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Police recover stolen cars, guns

Suspects also had credit cards and counterfeit cash, police say

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Canton police recovered stolen guns, vehicles and credit cards and seized counterfeit money and a printing press during an investigation that led to criminal charges against four defendants, with a fifth still at large as of Nov. 9.

Detective Lt. Mike Steckel said the crime spree spanned two weeks in



Hoskins



Scott



Richardson



Montgomery



Moore

October and prompted an investigation that led to search warrants being executed in Detroit and Ypsilanti.

The crimes began to unravel after police officers nabbed three suspects Oct. 21 as they were breaking into garages in a residential neighborhood near Sheldon and Cherry Hill, Steckel

said. "It started with good patrol work," he said. "And it involved a lot of great work from my detectives."

Police executed search warrants and seized five guns, 17 stolen credit cards and, from a house in Detroit, about \$2,000 in counterfeit money and the printing press used to make it, Steckel said.

Police recovered a Cadillac Escalade stolen from Aarons Way, near Beck and Geddes in Canton, and a Jeep Liberty stolen in Ann Arbor.

In Canton, police investigated numerous reports of items stolen from garages and vehicles in the area of Sheldon and Cherry Hill roads and Beck and Geddes.

The defendants could face lengthy prison sentences if they are convicted as charged.

One defendant, 19-year-old Savion-tray Antonio Scott of Ypsilanti, already

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Children, teachers and parents march along Haggerty Road to Five Mile on World Kindness Day. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Student march aims to 'spread kindness like jelly'

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Twelve-year-old Eli Solomon said the world needs a "kindness meter" to monitor how people are treating each other.

On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the kindness goal, Eli said the world is stuck on 4 or 5.

"I think it's really low," he said. "We have a plethora of people. We all need to be kind to each other."

Eli was among about 75 students at New Morning School in Plymouth who took to the street Monday on World Kindness Day to promote civility, respect and kindness in a world that often seems to lack it.

Accompanied by teachers and parents, the students donned their coats, hats and gloves and marched about a half-mile along Haggerty Road to Five Mile, then back. They chanted, "Be Kind. Be Nice."

Fourth-grader Carly Thomas, 9, made it seem simple that people should stop bickering and get along.

"People have different personalities, but we need to show kindness around the world and try to spread it around," she said.

Her sister Evy, 5, was in a school group that made a sign for the Kindness March.

"It says, 'spread kindness like jelly,'" Evy said. She carried it in the march with Sofia Ghanbari.

Eli, director of the school's New Morning Express newspaper, said being kind is just as easy as being disagreeable.

"Open a door for someone," he said. "Smile and say 'hi' to someone."

New Morning teacher Tina Huff organized the Kindness March to instill kind behavior among students who come from communities such as Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Northville, Farmington, Westland and Novi.

"It allows the students to feel like they have a voice and they can share it with the world," Huff said.

Students made signs and drew images on paper plates to promote a



Sofia Ghanbari and Evy Thomas spread their message of kindness. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Pioneer students hail contributions of veterans

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The pomp and circumstance was on full display Friday as hundreds of students at Pioneer Middle School honored more than 50 veterans during a warm, appreciative all-school Veterans Day assembly.

And while the veterans certainly appreciated the attention and bathed in the glow of the tribute, many were aware that what they believe is an even more important lesson was going on:

Young people were learning more about their country.

World War II veteran Donald Folsom was one of those being honored. Folsom, a member of the Plymouth High School Class of 1942, was a U.S. Marine serving in the Pacific between 1942-46.

"Be patriotic and honor that flag," Folsom said of advice he'd give young people today. "This country is the greatest country in the world. They should remember that."

The veterans gathered for refreshments before the ceremony, then were escorted into the gym for a performance by the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps. They were welcomed by thunderous applause from the hundreds of students waiting to greet them.

A video featured President John F. Kennedy's inaugural address ("ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country") and inspirational words from President Ronald Reagan. The Plymouth Middle School choir sang the national anthem, then performed the fight song for each branch of the service.

"It's an opportunity to honor people in our community who've given us so many opportunities," Pioneer Middle School Principal Kevin Rhein said. "It's a chance for (veterans) to see our kids in action."

"It shows people who don't get a lot of chances to come into our schools that kids today are pretty awesome."

Herb Scott of the Fallen & Wounded Soldiers Fund of Michigan told students he hadn't served, but had always marveled at those who did, scrambling to

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diverse and kind world. The school has made kindness a theme this school year. Among the other activities:

» Huff and her students read the book "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. It's about a 10-year-old boy with a facial deformity and what he faces when he goes from being home-schooled to enrolling in a neighborhood school. Huff said an upcoming field trip is planned so students can see the film "Wonder" and discuss how it compares to the book.

» The school had a popcorn drive and raised \$581 for Hurricane Harvey victims in Texas. They donated the money through UNICEF.

» The school has begun a coat drive to help students at another school in Belleville. Gently used coats may be dropped off 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday. The



Students spread a little sunshine and kindness on a gray morning. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

school's address is 14501 N. Haggerty.

Grandparents Duane and Sandy Laidlaw of Northville came to the school Monday to show support for Eleanor, their preschool granddaugh-

ter, during the Kindness March. They agreed that many adults could learn a lesson in kindness from New Morning School students.

As for the march, Sandy Laidlaw said, "I

think it's a beautiful idea."

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is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court after he waived his preliminary exam Nov. 3 in 35th District Court in Plymouth, court records show. Scott is charged with possession of counterfeit money, larceny of firearms, receiving and concealing firearms and felony firearms.

