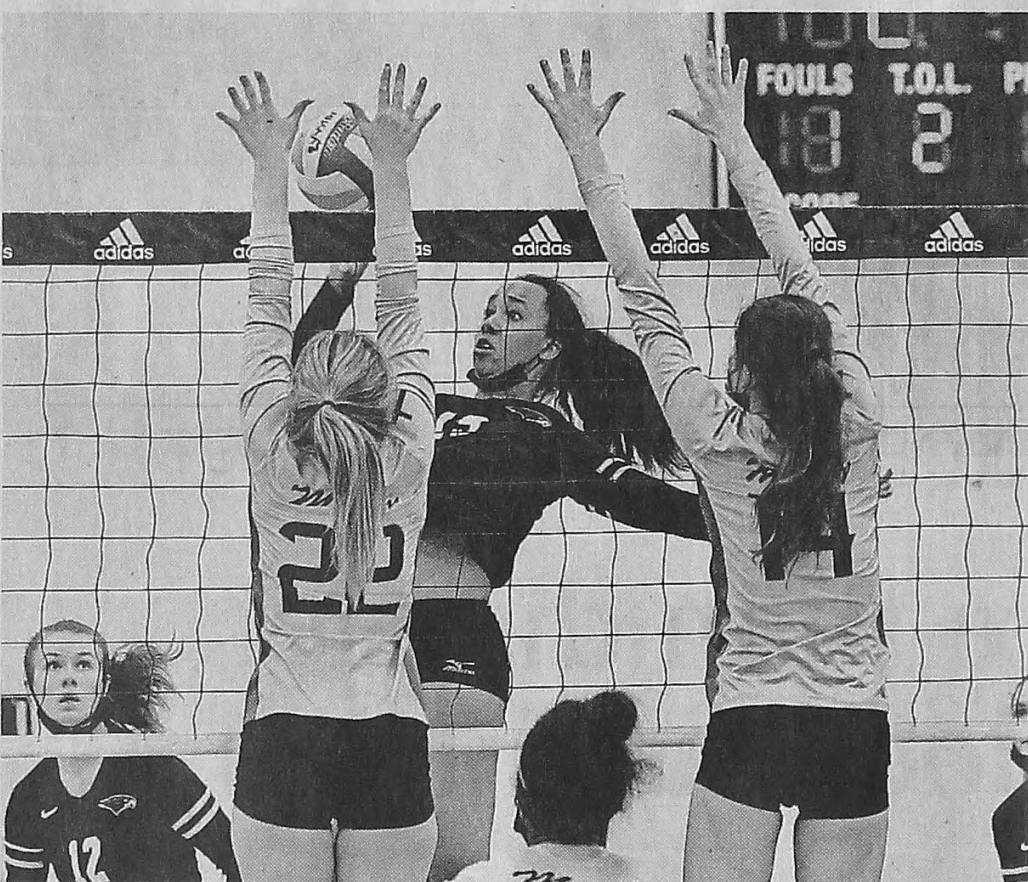
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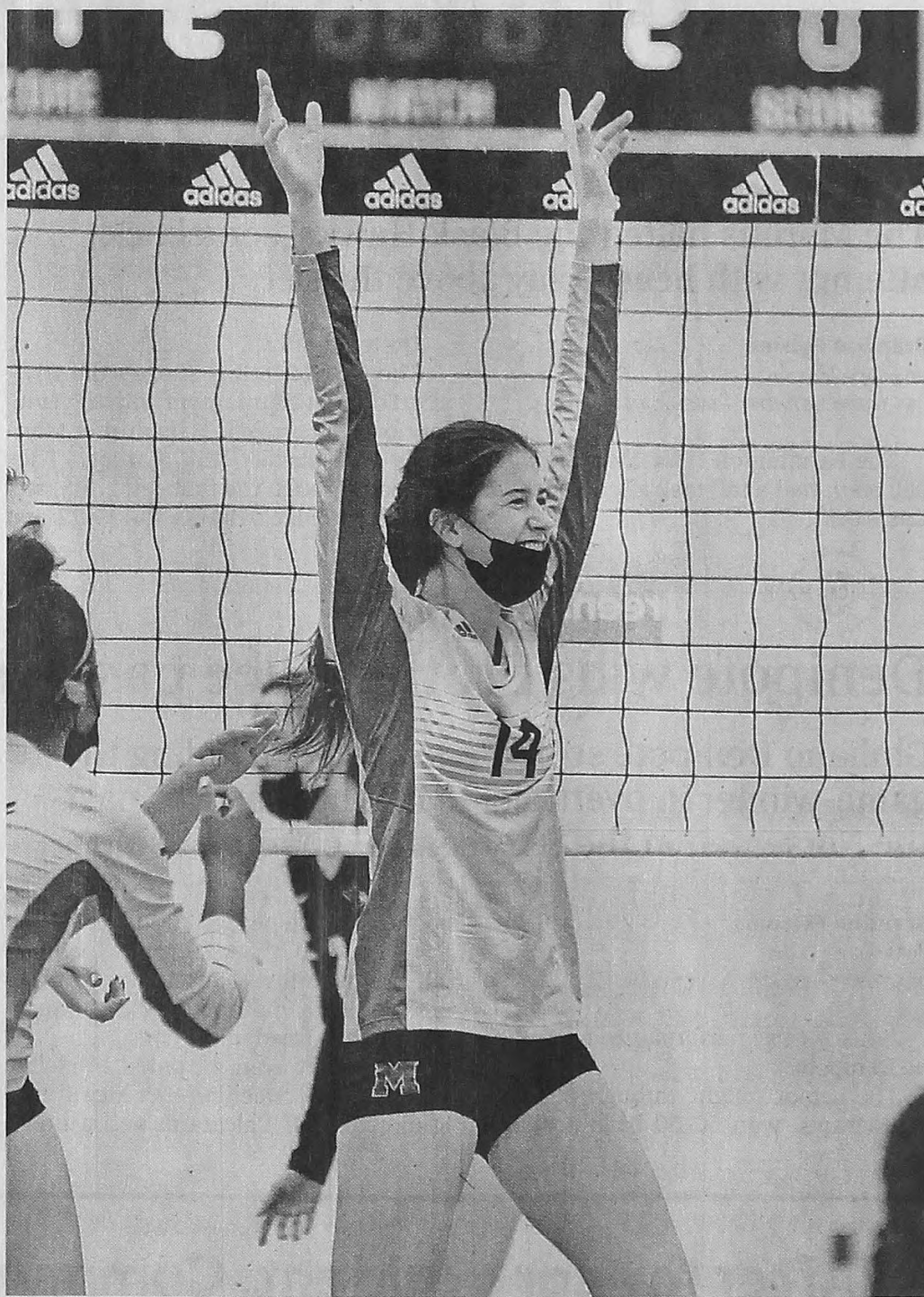
Mercy's Ella Craigs serves against Bloomfield Hills during the Division 1 volleyball pre-district on Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, at Marian. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Bloomfield Hills' Ashlea Nwabueze goes for a kill against Mercy's Ella Craigs (left) and Liz Kitchen during the Division 1 volleyball pre-district on Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, at Marian. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Mercy's Liz Kitchen celebrates scoring a point against Bloomfield Hills during the Division 1 volleyball pre-district on Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, at Marian. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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best individual games in MHSAA history.

