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Canton surrenders tree ordinance in federal court

Township officials continue fight at state level

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Despite mounting legal bills, Canton Township officials continue to defend a

contentious tree ordinance intended to keep more greenery in the community.

Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak and the township's counsel Kristin Kolb released a statement acknowledg-

ing defeat in the federal court system but a continued fight in the Michigan Court of Appeals.

"Board members reviewed the \$72,439.46 spent on the F.P. Development case to date and decided not to pursue an additional appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court and to comply with the

ruling of the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals," Graham-Hudak said.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati sided with the Frank Powellson and his FP Development LLC late last year.

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Crosswalk crisis

Broken signals in Westland cause concern for cyclists, pedestrian traffic

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Joe Foy, a 35-year resident of Westland, loves cycling. When he's on his bike, all he has to worry about is the road ahead of him.

That and the faulty crosswalk signals around town, of course.

Foy and other walkers, runners and bicyclists in Westland will encounter a faulty crosswalk signals at least 13 major intersections across the city, all of which fall under the jurisdiction of Wayne County or State of Michigan.

The biggest problem areas are along Wayne Road, where many of the signals no longer have working bulbs, and Ford Road, where most signals are stuck on "Don't walk."

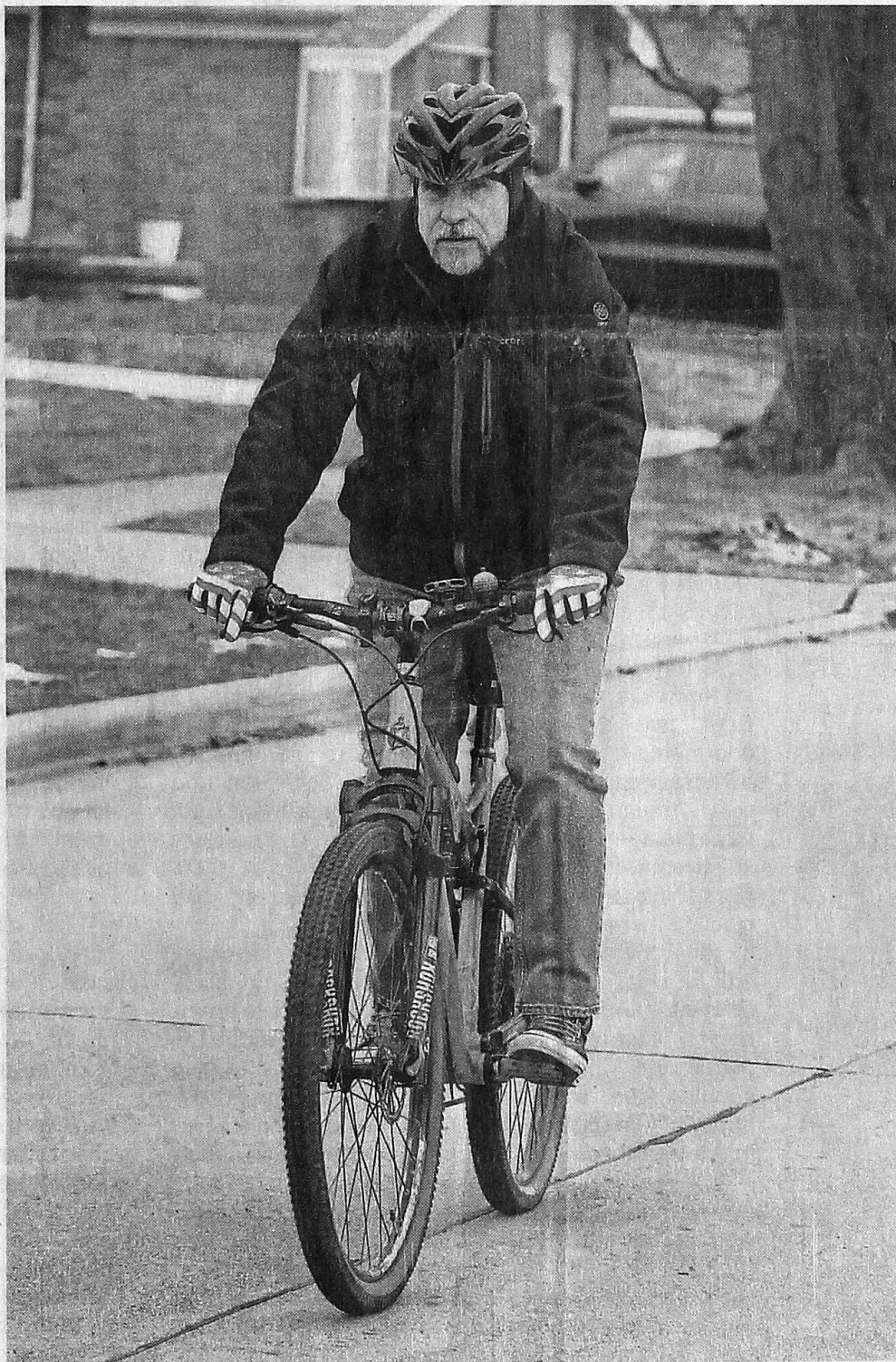
"The route I took to get to the 275 pathway had to be done on sidewalk," Foy said. "On my route, I noticed there was a lot of misrepresented traffic signals."

A walkability issue, but residents apparently aren't complaining

Foy said he's experienced broken or damaged crosswalk signals for quite some time. Those traveling the area can find a similar issue in neighboring cities like Wayne and Garden City; those crosswalk signals also are county-controlled.

Wayne County, through a spokeswoman, declined an interview on this subject, saying crosswalk signals are inspected on a biannual basis. She said people can contact the county about

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Jim Foy, of Westland, is concerned about people who try to cross the busy intersection with a broken crosswalk signal at Wayne Road and Central City Parkway in Westland. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Farmington, Hills team up to enhance effort toward sustainability

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Farmington Hills is known for its environmental efforts.

But, there's always ways to keep moving forward.

"We can definitely always improve," Councilwoman Valerie Knol said.

The city is looking to expand its sustainability and technology innovation efforts through the newly-formed Innovation, Energy and Environmental Sustainability Committee. The committee, in partnership with the City of Farmington, will recommend potential projects, improvements and partnerships the two cities can engage in to better their sustainability efforts.

The committee will revive efforts started by previous environment-focused commissions that have been dormant since 2017. It will also continue the work done by the city's previous innovation commission, which was one of the driving forces behind the Farmington area's municipal broadband efforts.

"There's going to be opportunities for this city to become a more 'smart' city with the services it offers," Knol said.

Farmington Hills has long had a dedication to sustainability, its green city hall being one example of that commitment.

But, Knol said there are opportunities for the city to improve its own practices and offer more educational resources to residents.

"City hall is a great example of

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Snow plow drivers share tips, knowledge

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Metro Detroit experienced 6-10 inches of snow last week.

In that storm, and any other winter storms that remain this season, here is what to expect from the Road Commission for Oakland County — and a few things they are asking of drivers.

"At an inch to an inch and a half per hour, it's just too much to keep up with," RCOOC Communications Manager Craig Bryson said. "We'll hear, 'Hey, it looks like you haven't even plowed,' but it covers up so quick, it's impossible to tell we've been through."

Nevertheless, they will try in the heaviest of storms, putting 100 trucks out on the roads.

As storms approach, the road commission staff of nearly 200 employees anticipates constant adjustments.

The road commission's highest priority is clearing the 230 miles of state highways in the county: I-75, US-24 (Telegraph), M-1 (Woodward), M-24 (Lapeer Road) and M-15 (Ortonville Road), followed by multi-lane roads in the county.

Regardless of the amount of snow, Bryson said one aspect in the process is easy as there is not a lot of strategy to it: the drivers go out and just start plowing

at a top speed of about 50 miles per hour.

The real challenge is the duration of the storm.

"We've got to manage human resources and it takes a toll on the equipment — trucks are running 24 hours and someone goes home and someone else is going to be on the road," Bryson said. "We throw everything at it as soon as the snow starts and then we go all day long."

While the number of drivers may be fewer during evening hours, there are always trucks out plowing, and between midnight and 2 a.m., the number of plow trucks on the road starts ramping up again to get as much cleared as possible for the morning rush.

The drivers could be working multiple 16-hour shifts with only five-and-a-half hour breaks in between in a storm, Bryson said.

"This is grueling. We refer to our staff as pre-responders, because they respond before the first responders so police, fire and EMS can get through," he said.

Mechanics, supervisors, and administrative staff are all working long shifts, too.

Bryson said there are things motorists can do to improve the situation: Stay home, and if that's not possible at least stay out of the way of the trucks.

"Every time a storm like this hits, people run into our trucks, they try to pass them, they cut the plow

drivers off," Bryson said.

Additionally, motorists are running into the wing plows that extend out to the right side of RCOOC trucks. The wing plows enable plow drivers to clear more than one lane during heavy snowfalls, but motorists who attempt to pass on the right often don't see them in the heavy snow or in darkness.

"Please don't pass on the right side, you are not going to win against a huge steel truck. People can be seriously injured or worse," Bryson said.

Plow drivers are doing a critical job, but attempt to help motorists stuck in the middle of the road when they can, pushing the car with the plow truck if permitted, calling the police to help arrange for a tow, or placing some salt around a vehicle to help the driver regain traction.

There are 1,300 miles of subdivision roads in the county that require two passes. It could take another two or three days to complete clearing of the snow after a storm.

"People cut us some slack for the first 24 hours, and then if everything isn't pristine they're mad," Bryson said. "This is more of a marathon than a sprint. It will take some days to get everything cleared up, including subdivisions. We just ask for patience."

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Team up

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sustainability," Knol said. "But, there's certainly opportunities for the city to find ways to make our other buildings more efficient."

The committee can have up to 11 members — two will be from Farmington and the rest would come from Farmington Hills. Both cities are in the process of selecting members.

This joint committee is one of many ways Farmington and Farmington Hills work together — their partnership has included things like a municipal broadband task force and the annual Founders Festival. Farmington Mayor Sara Bowman said she's glad the cities are once again working together.

"I am very happy that they had the foresight and thought to include Farmington since we are really one big community," she said.

In Farmington, progress will probably come in the forms of education for residents and making improvements to the city's existing infrastructure as needed.

Bowman said the city has already made tweaks like switching to LED light bulbs.

"I'm hopeful we can build upon many of the green efforts happening statewide and countywide," Bowman said. "I would love to see Farmington go more green where possible. Because we're so built out, unlike Farmington Hills, ours would need to be retrofitting."

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Crosswalk

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In 2021, Westland recorded seven pedestrian-related crashes, according to vehicle crash data received through a Freedom of Information Act request.

None of the crash reports mention broken crosswalk lights — two occurred in crosswalks where a crossing light is not present — and one report states the pedestrian was crossing the street while the crosswalk displayed a white walk signal.

One crash report from August happened

at Wayne and Palmer roads, a crossing that Hometown Life found without working light bulbs in December. The report for that crash does not mention the signal.

Mayor Bill Wild said the city receives few to no complaints regarding crosswalks, and typically pedestrian deaths in the city typically involve jaywalkers. Wild said he's confident the city could successfully advocate for more checkups of county infrastructure.

"We have a great working relationship with the county, and the county periodically meets with us to ask what our priorities are," he said. "What they really like is when the community has the ability to partner with

them ... They try to match dollars with our dollars."

Wild explained road work on state and county roads — Ford Road is the city's only state road — often don't include sidewalk and crosswalk repairs. The mayor said Wayne Road, a problem stretch for crosswalk signals, has had plenty of improvements over the years, but those projects don't include crosswalks.