Not guilty pleas have been entered for Scott and the following defendants who are awaiting their district court exams:

» Kobie Tyree Richardson, 19, of Ypsilanti is facing multiple charges, including receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle, motor vehicle theft, credit card theft, identity theft, receiving and concealing \$1,000 to \$20,000, breaking and entering a vehicle causing damage and larceny from a vehicle.

» Carolyn Danielle Hoskins, 19, of Ypsilanti is facing the same charges as Richardson.

» Elliot Deshawn Montgomery, 17, of Ypsilanti also is facing the same charges as Richardson.

» Destiny Capri

Moore, 19, of Wayne was at large Nov. 9 and was wanted on similar charges. However, she already has been charged with a misdemeanor charge of larceny from an auto, Steckel said.

Steckel said police believe the stolen items recovered are believed to have cleared cases in places such as Canton, Belleville and Ann Arbor. One of the stolen guns also was taken from a car in Canton.

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collect spent shells from 21-gun salutes at patriotic events when he was younger.

Now Scott helps an organization that distributed some \$700,000 to 360 veterans and their families in more than 145 cities in Michigan in 2016.

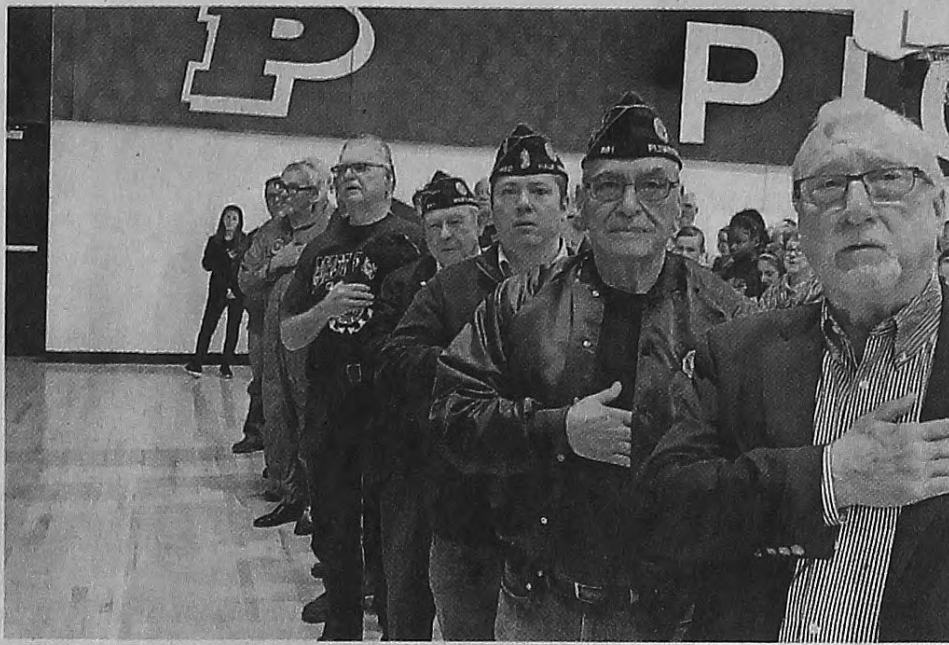
"I wondered what (serving) was all about," Scott said. "As I got older, I realized the camaraderie of those who served is more than you can imagine."

World War II veteran Charles Noll, who served in the medical corps stationed in England, was in the audience with his son Dennis.

Charles Noll called the ceremony "wonderful," while his son was happy to see young people paying so much attention to veterans.

"It was nice the kids are learning respect for the veterans," the younger Noll said. "You can't be laissez faire about freedom. You have to do what it takes to protect that freedom."

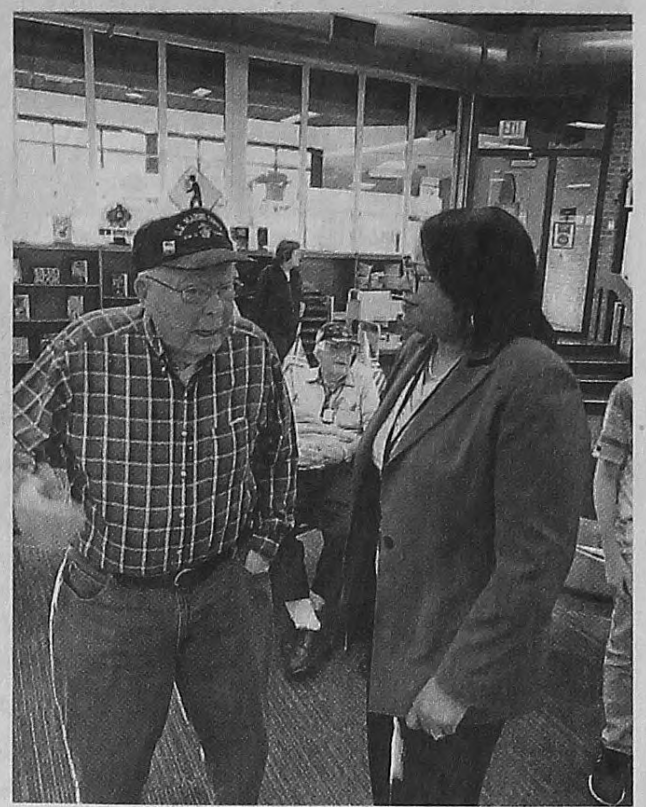
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Some 50 veterans turned out Friday for Pioneer Middle School's Veterans Day assembly. BRAD KADRICH



The Pioneer Middle School choir, under the direction of Anne Lawrence, performed the fight song for each branch of the U.S. military. BRAD KADRICH



World War II veteran Donald Folsom talks with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district Superintendent Monica Merritt. BRAD KADRICH

Police seek teens 'who may be danger to themselves'

Police in Canton and Plymouth are looking for a pair of local teenagers they believe may have run away together and the fear is they may be suicidal.