During a matchup with Bloomfield Hills, yes, those Black Hawks who have an almost 6-footer in the middle, Brown smashed 41 kills in a five-set victory. That's the ninth-most kills ever recorded in a single game.

What's more, if Mercy got past Brown and the Maples, it would likely face rival Marian, the defending state champions, in Friday's district championship. The Mustangs have an entire front row of 6-footers, something Mercy saw firsthand during the Catholic League meetings between the two teams earlier this fall.

Nwabueze had herself a nice night against the Marlins. But, with the match on the line, Mercy's blockers and diggers did enough to neutralize the senior's spikes.

Monday night might prove to be just the tune-up the defense needs entering the semifinal.

"It was really big," middle hitter Liz Kitchen said. "In the past, we've had kind of a tough time blocking, but I think that this game really showed that we are capable of it. If we just put our mind to the task, we know we can do it."

One player currently finding her rhythm at the net is freshman Ella Craigs, who had one of her best performances of the season on the outside.

She had a kill late in the first set that ensured a huge victory, but two other plays really stood out.

In Set 2, she dug a ball and passed it

to setter Campbell Flynn, who passed it back to Craigs. Craigs slammed down the pass where Bloomfield Hills' back row couldn't reach it, forcing the Black Hawks to take a late timeout and giving the Marlins a 23-21 edge and enough breathing room to seal the win.

With Mercy trailing 23-21 in Set 4, Craigs teamed up with Lauren Mullan for a block that trimmed its deficit to just one point. The Marlins scored three-straight and didn't give up a single point the rest of the night following that play.

"She had a good game tonight, didn't she?" Mercy coach Loretta Vogel said. "Tonight was just a nice game for her. ... How many times did she use the block tonight? That was nice. Did she even have an error tonight? I thought she had a great night tonight, using the block was huge."

Craigs is one of five freshmen on the team but only she and Flynn see consistent playing time. That's probably because of Craigs' volleyball background.

She's played for the Michigan Elite volleyball club based out of Livonia and Pontiac since she was a sixth-grader. Plus, her mom is a former Division I player herself.

Volleyball is Craigs' life.

"At times, it's intimidating being out there, but I can handle it, for the most part," the rookie said. "I'm obviously a shorter player compared to a lot of other girls, but using the block and (relying) on smart shots is working for me."

The Marlins have seven underclassmen playing and just four seniors. But Kitchen, one of those four seniors, sees past Craigs' inexperience when the two go up for a block together.

"It's different because she definitely doesn't play like a freshman," Kitchen said. "She definitely has the mindset of more of a junior or a senior. I think it's really crucial to our team to have her to rely on. She can really put away the balls

when we need it."

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He returned two interceptions for touchdowns, plus he had a 6-yard sack on Union QB Cory Chavis in the first half.

His first pick-6 went for 29 yards and gave the Yellowjackets a 14-0 lead just 73 seconds into the game. What's more, he made an athletic play to get it done. He tracked the ball toward the near sideline and extended one arm out wide before reeling it in, turning his body westward and hustling into the end zone.

"I've never had a pick-6 before, so it was pretty cool to get two of them. It was crazy," said Zeldes, who's 5-foot-11 and 190 pounds. "I'm the middle guy (in the secondary), and I'm the roamer. I kind of just watch the QB and read him. I just saw his (Chavis') eyes go left, and I said, 'Oh, it's going left, and I just put my arm out. It fell right into my arm, and I had good blockers in front of me.'"

Zeldes opened the second half with a 25-yard pick-6 that made it a 35-0 score. Chavis threw up a moon ball that the safety easily plucked out of the air.

"He definitely gave us a lot of help," Mann said of Zeldes and the other defenders. "He took some weight off the offense, and he made it pretty easy for us."

Zeldes transferred to Country Day from Walled Lake Northern before his sophomore season.