"Oftentimes, what you see is the mill and resurface," Mohamed Ayoub, Westland's planning director, said.

A plan to improve pedestrian, cyclist safety

Like most avid runners or bicyclists anywhere

will say, Foy's had plenty of close calls with drivers over the years. He'd like to see the city create more bike lanes.

According to Michigan law, cyclists can ride on sidewalks but should yield right-of-way to pedestrians. On the street, cyclists should follow the rules of the road.

"If you're in the street, you're moving with the flow of traffic," Foy said.

"You only have to pay attention to what's going on in traffic. On sidewalks, you have motorists who don't believe in stopping before the white line and they cover the lane for you to safely cross. Motorists in commercial driveways always block the sidewalk so you can't cross."

Ordinance

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Township officials said the court's ruling means the township is still requiring tree surveys of residential property owners with more than two acres and commercial property owners wanting to remove trees. Such surveys include details like species, sizes and locations for some trees, and trees to be removed.

The township also will be required to conduct individual assessments regarding impacts on properties should tree removals happen. A process is being determined.

"(Yet) there is one outstanding court case challenging our tree ordinance, a state court case, Canton v. 44650, Inc.," Graham-Hudak said. "We are still defending our tree ordinance in that case.

There are other issues that the 6th Circuit did not decide that we believe will give the Michigan Court of Appeals a chance to rule in our favor."

The Texas Public Policy Foundation, a not-for-profit entity fighting issues it calls government abuses, has been representing on a pro-bono basis Frank Powelson and his FP Development LLC, as well as Matt and Gary Percy, who own ADT Transport Express and 44650 Inc.

Foundation attorney Rob Henneke said he is astounded that the township won't surrender the ordinance that was charging his clients thousands of dollars for removing trees on their properties.

Before his 2018 lawsuit, the township was demanding Powelson plant new trees or put about \$50,000 into the township's tree fund. The township's bill for the brothers was approximately \$500,000.

"It's very surprising," Henneke said. "I think it just shows that there's a stubbornness with the township on these issues that is not being ad-

ressed by their township leadership.

"I don't know what they're seeking to accomplish when they've been told four different times by four different groups of judges that this tree ordinance that they've been enforcing is unconstitutional."

Graham-Hudak said the township is not pursuing the mitigation fees it sought from F.P. Development since a federal appeals panel agreed that its tree ordinance is unconstitutional and also denied a request to have all the judges hear the case. Any additional tree removals will be subjected to a permit fee.

She reinforced that the township tree ordinance is about preserving green space. Money designated for the tree fund was earmarked for keeping the community green.

"Trees and greenspace are vital to the quality of life in our community," Graham-Hudak said. "Trees mitigate flooding and soil erosion, produce oxygen, provide natural habitat for wildlife and contribute to an aesthetic that makes Canton a place where people want to live, work and enjoy

the natural landscape. "While we are disappointed in the court's decision," she continued. "We will be working to amend the ordinance to comply with the court's ruling while still protecting the vibrancy of our community."

She added that township officials are reviewing zoning rules so the township can continue mitigating flooding and soil erosion and address other preservation needs.

The township's tree plight has prompted surrounding communities to review their own ordinances.

Meanwhile, Hometown Life filed a Freedom of Information Act request for legal bills associated with the township's tree ordinance defense. They totaled about \$155,000, with the largest per-year cost registering about \$77,000 in 2020.

The Percy brothers also sued the township alleging violations of their constitutional rights. Township documents provided to Hometown Life indicate a cost of at least \$180,000.

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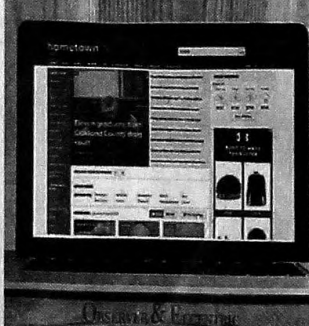
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Shake Shack opens new location in Livonia

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The wait is over for one of Livonia's most anticipated restaurant openings.

Shake Shack opened Feb. 10 after months of construction at the northeast corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty. Operations started Monday for friends and family as staff worked out any kinks.

The restaurant, known for its classics like burgers, hot dogs and milkshakes, brings a distinctively different vibe to that corner on the border with Northville Township than has been there in recent decades: the restaurant replaces the former Romano's Macaroni Grill, which closed its doors during the original COVID-19 shutdown in the spring of 2020 and never reopened.

The new restaurant hopes to find its niche in town and not just be another chain restaurant.

"We want to be part of the community," said Aaron Lyczynski, an area manager who oversees the company's locations in Michigan and Minnesota. "We want to be of the community, not just something that dropped in to maybe make some money."

Shake Shack, first launched in New York, is known for its classic roadside fare such as burgers, French fries and milkshakes.

It's been clear the community has had an interest in the restaurant as well, Lyczynski said. Staff have trained the last few weeks, meaning the restaurant has had cars in the parking lot and lights have been on inside. That has attracted curious passing-by traffic who have pulled in, thinking the restaurant was open.

Lyczynski said they've even had customers make a lengthy drive to try a burger: he said they had one guest drive all the way from Midland thinking the restaurant was already open.

The Livonia restaurant is the sixth Michigan Shake Shack to open its doors. Others are located in downtown Detroit, Ann Arbor, Rochester Hills and Troy, including at the Somerset Collection mall.

The menu at the Livonia restaurant will look fairly similar to the other Shake Shacks in the region, though it will be a bit more streamlined. That's because the new space is the company's third-ever drive-thru location, with two lanes



Shake Shack in Livonia opened Feb. 10 after months of construction.

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A trio of Shake Shack burgers ready for pick-up.

able to serve customers without having to leave their vehicles.

The other two locations are also in the Midwest, with one in Minnesota and another near Kansas City. Lyczynski said drive-thrus are important to the region and that's why the company has established its first ones in that part of the country.

He also said the demand for more contactless service due to the COVID-19 pandemic has also increased desire for drive thru windows as well.

"I would say that COVID was a driving factor," he said.

The store will have online ordering for pickup in the near future as well, Lyczynski said. When it comes to recommending dishes to first-time guests, he typically points them to the SmokeShack, a cheeseburger with applewood-smoked bacon, chopped cherry peppers and the company's own ShackSauce.

"That SmokeShack has a little kick of heat, a little tangy heat," he said. "The smokiness of the bacon and the sauce mellow that out. That's my favorite."

The restaurant, located at 39300 W. Seven Mile, is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Lyczynski said he has no doubt the fast-casual restaurant will be embraced by the community, especially as word of their offerings spreads through town.

"It's been incredible. Every city we've opened up in, we've been successful," he said. "We can't wait to be here. This has been a long time coming."

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Westland Shopping Center shooter pleads guilty to two of 15 felony charges

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An accused Westland Shopping Center shooter pleaded guilty to two weapons charges late last month.

Thirteen other felony charges, including assault with intent to murder, were dismissed as part of the plea deal for Gregory Travis Jones, 26, of Detroit. Police never reported any injuries from the July 9, 2020, gunfire.

Jones' attorney Regina Triplett had seemed adamant about pursuing a self-defense trial. She said COVID-19 prevented such an occurrence.

"This was a case where the justice system worked," she said. "There was a fair offer made that my client was willing to avail himself of."

She declined to elaborate further.

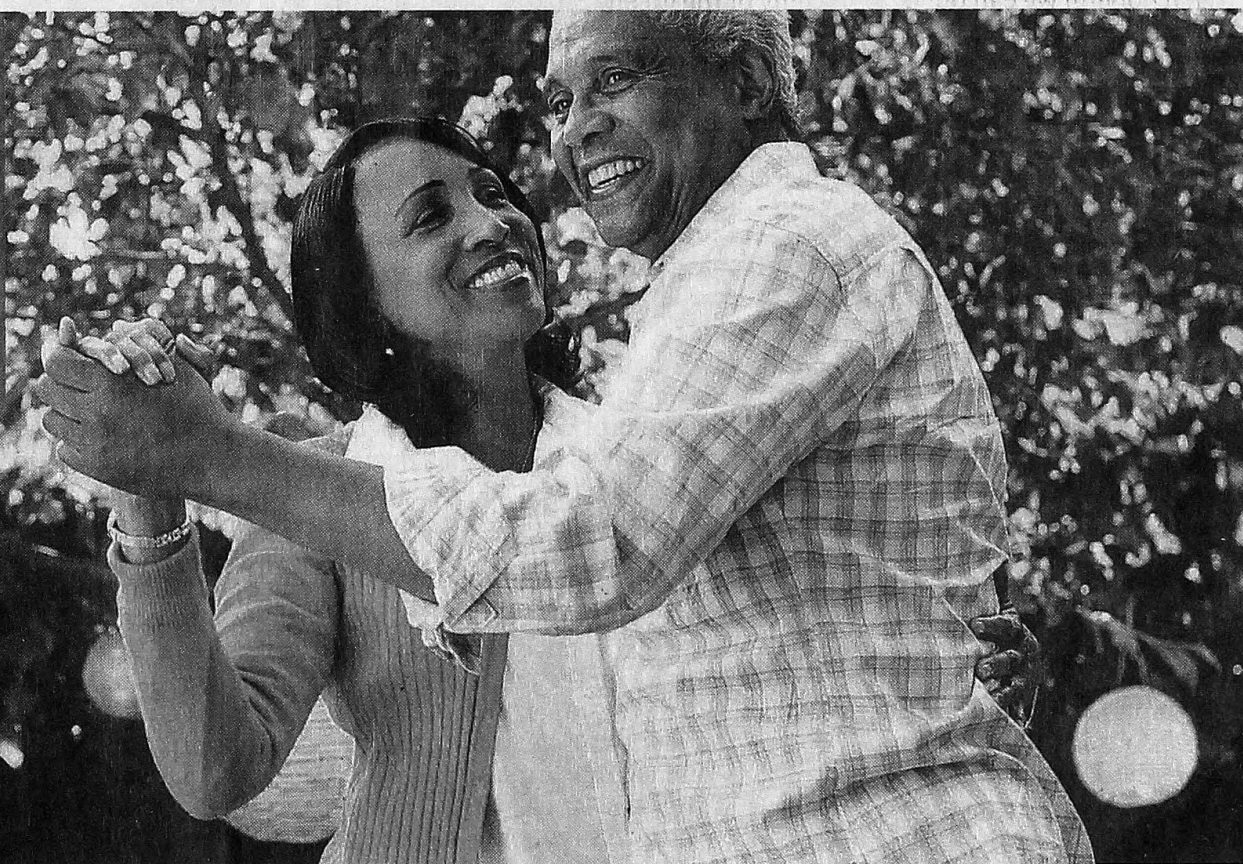
Jones is scheduled for a Feb. 18 sentencing on charges of discharging a firearm in a building and possessing a firearm.

According to Wayne County prosecutors, Jones met some acquaintances at one of the mall's stores and their discussion led to an argument and gunfire. Video showed him apparently moving from the front to the rear of a perfume store before he revealed a gun and brandished the weapon for several seconds. He then fired into the air and shot at the fleeing acquaintances.

Triplett's interpretation is that two men entered the perfume store and one of them had a pocketed gun. They were looking for Jones and spotted him, his brother and a childhood friend. The other gunman blocked Jones' path and Jones fired his gun into the air as a warning, Triplett said.

Shattered storefront glass struck two bystanders. Jones fled on foot before police arrived. The U.S. Marshals Service found Jones and arrested him a few days later.