In a release Sunday, police said Lillian Le Nguyen and Timothy Michael Wieber are believed to be together.

According to police, both have made comments about wanting to die and Wieber has attempted to run away in the past.



Wieber



Nguyen

Nguyen, who police said suffers from depression, was last seen at her Canton home. Her cell-phone location was last pinged in the area of I-275 and Willow Road in Huron Township.

Wieber was last seen in the area of 11000 Can-

ton Center Road in Plymouth.

Nguyen, who is Asian, stands 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs approximately 125 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing blue jeans, a blue jean jacket, white Converse shoes and a black scarf with white stripes.

Wieber is white, stands 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs approximately 165 pounds. He has brown hair and

brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a green jacket, a black hoodie, blue jeans and black boots.

Police believe the pair may be in a gray 2017 Jeep Wrangler with a Michigan license plate with the number DNV2598.

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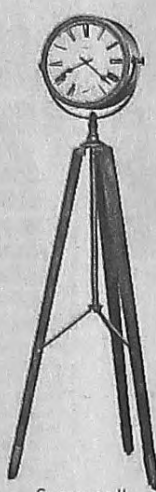
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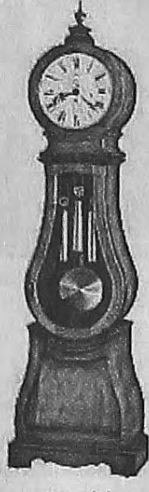
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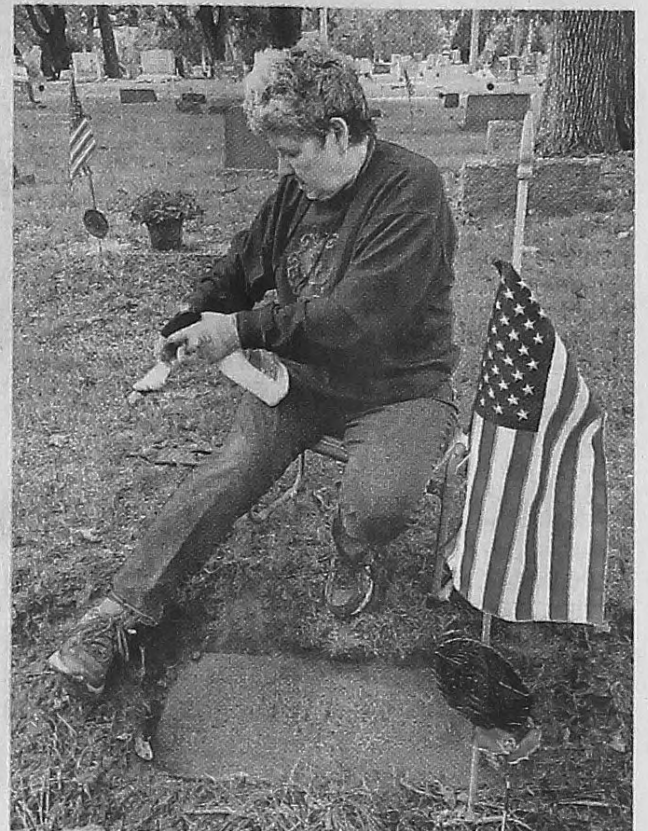


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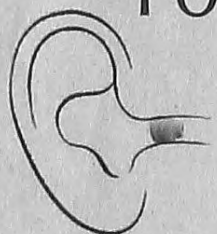
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Cops nab suspects in rash of thefts, stolen cars

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Canton police believe they have solved a rash of thefts that, in one weekend alone, involved 13 larcenies from vehicles, two stolen cars and two attempts to steal cars.

Detective Lt. Mike Steckel said the crimes spanned much of September and involved thefts of credit cards, checkbooks, cash, cell-

phones, wallets, laptop computers, garage door openers and other items that victims left in their vehicles.

Steckel said the incidents occurred in residential neighborhoods near Cherry Hill and Haggerty roads and in the Ford-Lilley area. He said the suspects stole valuables left in unlocked cars and, in some cases, smashed out windows.

He warned residents not to leave valuables in view in their cars.

"Don't create an opportunity for the bad guys. They will take advantage of it," he said.

Charges are pending against four suspects, including three 18-year-old males from Romulus and a 19-year-old Detroit man. Police caught them Sept. 27 as they attempted another theft near Haggerty and Cherry Hill.

Steckel said at least 16 larcenies from vehicles occurred in September. The suspects also are accused of stealing two

cars, a 2008 Cadillac and a 2005 Volvo, and trying to steal two others.

One car recovered by Canton police had been stolen out of West Bloomfield, along with a .45-caliber handgun, he said. Steckel said larcenies similar to those in Canton also had occurred in West Bloomfield.

Steckel said the crimes occurred during much of September, with numerous incidents happening Sept. 17-18.

Some of the stolen credit cards had been

used at restaurants and gas stations in Detroit, he said.

Police nabbed the suspects Sept. 27 after an alert neighbor in the Cherry Hill and Haggerty area notified police of an unfolding incident.