He was excited about the new academic opportunities and the chance to take his baseball game to the next level. He's an outfielder and right-handed pitcher already drawing Division II college interest.

And after missing football in the 10th grade because of the transfer rule, he didn't know where football was going to rank among his priorities at Country Day.

Now he patterns his game after former Pittsburgh Steelers strong safety Troy Polamalu. He wants to be a hard-hitting, run-stopping defensive back.

Thanks to some newfound confidence from his first-quarter sack and two pick-6s, he was just that for the Yellowjackets in their Round 1 victory.

"Zeldes played very well. We always knew he was capable," MacLean said. "Sometimes the younger guys are a little bit intimidated. He transferred in, and he came with great credentials. We knew he was a good player. He was a good baseball player. We just had to get that confi-



Detroit Country Day's Gabe Zeldes intercepts a pass during the Division 4 football pre-district on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021, at Redford Union. TOM BEAUDOIN, SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

dence, and I think he's getting confidence every week, and he can do some things out there."

Mann in charge

MacLean has coached the Yellowjackets for 23 years, yet he hardly remembers a time when Mann hasn't been around the program, whether it was running around the field in diapers or leading the team as its starting QB.

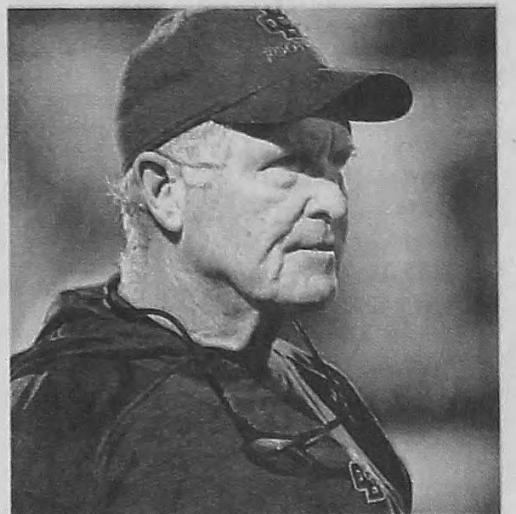
"I watched him grow up," MacLean said. "He just brings a ton to our team,

and he adds a lot of leadership. I always refer back to what my son, (2021 Country Day graduate Danny MacLean), would say: He was a warrior. Brandon is a warrior on the football field.

"That's the thing: He's a Country Day football player, and he's played so hard on both sides of the ball. I remember when he used to be a little guy. Now he's a big, tall and strapping guy."

That's why MacLean was bummed to see Man suffer a shoulder injury against Detroit Loyola on Oct. 16.

The three-star Kent State commit



Detroit Country Day's Dan MacLean watches his team during the Division 4 pre-district on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021, at Redford Union. TOM BEAUDOIN, SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

hurt himself on a fumbled snap near the red zone in the first half against the Bulldogs. He watched the rest of the game from the sidelines while wearing a hoodie.

He was unavailable to play during the Yellowjackets' 24-7 loss to rival Brother Rice in the regular-season finale.

Mann returned for the playoff opener, though, and he looked ready to lead his team back to Ford Field for the second-straight season.

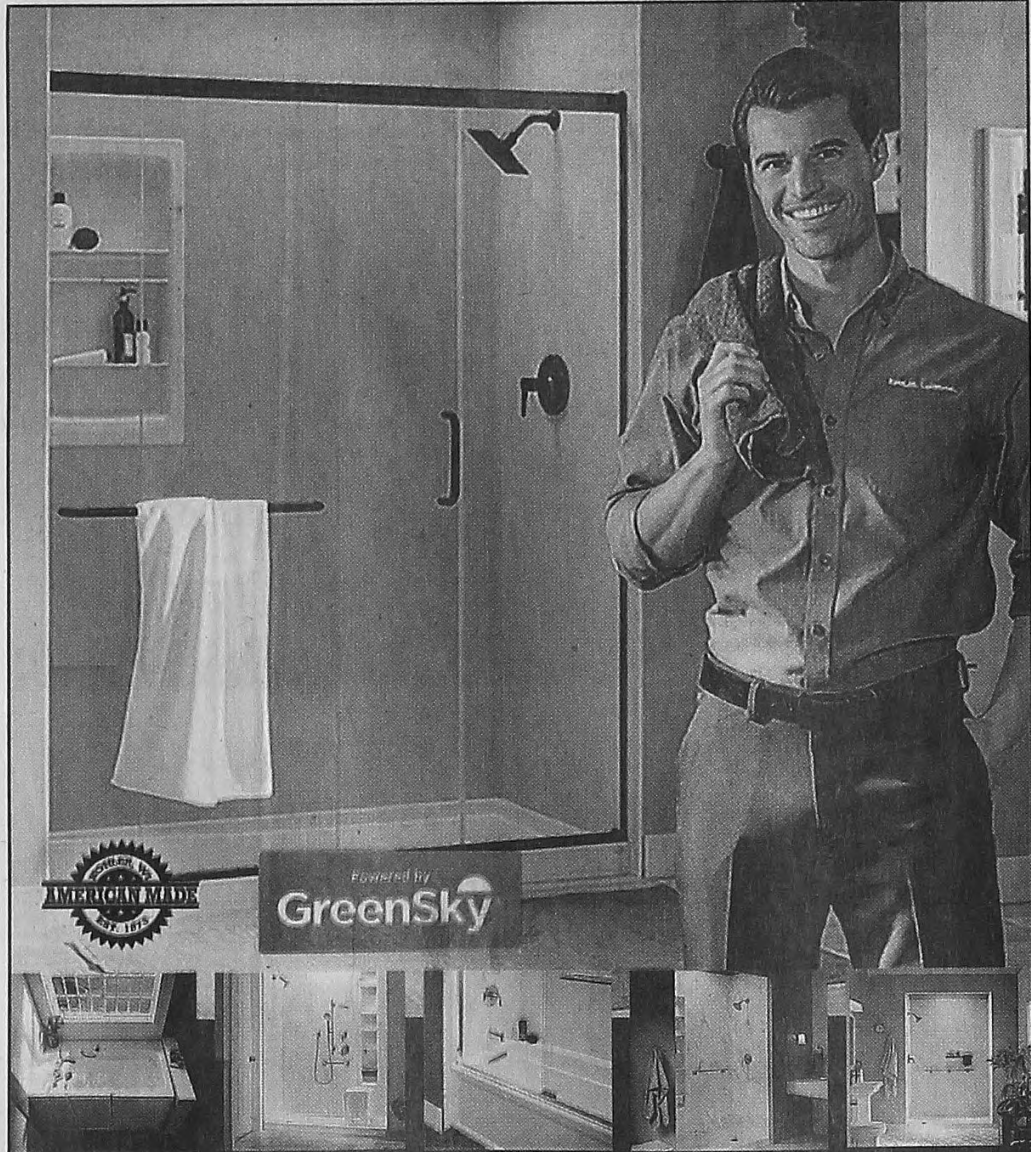
"Honestly, it just felt great being on the field after last week's tough loss," the QB said. "It was hard just sitting on the sideline and watching it happen and not being able to do anything. It feels good to be out here with all my guys, and I'm happy to be part of it again."