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Why MSP wants more women on force

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Amaris Dawson was worried. It was summer 2021 and she was months away from beginning recruit school to become a Michigan State Police trooper, like her father.

But the question lingered: How was she going to do it without braids, long forbidden on the force?

Dawson, 22, knew recruits had around five minutes to get ready each morning between personal training and breakfast — not nearly long enough for treatments her hair requires when it's not worn in protective styles like braids.

"That's all I wore," said Dawson, of Lathrup Village, near Southfield. "It's the only thing that helps. It just takes longer to do our hair."

As a Black woman, Dawson is part of a future MSP is trying to usher in, where the force is no longer made up predominantly of white male troopers — more or less the case for its 105-year history.

According to the state workforce report for last fiscal year, MSP employed 1,968 white men across all of its departments, more than double the next group, white women, at 733. There were only 42 Black women the same year.

With troopers, the numbers are even more divided. According to a personnel report from December 2021, 819 out of 999 MSP troopers were white men. The next largest group, white women, had 83. Black women? Eight.

Dawson was already concerned about being taken seriously as a woman in law enforcement, standing at 5-foot-4 with an easy smile she later learned to turn off when the job called for it. But history wrote the rules: no braids.

She couldn't think of anything to do except hope a rumor she'd heard was true: that MSP brass had finally overturned the rule. She got her hair braided a week before leaving for recruit school in Dimondale, near MSP headquarters.

She hoped it would be okay. When she arrived, for the first time in over a century, it was.

"I was just so thankful," she said. "I didn't know how I was going to manage."

The rule change was one of the first spearheaded by an employee resource group for women in MSP. The same group has pushed the department to pledge that 30% of its troopers will be women by 2030, up from 9% today.

MSP is one of more than 100 police forces that have signed on to the "30 by '30 Initiative," which posits that female officers are less likely to use excessive force, make fewer discretionary arrests and see better outcomes for crime victims, especially in assault and abuse cases. MSP signed on to the program in November, a few years after it was born of a U.S. Department of Justice report on women in policing.

"Not that men can't be, but I think women are born empathetic," said 1st Lt. Sarah Krebs, co-chair of the MSP resource group for women. "When you put that in an investigative role, that you truly care for people, it makes you a better investigator."

'The same for far too long'

MSP Maj. Beth Clark cites a case from 2004 in which she believes being a woman played a role.

Then a state trooper, Clark was coaching a young boy through testifying against his stepfather in a sex abuse case. The boy had clammed up in interviews with male officers, but opened up to Clark.

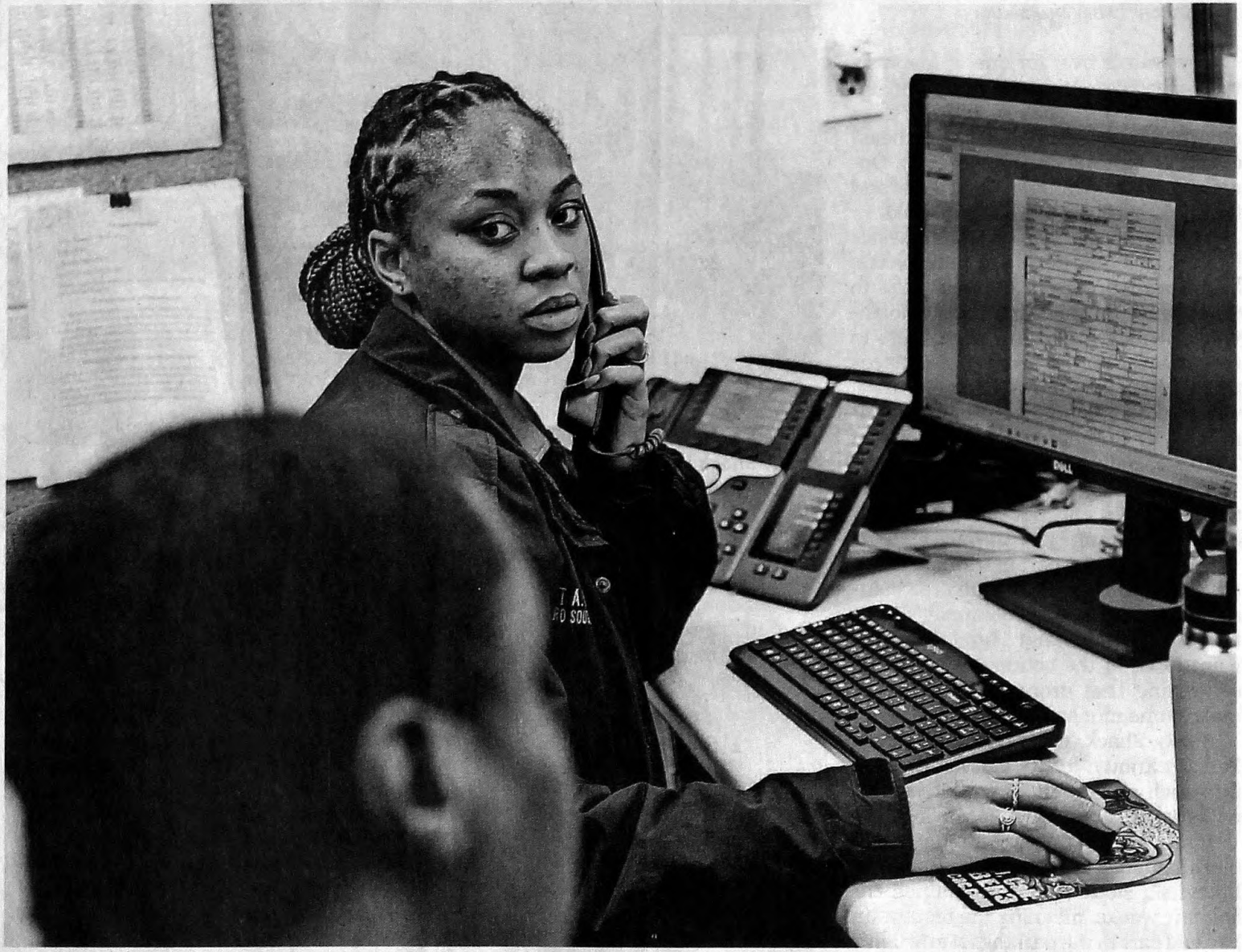
"I didn't want to talk to a boy," Clark recalls him telling her, surmising he probably saw her as a maternal figure.

A witness in the case herself, Clark wasn't allowed in the courtroom when the boy testified. So before the trial, she walked him through the courtroom. She told him where he'd walk in, where his stepfather would be sitting, that he didn't have to look at him if he didn't want to.

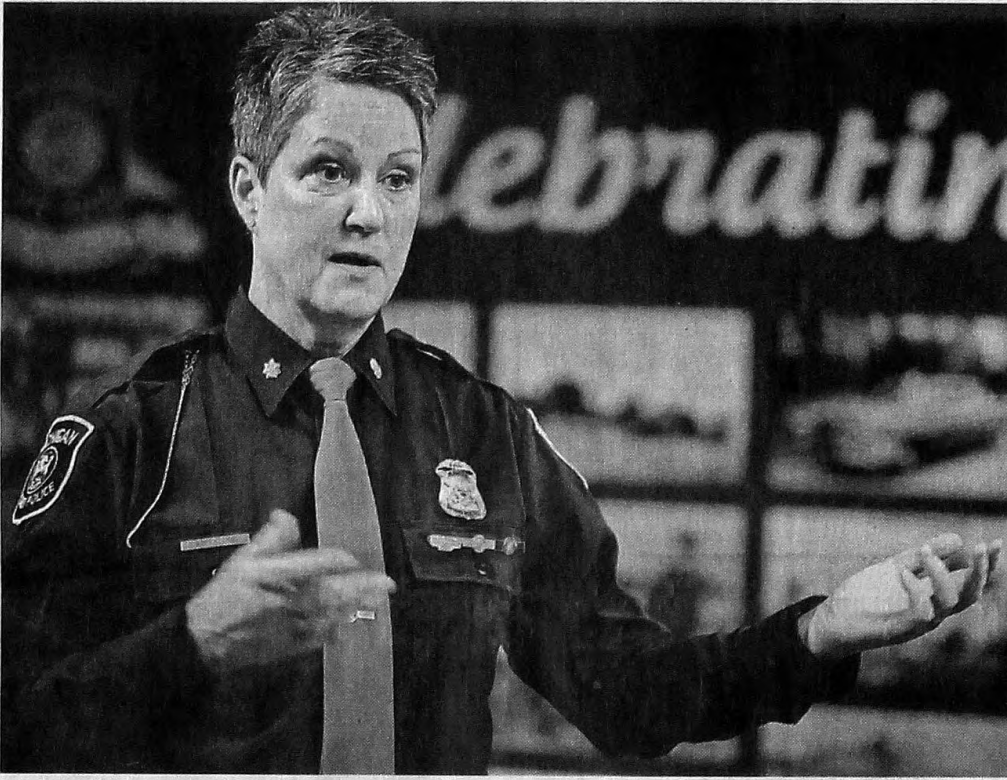
"I'm not saying a guy couldn't do it, but even adult women who deal with sexual assault, sometimes they don't want to talk to a guy," said Clark, now the assistant deputy director of MSP's Field Support Bureau. "There are these advantages."

Clark's sense that she made inroads with the child isn't misplaced. Social science research suggests that women officers have more success than men resolving sensitive cases, particularly those involving domestic violence and sexual assault.

Multiple studies suggest women officers use less excessive force than their male counterparts. A 2021 Harvard study of traffic stops by police in Florida and North Carolina found that women were less likely to stop drivers and more



Michigan State Police cadet Amaris Dawson talks with trooper Jonathan Taylor while taking a call at the front desk of the Michigan State Police Metro South Post in Taylor on Jan. 31. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS



MSP Major Beth Clark talks about her duties as Assistant Deputy Director of the Field Support Bureau on Jan. 26. MATTHEW DAE SMITH/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

likely to find contraband when they did.

Some reformers say addressing gender equality can quell bad behavior by police, of which MSP has been accused of plenty. In the past year, the force has faced lawsuits over a trooper charged with assault for using his dog to subdue an unarmed man and another in which a trooper says he was fired after blowing the whistle on troopers he said were drinking on the job.

A recent report from Michigan State University's School of Criminal Justice found significant racial disparities in MSP traffic stops, with troopers disproportionately stopping Black drivers. The study also found that Black and Hispanic drivers were more likely to be searched or arrested after traffic stops than white drivers stopped by MSP.

Krebs said pushing the agency to take the 30 by '30 pledge was a no-brainer. She called the initiative a zero-cost way to network with other agencies nationwide trying to bring women in.

Krebs and Clark are two of five women statewide in the first lieutenant rank, compared to 67 men. Like Dawson, Krebs wanted to join MSP after growing up with a dad on the force, a forensic artist. Krebs went into forensics too, going from an anthropology program at MSU directly to 22 years with MSP.

She has spent most of her career matching unidentified remains with unsolved missing persons cases. She prides herself on being able to tell a family what happened to their child.

MSP's goal of a 30% female force is complicated by the types of jobs women typically want to pursue in law enforcement. Many, like Krebs, are not in the field.

According to the workforce report, women make up 27% of overall MSP employees compared to 9% of troopers. Part of the reason why is a focused interest in fields like forensics.

"You can find that there's pockets that are female-dominated," Krebs said. "But when you're looking at trooper road strength, that's a niche that a lot of women don't want to do. Maybe they

don't want to drive a patrol car around and write tickets to people."