Anyone who notices

suspicious behavior is encouraged to call the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

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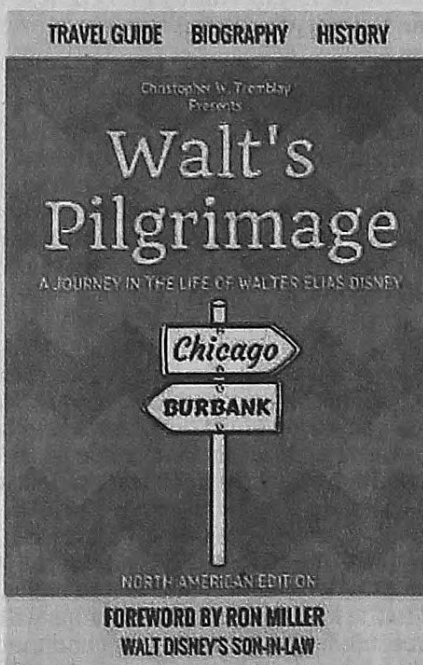
Canton man authors book on Disney's life

A book that geographically chronicles the life of Walt Disney, titled "Walt's Pilgrimage," has recently been published by Disney researcher and Canton resident Christopher W. Tremblay, Ed.D.

The book was inspired from the college course that Tremblay developed and teaches for Western Michigan University's Lee Honors College. The cover designer, Kevin Robert Ryan, works at St. Thomas a'Becket in Canton.

"Walt's Pilgrimage" is a combination travel guide, biography and history book. While there are more than 50 biographies written about Disney, this book takes a unique approach. It enables Disney fans to travel in his shoes from his birthplace to his grave site and everywhere in between throughout North America.

"This book enables me to honor Walt Disney. Since I was a child, I was impressed by Disney's



"Walt's Pilgrimage" is a new book about famed cartoonist Walt Disney written by Canton resident Christopher W. Tremblay.

also serves as president of the board of the Walt Disney Family Museum, which was started by Walt's daughter, Diane Disney Miller. "I am grateful to Christopher for helping impart the true story of Walt Disney. ... I hope that you are inspired by Christopher's book and by Walt's story," said Ron Miller, who Tremblay first met in 2015.

"Walt's Pilgrimage" can be purchased for \$20 at <https://www.createspace.com/7270508>. Tremblay has also launched a corresponding website: waltspilgrimage.com.

"Walt's Pilgrimage" is the first in a series that Tremblay has planned. A children's version, "Walt's Pilgrimage Jr.," is nearing publication. A trivia book based on the pilgrimage, "Walt's Suitcase," is in progress.

Tremblay is available for a book-signing events. Contact him at waltspilgrimage@gmail.com.

contributions to our world. This has been a labor of love to research and publish," Tremblay said.

It features more than 70 chapters and highlights more than 275 sites connected to Disney throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico. It offers

insights about significant places like Disneyland and various Disney museums — as well as places that never came to fruition — like Mineral King and the proposed Riverfront Square in St. Louis.

The foreword was written by Disney's son-in-law, Ron Miller, who

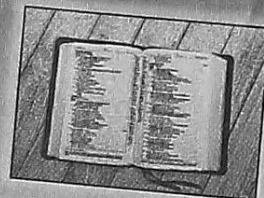
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Canton woman heads to the streets for charity

Longtime Canton resident Nadia Mekled will brave the cold Thursday, Nov. 16, to join dozens of metro Detroit business leaders who will spend the night outside in solidarity with, and to bring attention to, the plight of homeless youth in Detroit and throughout the state. Mekled is not only participating, she is also

serving as the chair of the fourth annual Sleep Out: Executive Edition benefiting Covenant House Michigan.

People across the nation will sleep outside to support the vital services Covenant House provides to homeless, abandoned and trafficked youth. This nationwide event will take

place simultaneously in 19 cities, at Covenant House sites across North America.

Mekled has already raised more than \$8,000 and will be giving up the comfort of home to spend the night "on the street" in a cardboard box on CHM's grounds. Participants will sleep outside despite rain, wind, snow

and cold temperatures. Last year, more than 60 participants took part and, for the first time since its inception in 2014, the event is expected to surpass the \$1 million mark, with 100 percent of the donations raised staying in Detroit to support CHM's mission.

The executive sleep-

ers will be given cardboard boxes for their night on the pavement. Before and after the Sleep Out, participants will spend time with the young men and women who reside at CHM, get to know them, hear their stories, and see firsthand what a difference the love and support CHM provides is making in

their lives.

To contribute to Mekled's donation efforts, go to http://covhou.convio.net/site/TR?px=2439194&pg=personal&fr_id=1965&et=x52FDa21P8VkjXT9TR9qw&s_tafId=22808. For more information about how to participate or sponsor, call 313-463-2010 or go to www.covenanthousemi.org.

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ELL Conversation Groups

When: 9:30-11 a.m. each Thursday and Friday

Details: Practice speaking English in an informal setting with Community Literacy Council volunteers. See the English Language Learner Program FAQ at www.cantonpl.org for more information.

Digital Drop-In Help

When: 10-11 a.m. each Friday

Details: Stop in to get one-on-one help with your e-readers from the friendly experts at the Information desk. Just bring your device and your desire to learn. Kindle users must bring Amazon log-in information as well.

Computer Skills Lab for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. second Saturday of each month

Details: If you are looking to build a foundation of strong computer skills, including Internet use and setting up an email account, stop in to CPL's Internet Lab. We will have guided activities for practice with mouse skills, copying/pasting and more, with trusted experts on hand to answer any questions you may have or connect you to additional resources.

Family Storytime

Details: Family Storytime provides an opportunity for caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. Together with a youth librarian, you can build early literacy skills in a welcoming environment through meaningful stories, songs and play. Encourage a love of language and reading while practicing listening and cooperative tasks. Every Family Storytime is followed by a half-hour of ABC Activity Time. Go to www.cantonpl.org for a full November program schedule.