MacLean didn't ask much of his QB in his first game back, not that impressive QB play was required for the Yellowjackets to pull off the win.

He was 2 of 4 passing and rushed just one time. He did well managing the game and helping his teammates move the chains. Despite the pouring rain, Country Day fumbled just once in the first half and didn't punt for the first time until there were 83 seconds left in the third quarter.

Mann relied on the likes of Parker Yearego, who rushed 10 times for 60 yards and two touchdowns, and Gabe Winowich, who rushed nine times for 48 yards and returned a kickoff 70 yards for a score, to keep the offense humming

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"That state championship!" the senior responded. "That's what's next!"

Forcing overtime

Liam Heming is one of the best forwards in the state.

Yet he wasn't available to help the Warriors during the regular season.

During travel ball last summer, the junior tore four muscles near his groin and suffered a hernia injury so severe that he missed every single regular-season game.

He made his return during the district tournament, and his presence has been felt. He's already totaled six goals in only five playoff games.

And, oh boy, was his sixth goal a beaut.

The Warriors trailed 2-1, and, honestly, it was looking like GP North was going to run away with the regional title.

Somehow, though, Brother Rice drew a penalty kick after a scrum inside the penalty box. The Warriors tabbed Heming as the one to attempt the freebie.

"I'm going to be honest: I was hella nervous," Heming said. "I missed my first penalty (kick) earlier in the season. I just knew once the goalie started talking crap that the ball was going in at the moment."

The goal went in with 9:42 left in regulation and ensured Brother Rice a chance to win it in overtime.

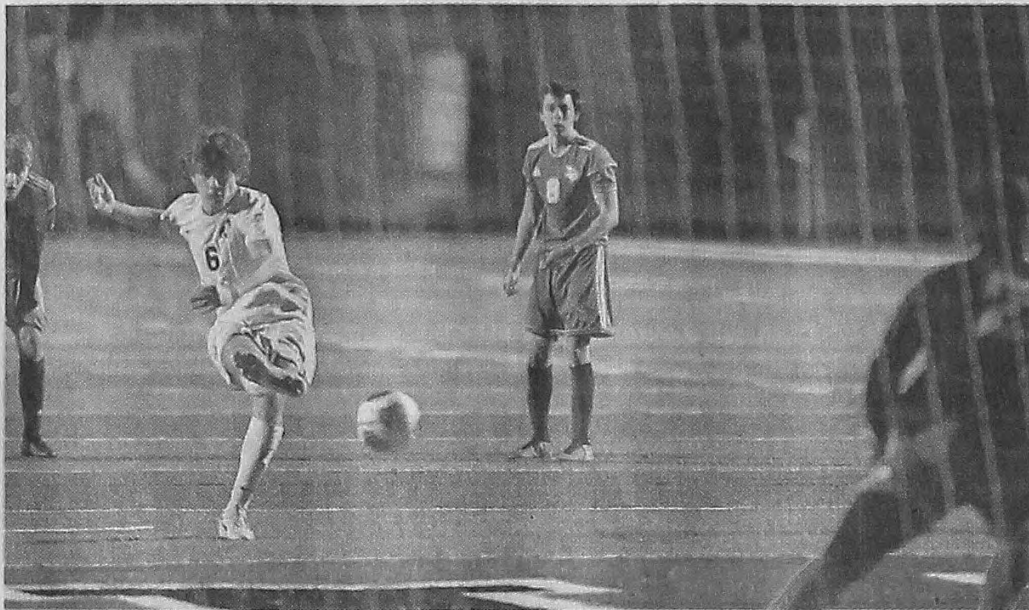
You could see the mojo turn in the Warriors' favor, so it wasn't a surprise when they capitalized in OT.

"I'll just say it: We're getting it done," Heming said. "I think this is the best soccer program in Division 2, no matter what. We've got our boys, we're all having fun and we want to win. ..."

"We definitely wanted it more than the other team, and I'll tell you this right now: We're the hardest-working soccer program that's ever been ever. We want (to win) everything. We dig. We grind. We've been working all season to go to states. I'm calling it right now: We're going to be the state champions."