The first women graduated from MSP recruit school in 1967, 50 years after the force was established. They were called "state policewomen" until 1975, when they became troopers.

Since then, one woman has held the top job at MSP, Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue — a landmark complicated after she published a Facebook post criticizing NFL players for kneeling during the national anthem, leading former Gov. Rick Snyder to dock her five days' pay.

Her successor, Col. Joe Gasper, upset some MSP officers by calling the force "way too white and way too male" at a forum in 2019. Those comments found their way into two lawsuits by white state troopers and leadership saying they had suffered career setbacks and retaliation because they were white men.

A federal judge dismissed both lawsuits in December 2021, finding plaintiffs in the case had failed to prove any actual discrimination had taken place.

When Dawson heard about the reverse discrimination lawsuits, she was amazed.

"How do you think we (as Black women) feel?" she said. "You have to know how ridiculous that sounds."

Fishing from the same pool

MSP recruiters know getting to 30% female troopers is a challenging goal — one complicated by the fact that fewer young people than ever want to go into police work. MSP was already facing recruitment problems before signing on to 30 by '30.

With in-person recruiting sidelined by the pandemic, MSP is doing what it can to replace a wave of retiring cops, themselves recruited during the tough-on-crime 1990s.

Sgt. Dwayne Gill, MSP's lead recruiter, recently went to a hiring conference in Philadelphia, where he competed with dozens of other departments also trying to pull more women into policing.

"We're all going after the same people," Gill said. "We're all fishing from the same pool."

That's left MSP getting creative with recruiting. In addition to going after female military veterans, MSP also scouts college athletes from Division I schools like MSU and the University of Michigan. MSP hosts seminars for athletes, arguing that their team experience and physical strength make them ideal candidates for trooper school.

Clark was working as a basketball and volleyball coach at Grand Valley State University when she decided to join. She was sitting in a seminar with her athletes 24 years ago and decided it was a match. She quit her coaching job and entered recruit school at age 32, a decade older than most of her peers.

Clark understands that going into law enforcement is less attractive to young people these days.

"But if you don't come in here, you don't make a difference," she said. "We've got to have those people that want to publicly serve, that also want to be a part of change. Because we've been the same for far too long."

'This won't be the end of me'

When Dawson finally enrolled in the 140th Trooper Recruit School, she was the only Black woman and one of a dozen women overall. She and the other women lived on their own separate floor in Dimondale and forged fast friendships.

But two and a half months in, Dawson's phone rang. She had flunked out. She'd answered five questions wrong on an exam about search and seizure, and had to leave recruit school with three months left in the program.

Dawson moved off the floor, left the group text chat with the other female recruits, and went home.

"The first thing that popped into my mind was, 'I'll be back,'" she said. "This will not be the end of me."

Less than a week later, her phone rang again. There was a cadet job open at the Metro South Post in Taylor, outside of Detroit. It was hers if she wanted it.

She's now two months into the job, where she mostly handles administrative duties: desk work, phone calls, crash reports, entering names into the sex offender registry. Some days, she still can't believe she had to leave recruit school over five points on a 200-question exam.

Her peers from the 140th will graduate in a few weeks. The next school Dawson can join starts in June.

While in recruit school, Dawson learned she loves training underwater, passing bricks and doing sprints in the facility's pool. Now, she's thinking she wants to try out for MSP's dive team, wading into Michigan's waterways.

She knows that wherever she goes, she'll be one of few women and even fewer women of color. It's an isolating feeling, but familiar by now.

"I've made my peace with it," she said. "The career I chose is male-dominant, and maybe no one understands me, but this is what I chose. You make peace with it and just look forward."

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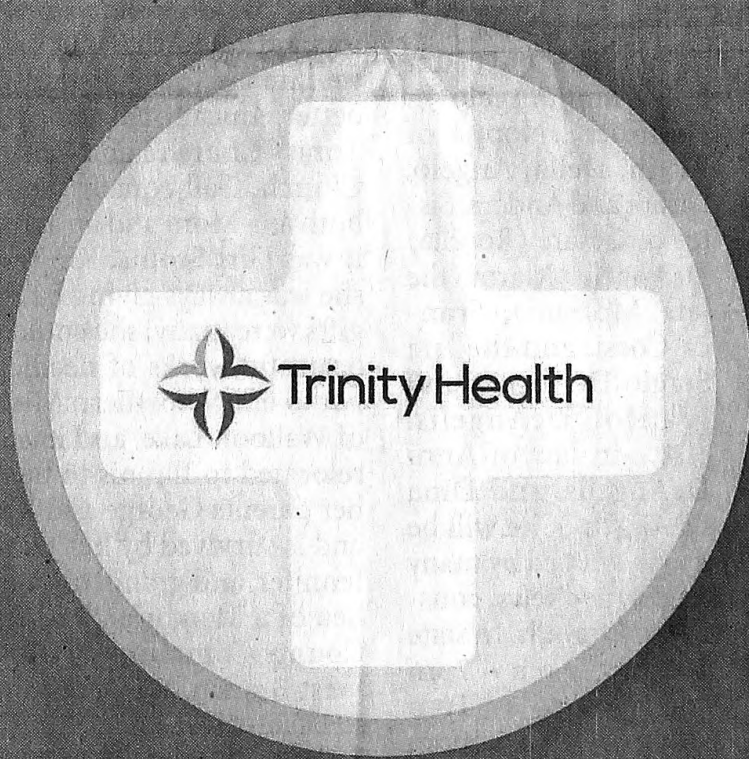
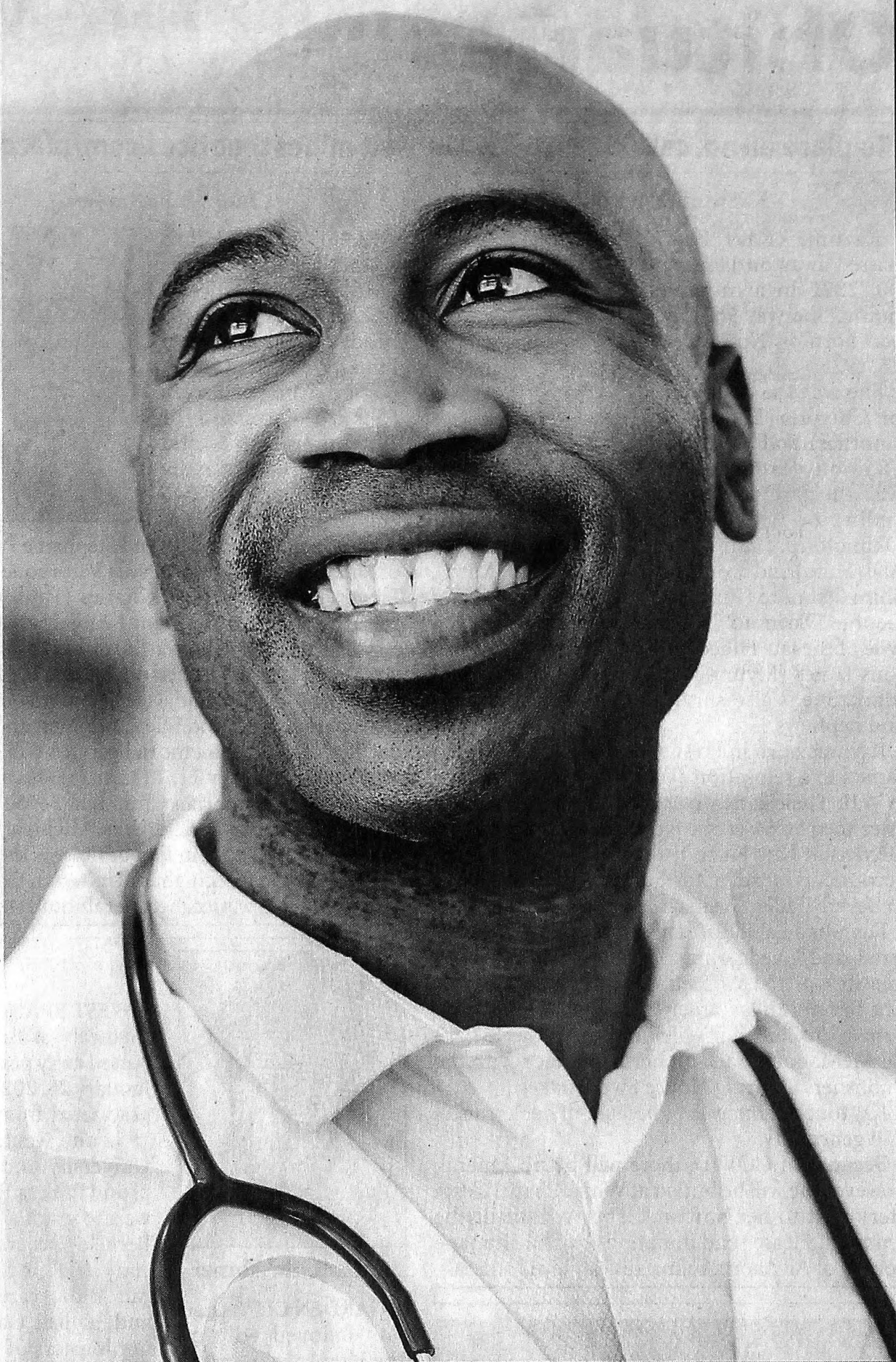
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Kazumi (Kay) Fujii

Kazumi (Kay) Fujii passed away on January 30, 2022 in a nursing home. She was 96. Kay was born on November 25, 1925.

She was the daughter of Chiyono Takahashi (mother) and Sanzucki Okimoto (father). Kay was the last surviving sibling of sisters Yuki Okimoto Matsuhiko (John), and Fuki Okimoto Abe (Shiro) and brothers Saburo Okimoto (Mitzi), Shiro Okimoto (Ruby), Roy Okimoto (Miki) and George Okimoto (Alice). Kay was the beloved wife of the late Hideo Fujii and is survived by her sons James (Myung Hee), Robert (Angela) and Mark. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Kay was born in Fresno California and was interned in a relocation center in Arkansas during WWII. Their family moved to Michigan shortly after their release. She worked as a secretary for Derderian Law Firm in the 50's and later as an accounts counselor for Standard Federal Bank in Beverly Hills. She married Hideo Fujii in 1950.

Kay was an avid gardener, accomplished seamstress and loved going to the casinos. She was a member of the Women's Architectural League, The Beverly Hills Garden Club and The Birmingham Coin Club. Kay's lifelong dream was to have Ed McMahon knock on her front door with the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes.

Kay touched many lives because of her kindness and generosity.

Because of COVID, there will be no funeral, however she will be buried at White Chapel Cemetery next to her husband. They will finally be reunited. Please send donations to The Humane Society or All About Animals as Kay loved animals.