Preschool Storytime

Details: Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-5. These activities help develop pre-reading and school-readiness skills. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend, if needed, to help transition their child to this program, and all parents must remain in the children's department. Registration is required and you can pick a Monday or a Friday session. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

Baby Storytime

Details: Baby Storytime is designed for babies 18 months and younger with an adult and features simple stories, songs and rhymes carefully chosen to build awareness of language and vocabulary, foster a love of books and provide a fun, interactive experience for babies and parents/caregivers. Registration is required. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

U-M STEM

Details: The Canton Public Library has partnered with the University of Michigan's Technical Communications department to bring a series of fun and exciting STEM workshops to the library. These workshops will present a wide range of topics in the science, technology, engineering and math disciplines. Each session has been designed and developed for kids aged 11-13 by engineering students at the university. Registration is required for each session. Upcoming U-M STEM sessions are 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18-19.

American Girl Club

Details: Learn about a different American Girl character each program through crafts, games and activities. The group will explore both the historical characters and the modern day characters. No prior knowledge of the books or characters is needed. If you have an American Girl doll feel free to bring her, and a friend! This program is open to ages 8-12 and registration is required. American Girl Club is 7-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20.

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Letters to Santa from Canton

From now through Nov. 30, Canton residents can mail a letter to Santa by dropping it off in the North Pole Express Mailbox in the Summit on the Park lobby, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Santa asks that participants who send him some special mail this holiday season print their names and addresses clearly so that he is able to personally reply to all letters. Each household will receive a return letter and Santa will take care of the postage. Canton residents only.

For more information about this or any Leisure Services activity or event, go to www.cantonfun.org or call 734-394-5460.

Canton Turkey Trot

Canton Leisure Services will conduct the 15th annual Turkey Trot for a Cause starting at 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23. The 5K race or 1-mile fun run will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, an organization dedicated to empowering individuals with seizure disorders.

This year's race is set to start at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, and will cover a picturesque, flat course that winds through Pheasant Run Golf course and Heritage Park, ending back at the Summit.

Pre-registration is available online at csc.canton-mi.org until midnight Sunday, Nov. 20. Participants registered by Nov. 9 are guaranteed an event T-shirt. Registration fees are \$25 for the 5K race and \$15 for the 1-mile fun run.

Participants can pick up shirts and bibs starting Friday, Nov. 17, at Gazelle Sports, 39737 Traditions Drive, Northville, during regular store hours. Pickup will reopen 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, in the Summit Banquet and Conference Center.

For more information, including course map, go to csc.canton-mi.org or call 734-483-5600.

Music at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluesociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes.

Tuesday, Dec. 12, for its debut appearance with the Elks will be The Sax Maniacs Band. Performing will be Terry Burton on vocals, Ray Wise on guitar and vocals, Tom Hunter on bass and vocals, Joe Bruglio on drums and vocals and Dave "Dr. Z" Daniele on keys, sax and vocals.

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Tuesday, Nov. 28, returning will be The Terry Lower Trio. Members are Edye Evans Hyde on vocals, Terry Lower on keys, Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Village Potters Guild sale

The Village Potters Guild will hold its holiday sale Nov. 16-18, featuring original handmade pottery from more than 20



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artists all crafted in Plymouth. Hours are 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18.

The Potters Guild is located at 326 N. Main, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-207-8807 or go to www.villagepottersguild.org.

Grandma's Attic Sale

The annual Grandma's Attic Sale to benefit Greenmead Historical Park will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road, Livonia. This event features free admission and parking and will include an entire house full of "treasures" — estate, vintage, unique, new and old items. For more information, call 248-477-7375.

Bowling for Backpacks fundraiser

The fourth annual Bowling for Backpacks Fundraiser is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Merri-Bowl Lanes, 30950 Five Mile Road, in Livonia. The funds raised will allow the group to continue to send food-filled weekend

backpacks home with at-risk children attending Garfield, Kennedy, Randolph, Rosedale and Webster Elementary Schools, as well as Johnson Upper Elementary, in Livonia.

This event will include two hours of bowling, pizza and beverages, a silent auction, various items for raffle and a 50/50 raffle. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. Tickets for bowling are \$20, while the cost for non-bowlers is \$10. There are also many opportunities for sponsorships, as well as a need for donations to the silent auction and raffle.

To order tickets, go to <https://guestlist/482241>. Go to <http://www.biablivonia.org/> to learn more about sponsorship and donation opportunities.

Christmas tea fundraiser

The Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, will host a Christmas tea fundraiser catered by Victoria's Tea Salon at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$240 for a table of eight. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.

Tickets are available at the library circulation desk. For more information, call 734-721-7832.

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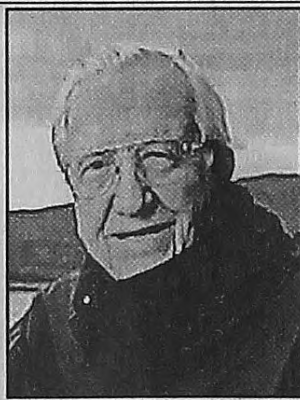
Joann C. Kargula

FARMINGTON HILLS

Joann C. Kargula, age 93: A Dedicated Mother. Known for her strong and passionate commitment to her family, Joann C. Kargula, a housewife and beloved wife of the late Raymond Kargula, died Friday, November 10, 2017 at Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills, 12 days before her 94th birthday. "Throughout her life she dedicated herself to taking care of my father and her seven children," said her eldest son, Michael. "She did everything she could and more for each of us. Her family was the source of much of her pleasure and pride," he added. A devout Catholic, she was one of those rare individuals that you meet in life who give more than she gets back. She rarely missed mass on Sunday and when she did, it was only because she was too ill to attend. Mrs. Kargula is survived by her seven children, Michael (Junko) Kargula of Concord, Massachusetts, Susan (Dan) Kargula of Taos, New Mexico, Jan (Mike) Maurer of Tallahassee, Florida, John (Patty) Kargula of Farmington Hills, Michigan, Jay (Kathleen) Kargula of Novi, Michigan, Jeanie (Tony) Kreuch of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and James Kargula of Grosse Pointe, Michigan; 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Visitation Friday, November 17, 2-8 pm, with a 7 pm Rosary, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, November 18, 11 am (in state 10:30 am) at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington. Memorial tributes suggested to St. Gerald Catholic Church.