Brother Rice Warriors celebrate their Div. 2 regional final victory over Grosse Pointe North 3-2 in two overtimes on Oct. 28, 2021. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Brother Rice's Liam Heming scored the game equalizer on this penalty shot in the second half. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

I'm super happy with the grit and determination. It's been fantastic this year, and we've just kept on rolling."

The Warriors put together a few set pieces, but they didn't quite capitalize.

Until a random scrum off a corner kick wound up with Denipote heading in the game-winner. He stood merely 2 feet from the goal and absolutely rocketed it in.

"It was a tough game. We played our hearts out," Denipote said. "When I hit that header, all I could think about was it going into the back of the net. It did. It's the greatest feeling to be able to celebrate it with my team. We're going on to the state semis. I can't wait. It's so exciting."

"That's definitely the most memorable (goal of my life). We've never made it this far in the last three years. To make it this far and to score the game-winning goal for my team, it's just incredible."

Alley-oof

Enzo Bordogna and Denipote gave the crowd their best Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp impression just 3 minutes into the game.

Bordogna raced down the near sideline and sent a touch pass to Denipote, who toed in a goal immediately after receiving the pass.

It was the closest thing to an alley-oop you'll see in soccer.

However, it was a struggle-fest for the Warriors for the rest of the half and early into the next 40 minutes.

GP North James Streberger knotted the score at 1 with 2:19 left before half-time after he banged in a rebound.

Three minutes into the second half, Tommy Harris headed in a ball that nailed the crossbar and then spun back into the net to give the Norsemen a 2-1 advantage.

Afterward, the senior forward raced to the near sidelines and started celebrating with GP North's student section. There were yellow and green smoke bombs let off as well as Harris slapping his chest with his fist.

It took everything Brother Rice had to fight back and force overtime.

"Oh man, what a game. What a game," Price said. "We didn't play well. We didn't play well."

"The grit and determination from the boys from Day 1 when they first came into pre-season. All the fitness work we did, it really paid dividends toward the

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Scouts honor

Brother Rice coach Danny Price was quick to praise GP North coach Brad VanDeVorde afterward.

The Norsemen scouted the Warriors'

regional semifinal 4-2 win over River-view well.

"They put us under a lot of pressure," Price said. "They probably saw the game on Tuesday and how we like to move the

ball, and they really stopped us from doing that, so we had to change our style a little bit. We had to go a little bit more direct and cause them a few more problems in the air, and that sort of thing. But

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along.

"It's good to know that even if I'm not at my best, my guys have my back," Mann said. "Our offense is not geared behind the pass. We can just line up and run the ball down teams' throats if we need to."

Added MacLean: "When you lose a guy like that, you kind of lose your security blanket a little bit. Getting him back was big."

Respecting your opponent

MacLean saw that Clarenceville beat Madison Heights Lamphere 36-28 in the other D-4 district semifinal. So he knew a win over Union meant his Yellowjackets would be playing their Round 2 game at Clarenceville's Tim Shaw Stadium.

Who's Tim Shaw?

MacLean spent almost his entire post-game talk with his players describing him.

"I went and watched his video, and there's a very moving video I watched," MacClean explained while reaching into an accordion folder and pulling out the bullet points he jotted down about Shaw's impact on football locally.

Shaw starred at Clarenceville before going on to play linebacker and special

teams for Penn State. The Carolina Panthers drafted him in the fifth round of the 2007 NFL draft. He recorded 127 career tackles while playing for four different teams over five seasons.

In 2014, however, Shaw was diagnosed with ALS, the neurodegenerative disease that impacts muscle usage.

Clarenceville named its stadium after its former all-state running back in 2017.

"I wrote it all down," MacLean said. "I didn't really get to do the speech that I wanted. But there's a tag line he used in that video."

"You wrote it down to tell your plays?" a reporter asked him.