Janet I. Patterson

FARMINGTON HILLS - Janet I. Patterson, age 95, of Farmington Hills, Michigan passed away peacefully at home on January 30, 2022. Janet is survived by two sons; Richard Patterson of Farmington Hills and James (Barbara) Patterson of Lansdale, PA; two granddaughters, Michelle Patterson of Lansdale, PA and Stephanie Patterson of Fairfax, VA; nephews; Paul (Veronique) Engel, Lloyd (Johanna) Engel, Charles (Paula) Engel; niece Vicki (Dan Gunning) Engel; great niece Sandrine (Francis) Boyer Engel, and brother-in-law David (Sheila) Patterson. Janet was preceded in death by her husband, Jack M. Patterson; sisters, Marguerite Engel and Ellen Imboden and nephew, Ross Engel. A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Birmingham Unitarian Church at 38651 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304. The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Birmingham Unitarian Church at bucmi.org. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



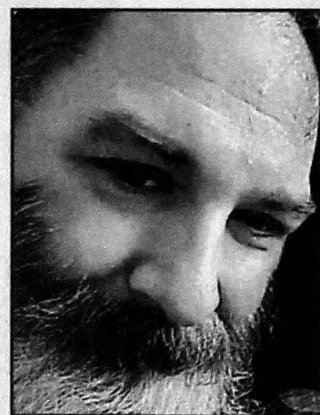
Matthew "Tae" Sprader

Matthew "Tae" Sprader born September 26, 1970, died after a lengthy illness on January 9, 2022. He is survived by his loving brothers, Larry (Tricia) & Mark, his nephew he adored most of all, Robert, and many friends who loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Margaret Sprader.

Matt graduated from Farmington Hills Harrison High School in 1989 and attended Eastern Michigan University where he focused on history and teaching. Over the years, Matt also worked as a Camp Counselor and in several area restaurants fulfilling his passion to create and cook great food.

On Sat, Mar 5, there will be a memorial at Motor City Eagles 24401 Five Mile Rd, Redford, MI 48239.

Contributions to offset funeral/memorial expenses are appreciated and accepted. You can donate to the family's link here: <https://gofund.me/653d63dd>



Delia 'Lilla' Tomei

GARDEN CITY - Age 74 Beloved wife of the late Angelo Sr. for 50 wonderful years. Devoted and loving mother of Nicola, Pierino, Caterina (Tom Lutz) and Angelo Jr. (Jennifer). Nonna of Kevin, Delia, Angelo, Desire and Andera. Sister of Cesare (Rosella) DeAngelis, Marta (the late Moreno), Franca Corsi, and the late Sergio DeAngelis and Franco DeAngelis. Sister-in-law of Anni DeAngelis, and Dina DeAngelis. She will be deeply missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In state Tuesday, 3 pm - 7pm and Wednesday, 1pm - 7pm with a 6:30pm Rosary at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City. In state Thursday, 11:30 am followed by the 12 pm Funeral Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford Rd). www.santeiufuneralhome.com.

Gail L. (Glover) Vince

WEST BRANCH - Vince, Gail L. (Glover), age 86, formerly of Birmingham and West Branch, MI, passed away peacefully under hospice care on Friday, January 28, 2022 in her home in Villa Park, IL. Gail graduated from Kingswood School Cranbrook in 1952 and went on to study at Pembroke (Brown) University and The University of Michigan, as a proud Pi Beta Phi. Upon graduation, she ventured west to graduate school at University of California Berkeley, where she was an active volunteer in the early disability rights movement. Following a decade's long career of teaching middle school Math and English, Gail returned to a college campus in her early 50s to complete her Masters of Divinity degree at Seabury Western Seminary. Being part of the "second generation" wave of women ordained to the priesthood, she was really a first - a trailblazer as the first female Rector of an Trinity Episcopal Church in northern Michigan and one of the first women rectors in the north. Gail had dedicated her life to helping others; a refined, yet intense, social justice warrior, she fought for those in need of food and better educational opportunities, and her legacy was the creation of the Trinity Church Food Pantry during 10 years as Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church. Gail equally dedicated and immersed herself to volunteer work both as a Mom and an active part of The Cranbrook Community - whether it was Girl Scouts, Kingswood Giftorama, or Christ Church Cranbrook, she was always giving back (and volunteering others to do the same!) Her gifts were many; she could command a room, organize an event, and create beautiful works of needlepoint. Her time living in West Branch allowed her to enjoy northern Michigan as she had done growing up on the shores of Walloon Lake, and it was only after the passing of her husband that she relocated to Illinois to be close to her family. Gail is preceded in death by her parents George and Kathryn Glover and her husband Robert E. Vince, and is survived by her two younger brothers George and Daniel, daughter Jennifer, and grandchildren Griffin, Zoey and Devin. Per Gail's request, in lieu of a Memorial Service, if desired, friends may donate to the Ogemaw County Community Fellowship Food Pantry in her honor at P.O. Box 543 West Branch, MI 48661.



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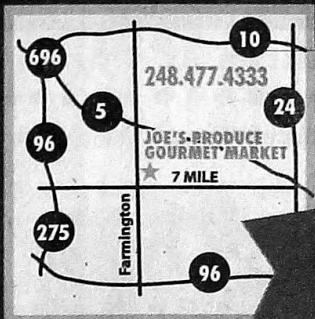
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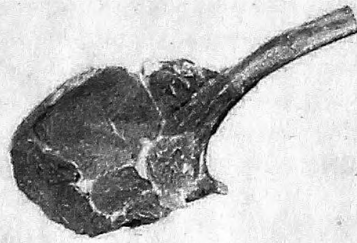
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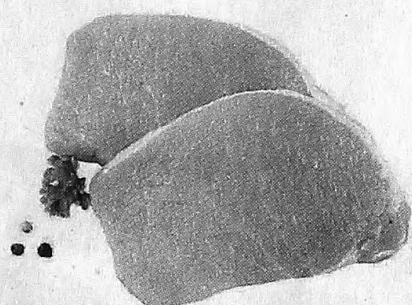
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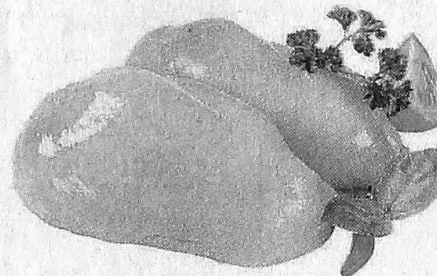
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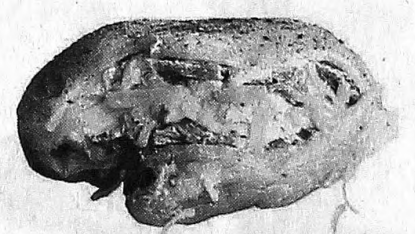
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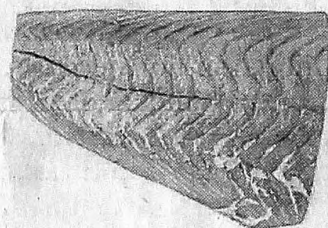
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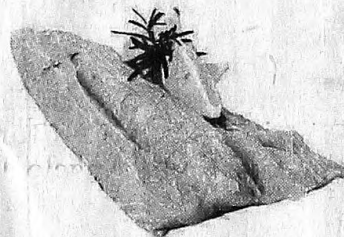
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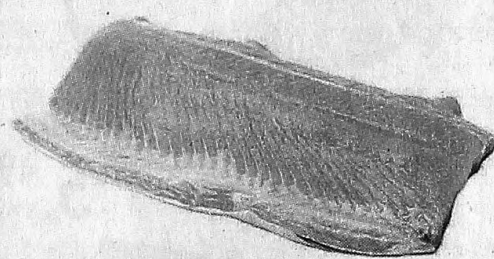
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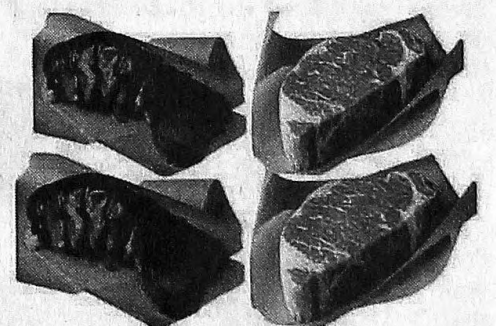
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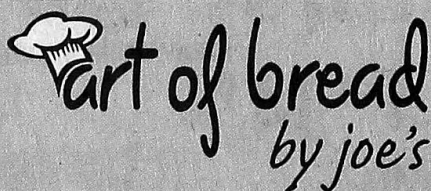
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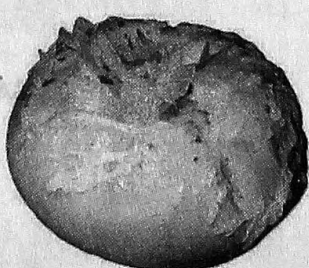
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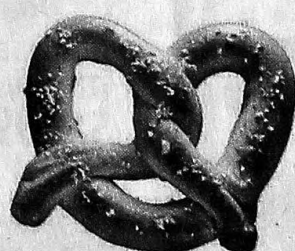
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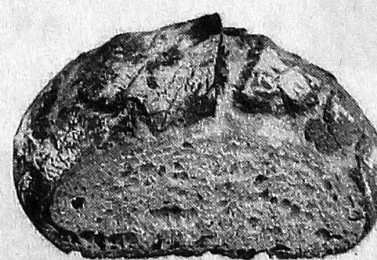
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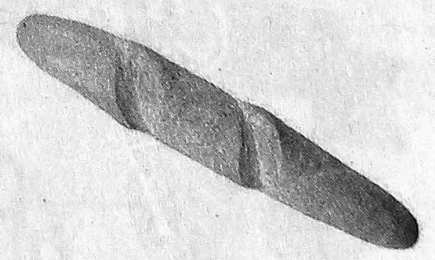
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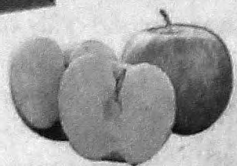


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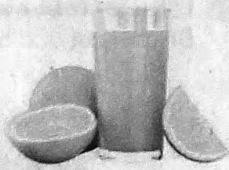
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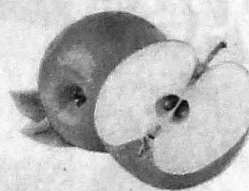
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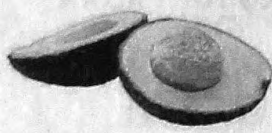
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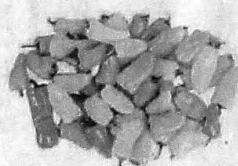
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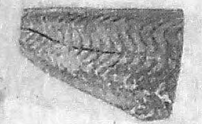
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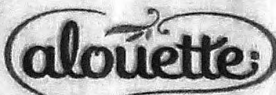
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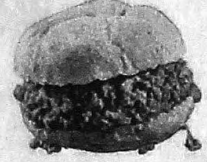


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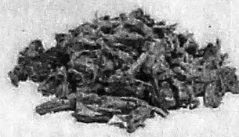
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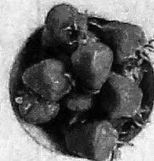
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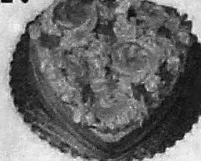
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Canton basketball coach cements legacy

Boys team beats Salem for Reddy's 200th career win

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Believe it or not, Canton coach Jimmy Reddy caught the coaching bug in his middle school gym class.

His physical education teacher back then was Dan Young, who coached the Chiefs boys basketball team from 1994 to 2000 and is now in charge of the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan as its executive director.