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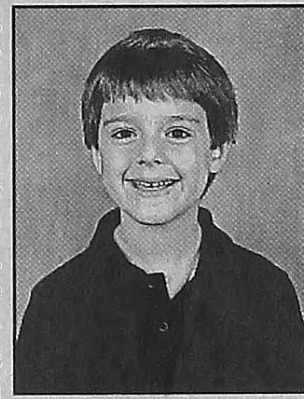
May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



Cole Charles Weaver

WINSTON-SALEM, NC

2010-2017. Cole Charles Weaver, six years old, died on November 5, 2017 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is survived by his sister, Ella Elizabeth (10), parents Chris and Kate Weaver of Winston-Salem, grandparents Ginny and Charles (Kirk) Weaver, of Canton and Molly and Mitch Beaver, Springfield, Illinois and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Cole had a big heart, with a sweet, extraordinary, welcoming, fearless spirit. He was an early riser with no need for an alarm, raring to go with passion each day. Cole never met a stranger, was comfortable with all kinds of conversation and loved to make people laugh. He was an old soul; his curious mind was matched by a great capacity for empathy and generosity. Cole loved playing with his big sister, Legos, friends, and was always eager to share. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Friday, November 10, at Green Street United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. Online condolences can be made at www.twincitycremations.com. In honor of Cole's welcoming spirit, the family would appreciate any memorials to be designated for the new Children's Welcome Center of Green Street UMC which is part of the planned church renovation. Green Street Church, 639 South Green Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. www.greenstreetchurch.org



May you find comfort in family and friends

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Head injuries from winter sports can be prevented



L.J. McCulloch
OUR MENTAL HEALTH

popular "Hockey Night in Canada." Hours were spent careening around the cement basement floor with occasional exclamations of "He shoots, he scores!"

The picture

What's wrong with this picture of our past? One thing is that it is amazing we survived, since we wore no helmets, no protective gear of any type and, if someone fell and hit their head, he would shake it off and resume play or go home crying.

Our winter season is upon us. With it comes an increased participation in winter sports in throughout our communities.

With this participation comes an increased incidence of traumatic brain injuries. Outdoor

winter sports include ice skating, sledding, snowmobiling, snowboarding, hockey and skiing. Indoor winter sports include basketball, volleyball and arena soccer. All of these have in common the increase in potential for heads hitting heads and heads hitting the ground.

In fact, an estimated one million children alone in this country sustain a traumatic brain injury each year. Every 23 seconds, a head injury occurs in the U.S. according to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan. The majority of these are closed head injuries, also called concussions.

Myths dispelled

It was previously thought that the head had to hit something for there to be a concussion-like

injury. This myth has been proven wrong. A whiplash-like motion of the head can cause damage to the brain.

Also, a loss of consciousness is not necessary for the brain to be hurt. Technically, a disruption in consciousness, no matter how brief, such as mildly dazed to a full coma, constitutes concussion. And repeated concussions can have a cumulative effect, as often seen in boxing. We are also hearing more reports of professional hockey and football players sustaining concussions, retiring earlier and developing Alzheimer's-like disorders.

Resources

More resources than ever are now available for children, adults, parents, teachers and coach-

es to learn about these conditions and ways to remedy the consequences of such injuries.

In addition to the natural resource of brain healing, the likelihood of recovery can be increased by working with rehabilitation specialists. Some school districts are now having training for coaches about head trauma or partnering with local physical therapy companies to have a staff member game-side. Help is also available from the field of neuropsychology in making "return to play" decisions. The Brain Injury Association of Michigan is a leader in this area, you can go to its website at www.bia-mi.org.

Prevention

We need to devote more attention to preven-

tion. It is estimated that 90 percent of concussions could be prevented if people took more precautions. In the final analysis, the greatest tool we have against traumatic brain injury is prevention. This is not to discourage participation in winter sports, but to encourage safe participation in all that we do.

So if you are thinking about flooding your back yard for unprotected, unsupervised winter hockey or re-enacting "Hockey Night in Canada" in roller skates on your cement basement floor, think again.

Leonard J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He can be reached for a courtesy consultation at his Farmington Hills office at 248 474-2763, ext. 222.

As a youngster growing up in northwest Detroit, wintertime had us building a skating rink. Donning the skates was followed by hours of care-free (or careless) fun. This inevitably led to hockey "pickup" games for the neighborhood, hosted in our own back yard. Our father would rig up a flood light so we could play outside into the night. When winter weather was too severe, we would take the competition indoors and, wearing roller skates, we would re-enact the then