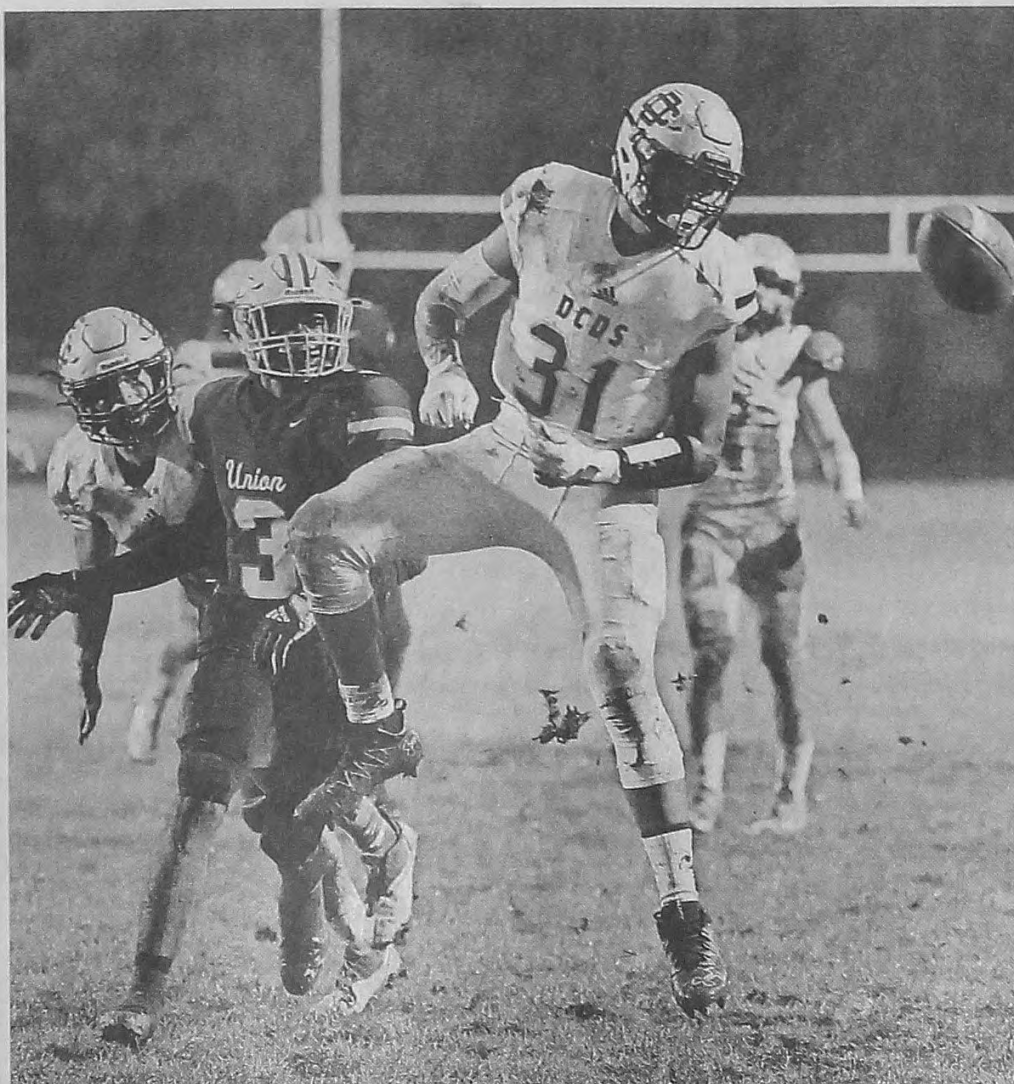
"That's what I always do," MacLean replied. "That's what I've been doing."

MacLean grabbed his notes and read them to the handful of people still standing on the field at Union.

"It says, 'Start living. Live your best life today. Enjoy everything. What's important is your relationship. Have a great day,'" MacLean said while looking up from his notes. "It was very moving. It was very good. I just thought, 'Man, that's a good message for these guys to hear going into next week."

"I go so far back with all the coaching that I've done, and what a hell of a kid that guy was. What a great guy. What a great athlete."

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Detroit Country Day's Brandon Mann breaks up a Redford Union pass during the Division 4 football pre-district on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021. TOM BEAUDOIN, SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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end there going into overtime. The grit and determination were fantastic, and we didn't play well at times. We talked about that in the locker room. We've got to be able to play ugly at times and win games, and we did that today."

Added Denipote: "We just knew we had more heart. We've done conditioning all throughout the summer and the season, and we had the heart to get it done. We knew we were the better team. We just didn't play like it. We got the goal in the end that proves that, so we're going onto the state semis."