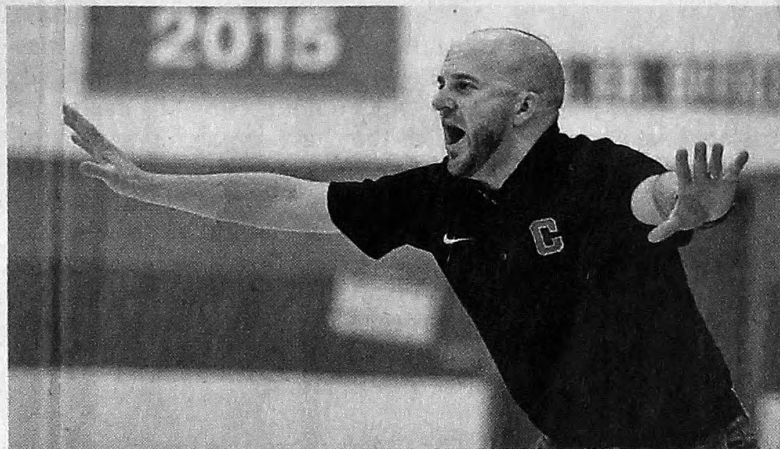
Reddy went on to play for Young in

high school before graduating in 2000. And then he went to college to become — what else? — a physical education teacher himself. Young was a true inspiration to him throughout his life.

After college, he returned to the area and started coaching at the youth levels. He worked his way up the ladder until taking Canton's open varsity coaching position in 2009.

Since then, he hasn't stopped putting

See **LEGACY**, Page 2B



Canton boys basketball coach Jimmy Reddy yells to his team in 2019. Reddy got his 200th career win Jan. 21 when the Chiefs battled Salem, 69-32. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE



Detroit Country Day's Kareem Aburashed attempts a layup against Fenton on Jan. 29. Fenton won, 63-62. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Fenton uses buzzer-beater to beat Detroit Country Day, 63-62

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Most of the Detroit Country Day boys basketball players threw on hoodies and sweatpants, gathered their game gear and put it in their backpacks and then left the locker room as quickly as possible.

Not Kareem Aburashed.

The 6-foot-7 senior slapped on a Macomb Community College warmup shirt over his white No. 10 uniform, exited the locker room and walked right back into Shaw Gymnasium with small tears streaming from the corners of his eyes.

Aburashed had just scored a game-best 28 points, which included him making four field goals down low that each drew ensuing and-one opportuni-

ties. He made all four of those free throws, too. Heck, he went 6 of 7 from the foul line in all.

Except it was that one miss that was haunting him.

With 18.9 seconds left in a back-and-forth matchup with Fenton, the Tigers sent Aburashed to the foul line

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Undefeated in KLAA, Wayne coach Mitchell still unhappy

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Sloppy passes up the floor. Rushed shot selections. Turnover after turnover.

The Wayne Memorial girls basketball team didn't have to sweat out its 49-27 victory at Livonia Franklin on Feb. 4.

But it didn't look pretty for the 10th-ranked Zebras, who appeared as if they were sleepwalking through the win vs. playing up to their normal brand of hard-nosed, high-tempo and physical play.

Coach Jarvis Mitchell did a lot of finger-pointing afterward.

In fact, four times in all he pointed the blame... at himself.

"Bad coaching. Bad coaching. I'm not preparing them the right way," the eighth-year coach said. "It's just bad coaching, man. I haven't prepared them the right way, and I think that's been our Achilles' heel on why we're not playing Wayne basketball. I'm just not preparing them the right way. It's been absolutely bad coaching."

So why is a ho-hum win a big deal?

The second-place Patriots (10-3, 7-3) were the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-East's last line of defense. They're a scrappy, fundamentally-strong squad. And they looked like the best shot to knock off Wayne (13-1, 10-0) and, hopefully, keep the division title race wide open.

Instead, relying on its Division I college talent in Davai Matthews, Mayla Ham and Paris Bass as well as freshmen Mia Bazzi and Colleena Bryant, the Zebras fumbled their way through the game and had no trouble winning.

They need to win just one of their next four East games to capture their sixth-straight division title.

Their last loss in the division was a 57-54 nail-biter to Canton on Feb. 3, 2017. It's unlikely they lose any of their upcoming matchups over the next two weeks.

Wayne is trying to chase a state championship, or, at the very least, replicate last year's final four run. Right now, it's feeling unmotivated playing in its own league. Most of the roster is made up of AAU players, all of whom should play high-level college basketball. They need to be challenged differently than what they're currently getting in their conference.


"The thing is we're just not getting any better," Mitchell added. "I have to

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Our top 5 boys basketball teams: Week 4

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It was a tough, tough week for the teams in Hometown Life's top-five boys basketball rankings.

Four of the five teams ranked suffered losses. That included Detroit Catholic Central losing both of its league games. Two other teams lost their positioning in their respective conference title races as well.

But, hey, Canton is still looking good. Let's see how the rankings unfolded in Week 4:

Note: These records are based on results from before Feb. 6.

1. Birmingham Brother Rice (9-4, 3-3 CHSL-Central) (Last week: No. 1)

The Warriors had one of the most-impressive victories of the week, knocking off No. 2-ranked Orchard Lake St. Mary's by 12 points. And, yes, they did suffer a loss, but it was about as good of a loss as you could ask for. They fell to

No. 4 Grand Rapids Northview in overtime, 68-64, thanks to Mr. Basketball candidate and Belmont University commit Kyler Vanderjagt (27 points) burying a 3-pointer late to send the game into an extra frame Saturday at The Showcase at Cornerstone University.

2. North Farmington (10-3, 4-2 OAA-Red) (Last week: No. 3)

The Raiders have lost two of their last three in the Oakland Activities Association-Red, including an upset loss at Oak Park. And it's not getting any easier for them, as they have rematches with West Bloomfield, Ferndale, Clarkston and the Knights coming up. Unless fourth-ranked Ferndale stumbles down the stretch, the best North can hope for is second place in its division.

3. Canton (9-4, 9-0 KLAA-West) (Last week: No. 4)

The Chiefs picked up two more wins a week ago and are five more victories away from completing their first perfect

run through the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West since 2019, which also happened to be the last time they won the league title outright. Their rematch with Hartland in two weeks will be their toughest test.

They needed overtime to knock off the Highlanders on Jan. 18, and a second win over them likely sews up the division title, despite games with Salem and Howell still left to close out the regular season.

4. Novi Detroit Catholic Central (8-5, 2-4 CHSL-Central) (Last week: No. 2)

The bad news is the Shamrocks dropped both of their Central games to Warren DeLaSalle and St. Mary's a week ago, plus they've lost three-straight in the league. The good news is they play in the best conference in Michigan so these losses are doing nothing but battle-testing them for a district championship run.

With two league games left, the best they can hope for is a .500 record in the

division, which is still pretty impressive considering how deep the Central is this winter.

5. Bloomfield Hills (10-3, 2-1 OAA-White) (Last week: No. 5)

The Black Hawks finally stumbled in what was a mid-season conference title tilt with Lake Orion, which also was undefeated when the two teams met. The Dragons won by 14 points, but there's plenty of season left for Bloomfield Hills, which is still capable of running the table and winning the OAA-White. Don't count out Noah Adamczyk, Ben Canty, DJ Lee, Carson Brodsky, Julian Manna and the rest of the boys just yet.

In the hunt (in no particular order): Birmingham Detroit Country Day, Birmingham Groves, Livonia Clarenceville, Livonia Stevenson, Milford, Northville, Plymouth Christian Academy, White Lake Lakeland.

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Unhappy

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figure this thing out. We are just turning the basketball over. We're not valuing anything. It's not the kids' fault. I've just got to figure out a different way to motivate them. ... We have to figure out the love of the game. We've got to figure out how to play hard for 32 minutes instead of in spurts. That's all. Just (finding) the love of the game."

Still, Wayne at its worst is better than a middle-of-the-road team at its best. And Franklin is a pretty good team, far from middle-of-the-road.

Yet, the Zebras' defense ensured them the win.

In the full court, Franklin struggled breaking Wayne's pressure. And then the shot selection just wasn't there. Wayne forced the Patriots into making tough, challenged attempts. Even the gimme baskets wouldn't go in.

Franklin endured four considerable scoring droughts throughout the night. They stayed off the scoreboard for the first four minutes of the first and third quarters. They almost didn't score a single basket in the entire second quarter until Kalin Bates made a pair of free throws with 1:21 left before halftime.

"You've got to give them (Wayne) credit defensively," Franklin coach John Santi said. "They speed you up. It pulls



Wayne Memorial's Davai Matthews (left) battles Franklin's Erin Young on Feb. 4. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

on you pretty hard. The next thing you know, you're rushing some shots. We had some good looks at the rim, especially in the first half, but we didn't finish. That's how it goes sometimes, right? We didn't move the ball real well, and a lot of that is on us. But a lot of it is them. They're athletic. They get out on you fast with long arms. They play hard. We didn't shoot well, and I'd say a lot of

that is on us."

Wayne went on slow runs to separate throughout the night.

The Zebras scored eight-straight to kickoff the game.

They scored 13-straight to begin the next period, which included Kelli Wales checking in off the bench and burying a wildly-contested 3-pointer and making the ensuing and-one free throw.

They used separate 12-3 and 10-3 runs to secure the win in the second half.

Bass led Wayne with 12 points, followed by Matthews with nine, Ham with seven and Bazzi and Jaylah Franklin with six apiece.

Franklin got 14 points from Bates, nine from Samantha Provenzano and two apiece from Gabriela Sanchez and Lizzy Kirkley.

"It's hard (to score on Wayne) just because they're so athletic," Santi added. "And Jarvis does a really good job with them. It's not like he just throws them out there. They know what they're doing. They just get after you. That is extremely difficult to prepare for.

"Even if you do get past them and break that pressure in the backcourt, you get in the frontcourt and you're still not home free. They can force you into some bad shots. Now you're dealing with them coming back the other way (on transition). They're difficult to prepare for, and there's a reason they've been as successful as they have been. Their kids are well-skilled and play hard."

Mitchell could only shake his head in disgust exiting the locker room after the game.

He knows he has just a few weeks to get Wayne prepared for the playoffs.

"It's a tall order. It's a taller order," he said. "We'll get back to Wayne basketball no matter the circumstances."

Fenton

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for a pair of free throws. Two makes and the Yellowjackets would be ahead by three points, which, at the very least, meant the best Fenton could do was force overtime with a 3-pointer in the waning moments.

Instead, Aburashed split the double bonus, as the second shot hit the front end of the rim.

Fenton's Ja'Hion Bond pulled down the rebound, and the Tigers dribbled the ball up the floor. After two passes around the arc, the ball got to Seth Logan, who scored 15 of his team-best 21 points in the fourth quarter, which included a trio of 3-pointers. His final 3 went down as the game-winner with 5.7 seconds remaining.

Country Day couldn't get off a shot before the final buzzer and ultimately suffered a 63-62 loss.

Well after everyone had left the game

and emptied the parking lot, only the custodial staff and the school's security team remained in the gym as Aburashed started practicing his free throws. He was shooting at the south end of the arena on the same hoop he had missed the freebie that almost secured the Yellowjackets the win.

"I missed a free throw," the recent Macomb CC commit said. "That's pretty much where it started. They had an offensive rebound before that that led to a 3, but I knew it was my job to make free throws, and I hadn't missed one all game. I've got to go right now and shoot some more. I've got it racking in my head.

"I've got to get better. There's no other excuse."

That one free throw wasn't the only thing that cost Country Day (6-3) the win.

There were several other moments you could point at that were equally as heartbreaking.

For example, there was a slow start and a lack of team chemistry in the first

half. The Yellowjackets never trailed before halftime until Fenton's Justin Bernera drained a 3 at the top of the key right as the buzzer sounded. Instead of Country Day leading by a point entering the locker room, the Tigers walked in with a 25-23 lead.

Both teams went on streaks in the second half, often trading leads back and forth.

In the fourth, a pair of and-one three-point plays by Aburashed on back-to-back possession knotted the score at 51, and the two squads continued to pass around the lead afterward. Sanders sank a 3 from the corner with 1:11 that made it a 59-58 score, and Aburashed scored moments later to make it 61-60.