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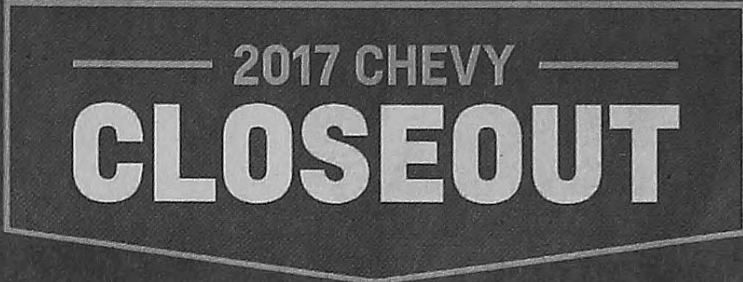
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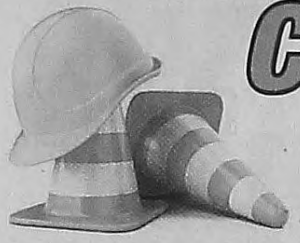
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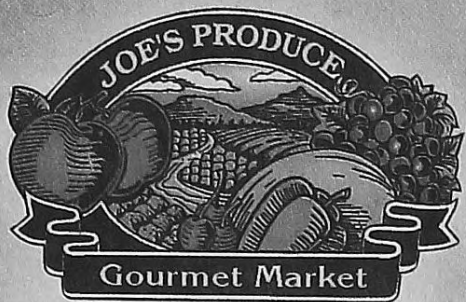
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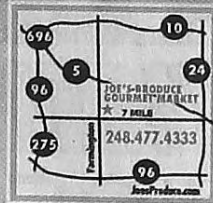
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Down a point after Flushing scored a touchdown on fourth-and-goal from the 1 and following up by successfully converting the two-point conversion with 1:45 left to go up, 29-28, Franklin sophomore quarterback Jacob Kelbert took the first snap from his own 30 after the ensuing kickoff.

It was one last-gasp drive for the Patriots on their final possession on a bitterly cold night.

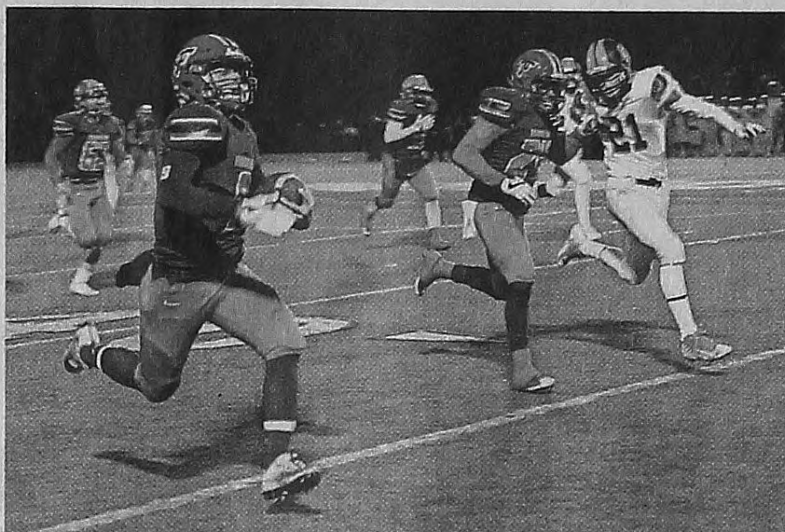
"Originally, it was a halfback screen and it got blown up," Kelbert said. "I

was always taught to throw it out-of-bounds, chuck it out-of-bounds, but I couldn't do that. I just saw a wide-open hole and I took it. I had a great block by Matt Elrod down the field that saved my life and I couldn't be more grateful."

Kelbert scrambled 55 yards down to the Raiders' 15 and, three running plays later, Brad Gibson booted a 27-yard field goal through the heart of the uprights to give the host Patriots an improbable 31-29 win over Flushing for the MHSAA Division 2 regional championship.

"We knew this was our last game on this field and we weren't going home empty-handed," Kelbert said. "And we

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Jacob Kelbert races down the sideline to score a TD during the first half to make the score 14-7 as Franklin and Flushing traded scores with each possession. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PREP FOOTBALL

DOWN TO THE WIRE



Canton's Steven Walker (left) and Max Mulvaney mourn the end of their season after the loss to Catholic Central. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Bitter ending for Canton, as Catholic Central hangs on for win

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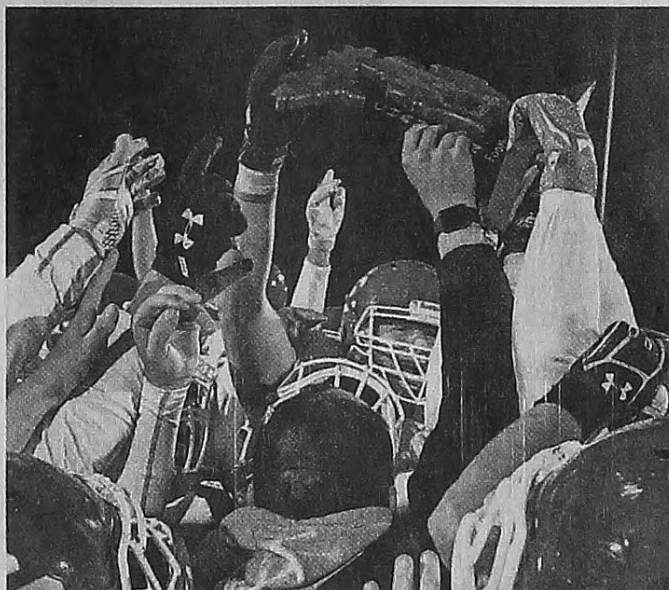
One extra point would have sent Friday night's Division 1 regional final to overtime. A successful two-point conversion would have given Canton a ticket to the semifinals.

Veteran Canton head coach Tim Baechler opted to go for the win with 40 seconds to go and the Chiefs down 27-26 to Novi Detroit Catholic Central following a clutch, 3-yard TD pass from quarterback Connor Engel to Noah Brown.

But Labar Morgan of the Shamrocks had other ideas. He plugged the gap in the line of scrimmage, stopping junior running back Luke Jouppi inches short of the goal line and preserving the regional championship.

"We called a timeout. We figured they were going to run

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Catholic Central players celebrate the win over Canton. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Mercy stops Stevenson in Class A regional final

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With heavy hitters all over the place, Farmington Hills Mercy put the hammer down against Livonia Stevenson during the Class A volleyball regional final Nov. 9.