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Brother Rice Warrior goalie Henry Allen allows this shot on goal to go wide of the net during the first half of the Oct. 28, 2021 game. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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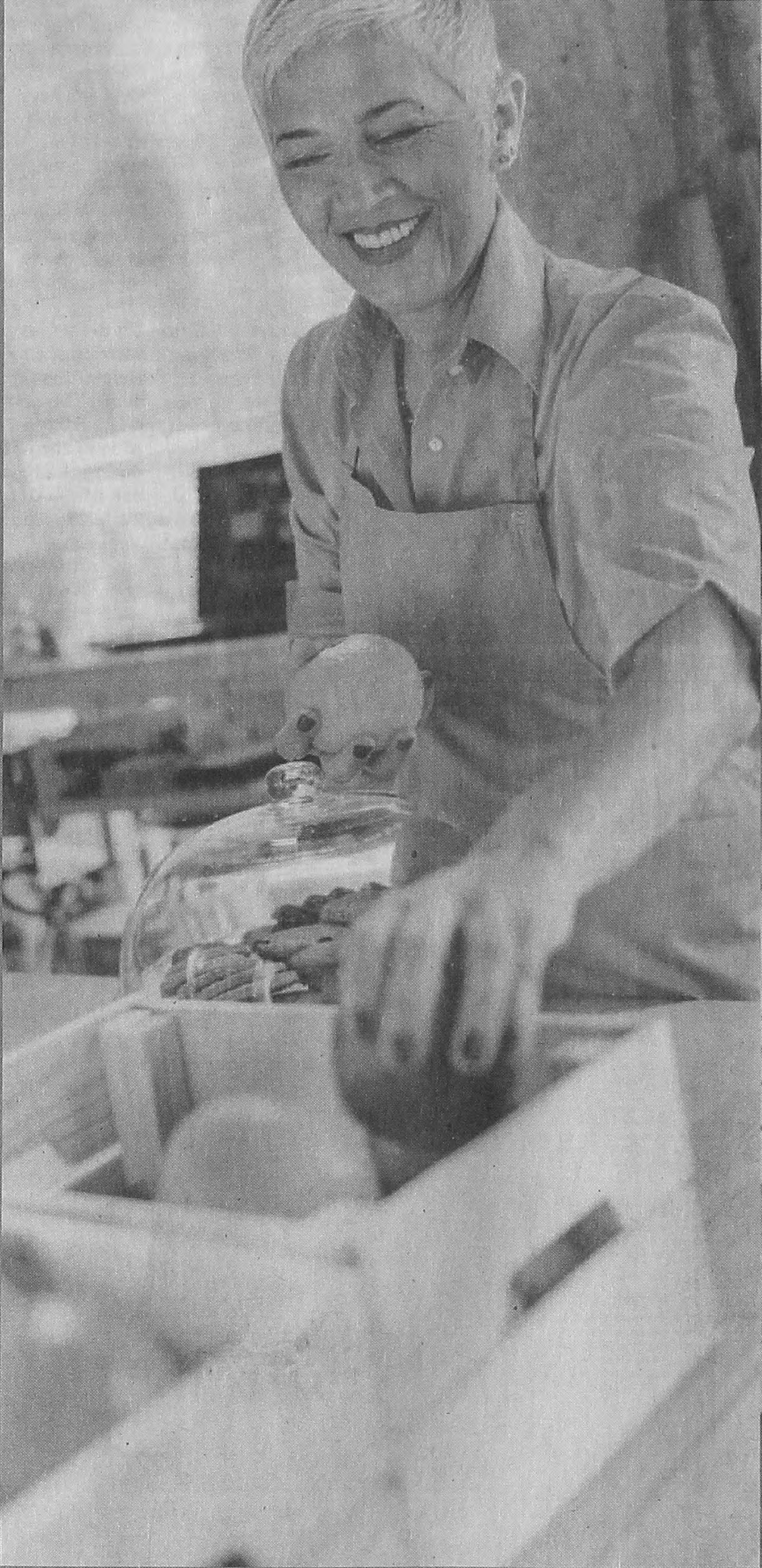
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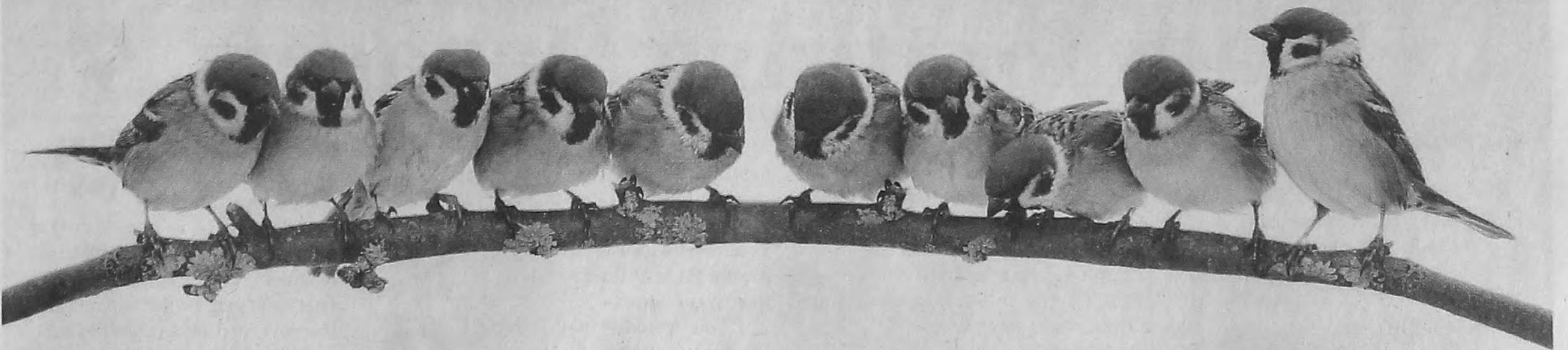
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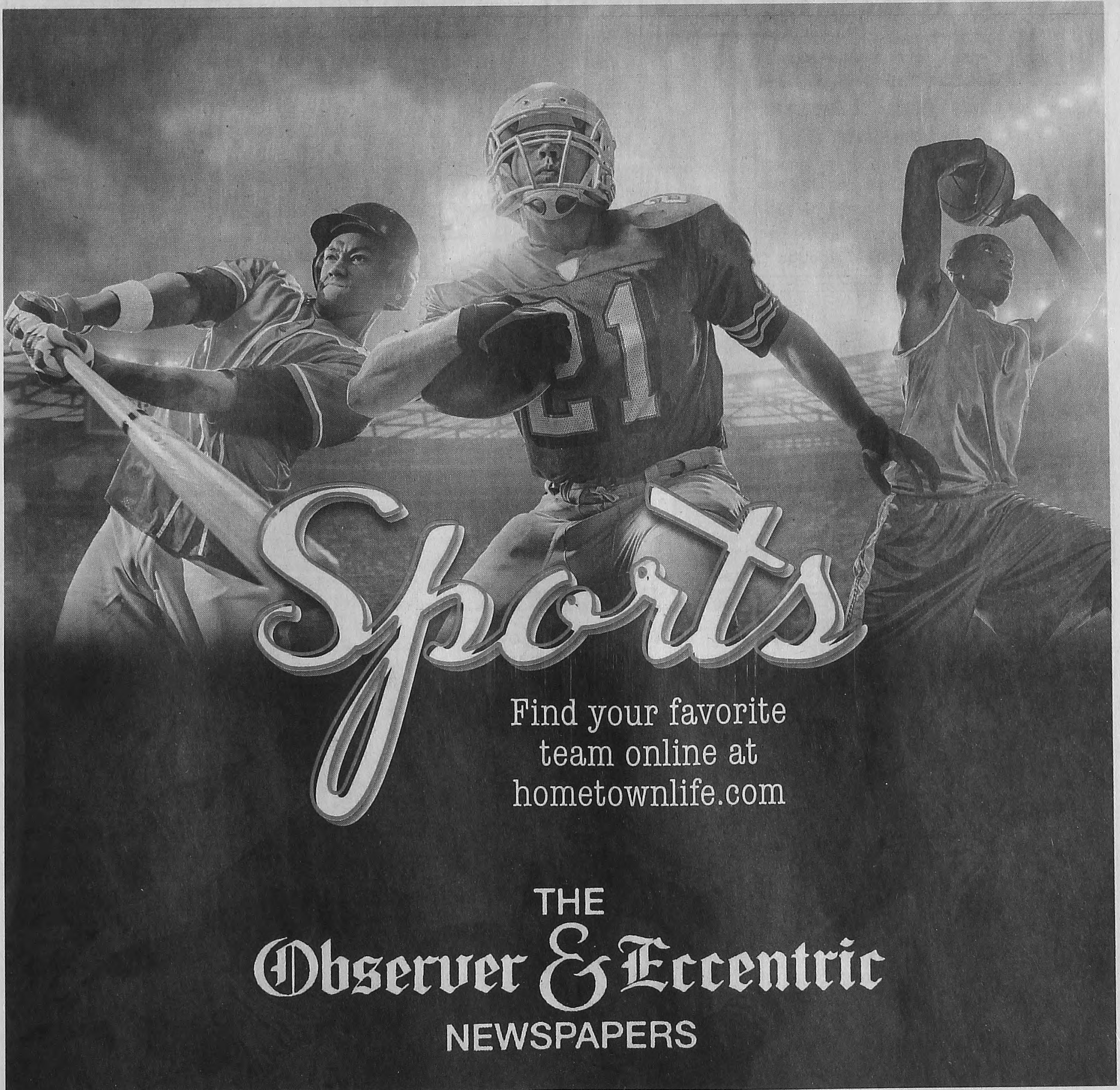
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How to Get Your Social Media Ready for Hiring Managers