The Yellowjackets just didn't have enough gas left to halt Logan down the stretch, especially on Fenton's final possession.

"No. 2 (Logan) had 15 in the fourth quarter," Country Day coach Mark Bray said. "That's a bad job by me to recognize the guy who was hurting us. Obviously, he hit a big shot at the end. ... Giv-

ing them a wide-open 3 when we were up by two, that hurt us.

"But we didn't play well in the first half. We weren't ourselves. We didn't really play together or play with a focus. That was the most disappointing part: We didn't play our best. Other good teams are going to make plays, and they (Fenton) certainly did, but we didn't really play a full game."

Julian Scott helped the Yellowjackets with 10 points, followed by Sanders and Luke Ammori with seven apiece. James Blair added five points off the bench.

Bray said it was good for his squad to face some adversity, but he knows it needs to do a better job defensively when the game is on the line. He agreed there were other factors than Aburashed's missed free throw to blame the loss on.

Still, Aburashed blamed himself. "That's true, but that's crunch time right there," the forward said. "That's where we've got to get better. We've got to put in the extra hours in the gym. I've got to show it right there."

Legacy

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in the work.

On Jan. 21, the Chiefs downed Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rival Salem, 69-32, giving Reddy his 200th career win.

The accolade puts Reddy among the best to ever do it at Canton, including legendary coach Bob Blohm, after whom the basketball court at Canton is named.

Blohm, a BCAM Hall of Fame coach, spent 21 years at both Canton and Salem, collecting 15 league championships, 12 district titles and five regional trophies. Twice, he led teams to the final

four.

Reddy said being around great players and coaches such as Young and Blohm have kept him invested in coaching the Chiefs for the past 13 seasons.

"It was a goal of mine when I started coaching to one day be the varsity coach here," said Reddy, who's the longest-tenured coach in Canton's history, regardless of sport. "In 13 years, we've built a pretty solid program. I'd like to say there are a lot fewer programs than there are teams.

"We've had some special kids here and some great coaches that have worked with me. I love our guys and have great relationships with our guys."

The Chiefs have won three games since Reddy earned win No. 200 against Salem, plus they've won nine straight

and have posted a perfect 9-0 record in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West since dropping the first four games of the year to four different top-20 teams.

That includes a 55-31 Feb. 4 victory over Novi, as Lake McIntosh posted 16 points and five rebounds and Dante Favor and Caleb Williams pitched in 10 points apiece.

Canton has already beaten every team in its division and is on pace to finish undefeated in the West for the first time since 2019, which was also the last year the Chiefs won a KLAA title outright.

Reddy said he never envisioned coaching this long, nor winning so many games.

"I don't think I had that hindsight

back then," he said. "I just know when I played for Dan Young, I wanted to be a teacher and a coach. When I got to college and into physical education and teaching, I started coaching and quickly saw that was something I had the desire to do.

"You never put a number on it, or years on it, but I've always said I'm going to keep coming back as long as I'm having fun. I don't really have an end in sight."

Canton has games against Northville, Plymouth, Hartland, Salem and Howell left before the KLAA playoffs start. Barring a COVID-19 setback, the Chiefs should be the favorite to win each game and would likely face Belleville, Dearborn or Livonia Stevenson in the league championship on March 1.

A New England Patriots-like entrance inspires Detroit Country Day to big win

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Hey, it worked for the New England Patriots before Super Bowl 36 in 2002.

Instead of singling out each individual starter during player introductions, the Patriots elected to be introduced as a team while the entire squad ran out of the tunnel of the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

Their opponent, the Kurt Warner-led St. Louis Rams, went with the traditional, flashy made-for-TV player intros.

Who knows if it had any impact on the outcome, but New England did win, 20-17. It was hard for NFL fans to root against a team that identified itself as one single unit back then.

So that's the route the Detroit Country Day girls basketball team went with Monday at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

One by one, the Lakers' players jumped off the bench, slapped fives with their teammates and made their way to half court as is tradition around the state before the opening tip.

The Yellowjackets, though, grouped together and cheered in a huddle as Lakes' public-address announcer said they were forgoing individual introductions.

So it wasn't a shocker to see a total team effort from a squad that wanted to identify solely as a team.

All but two of Country Day's players scored during its 71-24 victory, including Jaidyn Elam, who made a trio of 3-pointers and finished with a game-best 26 points.

Also assisting the Yellowjackets (7-3) was Aysia Yokely, who also drained a trio of 3s and posted 12 points. Ariyana Wiggins added eight points, while Mercedes Arinez and Emma Arica had six apiece.

A 22-0 run that spanned the end of the first quarter and the beginning of the second helped Country Day quickly distance itself from Lakes, which scored just four points in the opening 11 minutes.

The Yellowjackets grabbed a 40-



Detroit Country Day shooting forward Jaidyn Elam puts up a shot against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

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point lead midway through the third quarter to ignite the running-clock rule.

As bench player after bench player attempted shots throughout the second half, Country Day's starters could do

nothing but cheer from the sideline. It was almost like watching the old school Patriots, except a 48-yard game-winning field goal from Adam Vinatieri wasn't needed to ensure the victory. The

starters took care of that early on.

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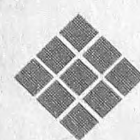
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Second-quarter drought keeps Cranbrook winless

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One bad quarter isn't always a terrible thing.

But this is the Catholic League. One bad quarter is enough to turn a close matchup into an absolute blow-out.

And that's what almost happened to the Cranbrook boys basketball team Jan. 21 at Keppel Gymnasium.

The Cranes were almost shut out in the second quarter against Marine City Cardinal Mooney. Thankfully for Cooper Gurman's 3-pointer with 52 seconds left before halftime, they weren't held scoreless for the full eight minutes.

But that 30-14 halftime deficit proved to be too much to overcome.

Cranbrook scratched and clawed its way back into the Intersectional 2 matchup in the second half, even trimming its hole to just four points with 45.9 seconds left. But it couldn't pull off the complete comeback in the 60-53 loss.

"I thought our kids fought their tails off to get back in it," Cranes coach Shane Finney said. "But we missed some easy ones. We're going to keep fighting. That's the only thing we know how to do is fight."

Cranbrook (1-6, 0-4) prides itself on the hard-nosed defense it plays. Yet it gave up bucket after bucket in the first half.

Cardinal Mooney's Trent Rice and Brian Everhart found success driving to the hoop. And Rice and Ryan Trombley had no trouble burying shots from downtown off kick-out passes.

And perhaps the best-looking basket of the night came from Dominic Cattivera, who scored down low after the Cardinals rifled three different passes around the arc to find the big man wide-open in the post on the back side.

"Our margin of error is very slim. And we've got to be better defensively," Finney said. "We've got to have better responsibility and rotation. And when we get just a little bit out of position, it just puts us in a tough spot. We're limited offensively, so we've got to do it on the defensive end."

"You saw when we got back in the game, we turned it up defensively. We



Cranbrook's John Kersh rebounds against Marine City Cardinal Mooney on Jan. 21. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

put on some pressure. When you don't have pressure, we're going to have some long nights."

A 39-point second half helped the Cranes stay competitive.

Shane Wittenberg got a steal and finished with a tough shot at the rim to close the gap to 47-40 early in the fourth.

Cranbrook and Mooney played back-and-forth basketball until the final minute.

And then Charlie Song, who scored his team-high 14 points, all coming in the second half, nailed a runner to make it a five-point score with 59 seconds left.

Fourteen seconds later, Evan Evans, who scored all nine of his points in the second half, too, buried a pair of free throws in the double bonus to make it 55-51, the closest the score had been since midway through the first quarter.

Mooney (7-3, 3-1) closed it out at the foul line down the stretch, though, despite Evans and Gurman getting opportunities to make it a one-possession game in the final 20 seconds.

Rice finished with 15 points for the Cardinals, followed by Everhart and Trombley each with 13 and Cattivera and Quentin Hillaker with 10 apiece.

"We got back in it, but that second

quarter hurt us," Finney said. "You can't finish the quarter like that. We've got to work on the details. ..."

"I just challenged them (in the second half). You cannot be afraid to score. You can't fear that. And we're a very good rebounding team. Sometimes we've got to create offense through offensive rebounding. That's what we preach. Get to the offensive glass, put pressure on them and cover your brothers' backs."

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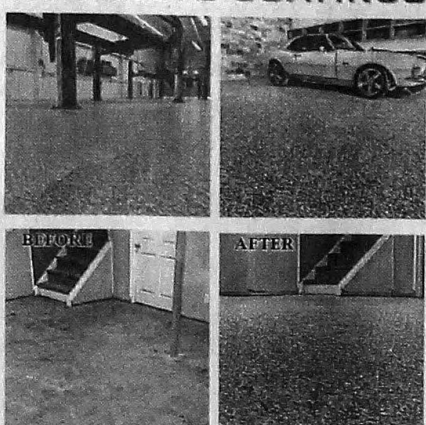
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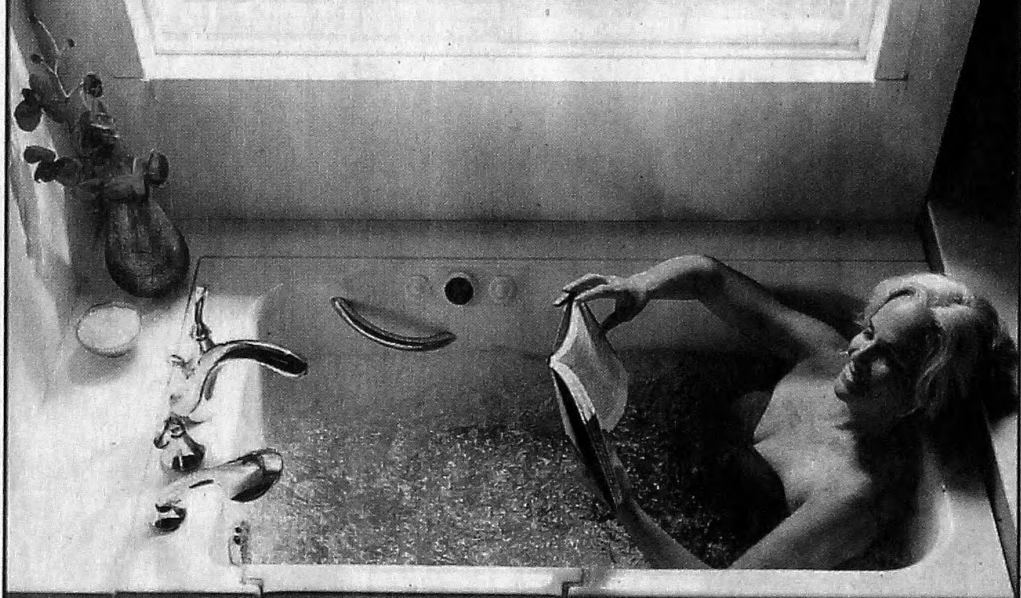
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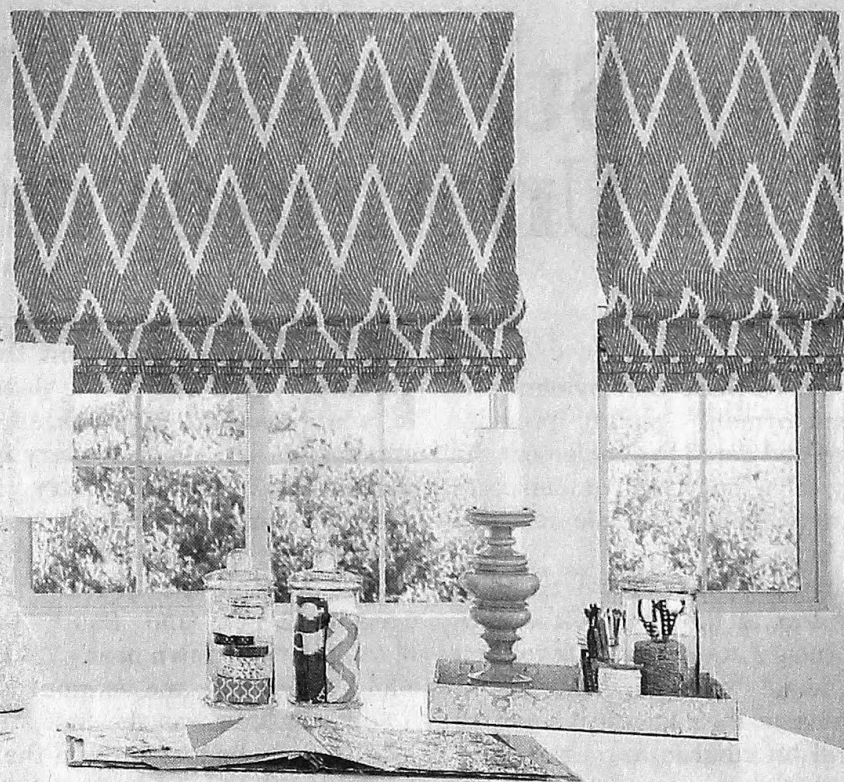
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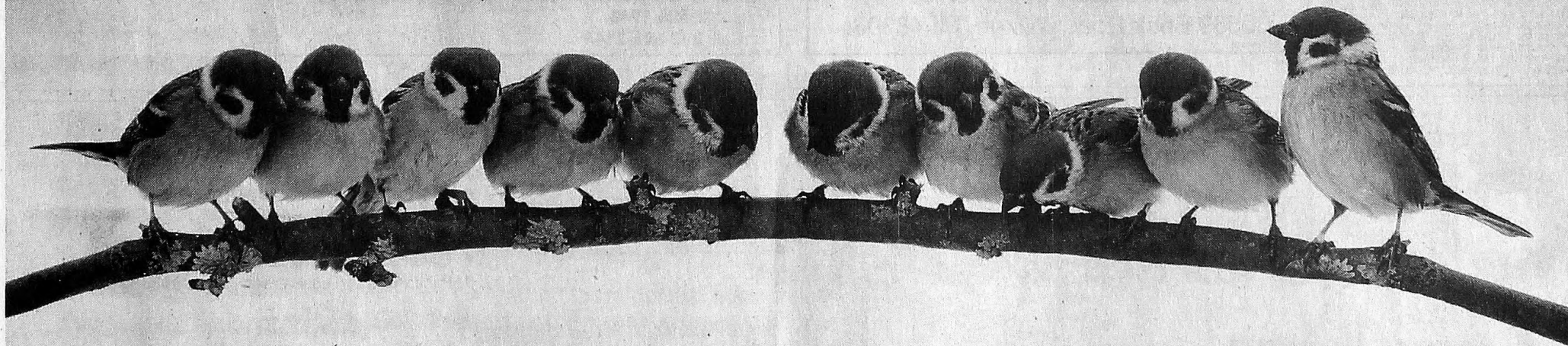
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Last week's State Employment and Unemployment report provides much-needed detail to supplement the monthly jobs report and underscores what an unusual economic recovery this has been so far.

12 states have now recovered all of the jobs lost at the start of the pandemic. And 22 states are back to their pre-pandemic unemployment rates, with twelve at their lowest rates of all time. And yet labor force participation has been slow to recover in the vast majority of states, with only 4 states back at pre-pandemic participation rates.

1. Utah leads the economic recovery with a working population that is 4% larger than before the pandemic, while Hawaii's lags behind, 7.3% smaller, due to slow recovery in leisure and hospitality industry

Employment is up at least 2% compared to pre-pandemic levels in Utah (4.0%), Arizona (2.8%), Idaho (2.4%), Oregon (2.3%), and South Dakota (2.0%), but still down nearly 7% in Hawaii, Connecticut, and Vermont.

South Dakota was the first state to recover the jobs lost early in the pandemic as early as December 2020. The state's employed population has since grown and is now almost 9,000 larger than in February 2020.

2. States continue to establish new unemployment rate records

With New Hampshire, Ohio, Tennessee, and Vermont joining the pack, there are now 22 states with pre-pandemic-level unemployment rates or better. The low unemployment rates both reflect robust hiring and depressed labor force participation.

In December, twelve states recorded their lowest unemployment rates in history. The rapid drop in unemployment rates is great news for unemployed people, who are finding opportunity and transitioning to employment at an unusually rapid pace. But it has quickly altered the hiring conditions for employers, many of whom are struggling to find the talent they need to solve their staffing shortages.

3. Labor force participation is improving at a snail's pace

Only four states (Wisconsin, South Dakota, Alaska, and Oregon) have seen their labor force participation rates recover since the pandemic began.

In most states, recovery has been delayed by each subsequent COVID-19 wave. In fact, labor force participation in Arkansas, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Oklahoma initially recovered by the end of the summer of 2020, but fell again during the winter of 2020/2021, when Covid cases surged.

Vermont and Nevada are the farthest from recovery, with participation rates down 4.8 and 4.2 percentage points, respectively. Overall nationwide, participation is only down 1.5 percentage points, on average.



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Downsizing

- ACROSS**
- 1 Unicellular swimmer
 - 7 Fold in a skirt
 - 12 Jolie of film
 - 20 The "R" of 33-Down
 - 21 Actor Cox
 - 22 Prepared for storage, as a hose
 - 23 Endlessly repeating programming problem
 - 25 Fashion designer in "The Incredibles"
 - 26 Hwy. felony
 - 27 Man-mouse middle
 - 28 What iPads run on
 - 30 "Boston Legal" actor James
 - 31 Higher, spiritual level of awareness
 - 38 Get a whiff of
 - 40 Lift to check the weight of
 - 41 Gig hookup
 - 42 PC key abbr.
 - 43 Elicitor of a major "Whew!"
 - 46 Zodiac ram
 - 48 Truckload
 - 51 Basso solo, e.g.
 - 52 Eligible for Soc. Sec.
 - 53 Head honcho
 - 57 Some hole menders
 - 59 Force unit
 - 60 Bouffant, e.g.
 - 61 Pipe joint
 - 62 — Yello (Coca-Cola brand)
 - 64 China's Zhou —
 - 68 Sharon of "Cagney & Lacey"
 - 69 M114 howitzer, e.g.
 - 72 Prickly shrub
 - 75 Occurrence
 - 76 — d'Or (Cannes award)
 - 77 G-man, e.g.
 - 80 Cousin's mommy
 - 82 Actresses Carrere and Mowry
 - 84 "Look here as well," in a reference book
 - 86 1931 crime film starring Edward G. Robinson
 - 90 — Juan
 - 91 Late hours, in ads
 - 92 Minneapolis-Montreal dir.
 - 93 King of CNN
 - 94 1971 Elton John song
 - 97 CD- — drive
 - 100 Comical Costello
 - 101 Just OK
 - 102 Microwaves
 - 103 Bacterium, e.g.
 - 109 Blissful
 - 110 "General" of Chinese cuisine
 - 111 Miracle- (plant food)
 - 112 Vocalist Sumac
 - 115 Not together
 - 118 2, for helium
 - 123 Like rags
 - 124 Follow, as a pointer
 - 125 Join a force
 - 126 Evaluates
 - 127 Partner of Cheech
 - 128 Chinese system of calisthenics
 - 6 Universal truth
 - 7 "Amen, pastor!"
 - 8 Online chuckle
 - 9 Roxy Music's Brian
 - 10 Put holy oil on
 - 11 Manuscript mistakes
 - 12 King beater
 - 13 Nonverbal "yes"
 - 14 Knife of old infomercials
 - 15 Pass, as time
 - 16 French racing city
 - 17 "Upon my word!"
 - 18 "David" and "The Thinker"
 - 19 Imitating sorts
 - 24 Prefix with state
 - 29 Make afraid
 - 32 Fake fat in some chips
 - 33 Kind of camera, in brief
 - 34 Just-OK grade
 - 35 — a mile (not even close)
 - 36 "Yes, sign me up"
 - 37 14-member oil gp.
 - 38 Color
 - 39 Wall painting
 - 44 Did it wrong
 - 45 "Gigi" star Caron
 - 46 G-man, e.g.
 - 47 "Quiet down"
 - 49 Chances
 - 50 New Mexico skiing spot
 - 54 Lethargy
 - 55 "You got that right!"
 - 56 Floral symbol of purity
 - 58 Former "Top Chef" judge
 - 59 Rounded roof
 - 63 "P.S. I — U" (old TV show)
 - 65 They may be glossed over
 - 66 Carte lead-in
 - 67 "You got that right!"
 - 69 "Joey" star LeBlanc
 - 70 Anxious
 - 71 Make revisions to
 - 72 Farm bundle
 - 73 Lay waste to
 - 74 Picks off, as a pass
 - 77 Lighter catchphrase in old ads
 - 78 Lauder of fragrances
 - 79 Active types
 - 81 Sometimes-jellied fish
 - 83 — Detoo (sci-fi droid)
 - 85 Latin for "year"
 - 87 Trig is a prereq for it
 - 88 Ending for buck or stink
 - 89 Spew lava
 - 90 Being amorous, to Brits
 - 95 Jerusalem's nation: Abbr.
 - 96 Darth Vader, as a kid
 - 98 Rococo
 - 99 Watery silks
 - 101 Whiskey type
 - 103 Political hostess Perle
 - 104 Thoughts
 - 105 Injury marks
 - 106 Singer Hayes
 - 107 Bow's shape
 - 108 Tune for nine
 - 113 Fit together
 - 114 Beginner's painting class
 - 116 Pipe joint
 - 117 Mag staff
 - 119 Western tribe
 - 120 Sun.-Tue. link
 - 121 Article in Argentina
 - 122 1,051, in old Rome

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For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com.

SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ALL ABOUT ANATOMY

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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ANSWER KEY

- ALVEOLUS
- ANKLE
- ARM
- BICEPS
- BIG TOE
- BOWEL
- BRAIN
- BREASTBONE
- BRONCHUS
- COLON
- DERMAL
- DUCT
- EAR
- ELBOW
- FENESTRA
- FIBULA
- FOOT
- GUT
- HAND
- HEEL
- ILIUM
- INTESTINE
- JUGULAR
- KIDNEY
- KNEE
- LARYNX
- LEG
- LIP
- LUNG
- LYMPH
- METACARPAL
- NECK
- NOSE
- PORE
- RENAL
- SEPTUM
- SHINBONE
- SKIN
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- VALVE
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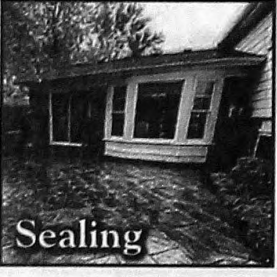
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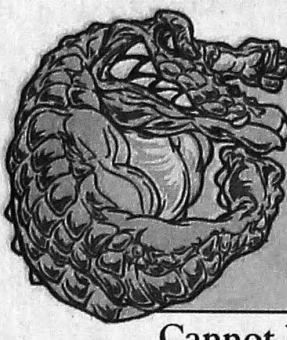
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