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When you apply for a job, it's expected that a hiring manager will review your resume or online job profile. But 90% of them also look you up on social media. That's a number worth paying attention to.

Take an Inventory of Your Digital Identity

Google yourself, find out what recruiters are seeing in your search results.

Google isn't a social network, but it is the place where 43% of HR professionals will look for you. Knowing what results pop up (including your social media profiles) will give you direction on what steps to take. Before you search, switch into private browsing mode so your results aren't influenced by your past searches. (Switch to Incognito mode in Google

Chrome, select New Private Window in Apple Safari and Firefox, or select InPrivate when using Microsoft Edge.)

Create a Personal Website

Improve your search results and highlight the information you want hiring managers to see.

How Do Employers Search Social Media?

Recruiters use many different social platforms to learn about you.

While LinkedIn is considered the professional social network, it is not the site that HR professionals use most when researching candidates. That honor goes to Facebook, where 74% of recruiters look up their potential hires. LinkedIn (56%), Instagram (49%), and Twitter (45%) follow. TikTok is currently around 12%, but will likely increase as its audience continues to grow.

Consider Going Private

Setting your accounts to private is the best way to make sure recruiters don't see them.

Privacy settings are your friends. Or, better yet, privacy settings make sure your profiles can only be seen by your friends. Almost all recruit-

ers say they would still interview a candidate if they could not find them online.

Treat Your Public Social Media Pages Like the Office Breakroom

If you wouldn't say it here, don't say it out there.

It's Time for a Social Media Cleanup

Review your social media accounts to remove potential red flags.

As you go through your profiles, go through this checklist:

- **Bios:** Most social networks provide a space to share a bit about yourself. Mention your employer or industry along with your other hobbies and passions.
- **Profile Pictures:** Unlike LinkedIn, other social platforms are a place where being more casual is appropriate and expected. Just make sure the images don't show anything that may be a red flag to employers.
- **Posts, Photos & Videos:** Review all of the content you have posted—yes, all the way back to your first post—and decide what should stay. Some platforms, like Instagram and Facebook, enable you to archive or set individual posts to private. For others, like Twitter, you'll need to delete whatever you don't want

seen. You can also untag yourself from photos posted by others if needed.

• **Username & URLs:** Consider whether your current profile's username or personalized url reflects the way you'd like to present yourself to the professional world. If not, you can change them.

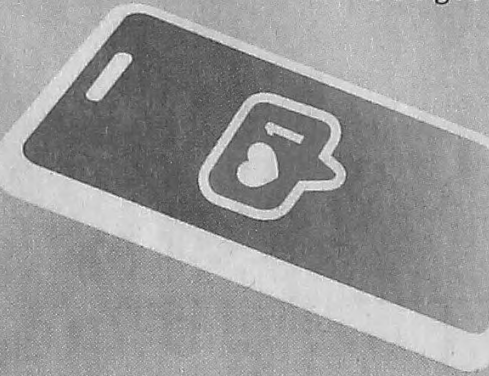
• **Likes & Follows:** Go through the people, companies, and brands you follow and decide if they still align with your interests and goals. It may seem nit-picky, but a quarter of recruiters get this granular. Remove the accounts that are no longer relevant, and replace them with your target companies and leaders in your field.

Share Your Whole Self

Keep using social media to put your knowledge and personality on display.

Now that your social profiles are work-search ready, stay active on them. Share thoughts and articles on industry-related topics, but make sure to let your passions, hobbies, and personality shine through so hiring managers know the whole person they may be hiring.

In short, be the person that you'd like to work with!



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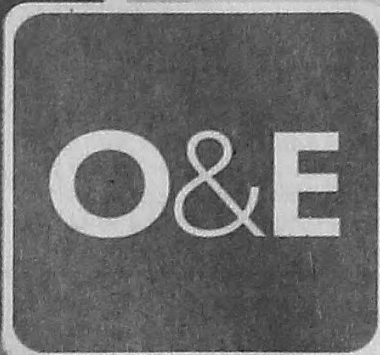
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