The Marlins rolled to a 25-9 win in the opening set and continued their relentless attack in the second, prevailing 25-10 despite a nice string of serves by Spartans sophomore Erin Pietruszka.

In the third set, Mercy faced some trials and tribulations — with Pietruszka again serving up a couple of aces to get the Spartans out to a short-lived 3-0 lead — before closing things out with a 25-18 win.

Going up for the clinching block were senior Lauren Hunter and freshman Charli Atiemo, triggering a happy celebration on the court at Farmington High School.

Mercy (49-7-1) advanced to face New Baltimore Anchor Bay in a Class A quarterfinal scheduled for Tuesday at West Bloomfield.

"I thought we really played the ball well," Marlins head coach Loretta Vogel said. "I thought our setter, (freshman) Julia Bishop, ran the offense extremely well tonight.

"Compliments to (Pietruszka), the server, she got us caught a couple times. It allowed them to think they were going to get back in the game."

Bishop registered 40 assists, distributing the ball nicely to hard-hitting attackers such as sophomore Jess Mruzik (12 kills), junior Logan Beyer (10 kills) and Atiemo (seven kills).

Strong up front

Also wreaking havoc on the Spartans with some timely kills and blocks was junior Mallory Conrad.

"I just think we improved so much as a team. We bond so well together and it's so important on the court," Conrad said. "We all have the skill to play, so when we're all out there together, we're just having fun.

"Our defense is really picking it up for these playoff games. Our blocks this game were huge. ... We were stopping their offense. We did a really good job on keeping runs and limiting theirs."

For Stevenson (26-20), top performers included Pietruszka (six aces, five assists), senior Claire Beaudoin (seven digs), senior Audrey Lackey (six

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PREP FOOTBALL

Herrington still alive after win in freezing Linden

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Farmington Hills Harrison is headed to the fourth round of the state playoffs for the 17th time — the first since 2014 — in its storied history.

The Hawks blazed their way to the Division 3 state semifinal with a sizzling 34-21 triumph on a freezing Friday over host Linden. Harrison advanced to play this Saturday against Riverview.

"We got to the semifinals and lost to Muskegon a couple of years ago, so it feels good to get there again," Harrison head coach John Herrington said. "We have to go home and get some guys and get them ready to play next week."

Senior Divine Filemu was a freshman when Harrison last advanced this far in the post-season. He is eagerly awaiting the semifinal where, with a win, his team will have the opportunity to play for the state championship at Ford Field.

"Ever since our first game, this has been our goal," said Filemu, a bullish back who carried 10 times and gained 58 tough yards against Linden. "We've been trying to make sure we take one game at a time and get it right."

"When we moved up my freshman year, we made it to the semifinals and we lost by one point to make it to Ford Field," he added. "Now we're back at it and we're trying to achieve that goal again."

Here are five takeaways from the regional championship game:

THE BACK HEARD 'ROUND LINDEN

Junior tailback Roderick Heard once again was Harrison's offensive star.

Heard scored three touchdowns — runs of 2, 60 and 20 yards — and rushed for 233 yards on 27 carries. He also had an 84-yard TD run called back because of a holding penalty, although he did finish that drive with his 20-yard run to



Farmington Hills Harrison captured the Division 3 regional crown Friday night and is now headed for a state semifinal showdown with Riverview. MARTY BUDNER

pay dirt.

"We didn't throw much, but we threw just enough to get the ball down there," Herrington said. "But then Rod Heard and Filemu just ran really hard. Our line is bigger than some of their guys and they opened the holes and they made the most of it."

Heard has rushed for 1,331 yards this season on 191 carries, with 22 touchdowns. The fleet-footed running back also scored three touchdowns the previous week against Warren Woods Tower.

"You know (Heard) started out as a swing back for us. He didn't play tailback in the first game against East Grand Rapids," Herrington said. "He played a little bit and scored a touchdown. I finally wised up and put him in (at tailback) and he's just gotten better and better ever week. And he plays both ways."

Heard and Filemu complement each other nicely in the backfield to give Harrison a strong rushing attack.

"We're a good duo. Rod is a good runner and I'm a good blocker for him," Filemu said. "When we need those first downs, I'll be in there."

MAKING IT A CLOSE GAME

The game was very much in doubt through the first three quarters, although Harrison never trailed.

The Hawks led 7-0, but Linden scored just two plays later, when quarterback George Walterhouse hit Hunter Babcock up the middle of the field for a 70-yard TD pass and just like that the score was tied 7-7.

Harrison marched right down the field to retake the lead, when quarterback Noah Hendricks hit Ovie Oghoufo on a 24-yard touchdown pass. Oghoufo, the Notre Dame commit, leaped over a Linden defender to take the ball away and give his team a 14-7 lead with 5:55 left in the opening quarter.

Neither team scored in the second quarter.

Linden then tied the game at

14-14 after scoring on its first possession of the second half, when Waterhouse connected with Corbin Sines on a 48-yard TD pass. Harrison scored twice on Heard touchdown runs to make it 28-14 after three quarters.

Each team scored once in the fourth quarter to account for all the scoring. Linden's final touchdown came on another long bomb, this time a 53-yard screen pass from Waterhouse to Cade Dickson.

CAGING THE EAGLES' OFFENSE

Linden came into the game averaging 38 points per game. The Eagles had scored a combined 84 points in their first two playoff wins over Bay City Central and Ortonville Brandon.

The Hawks, however, limited Linden's big-play offense and held the Eagles 17 points under their average. Pass-happy Linden did finish with 251 yards through the air, but 171 yards of that was the result

of its three long touchdowns.

Linden produced just 34 yards rushing.

"They have a really sound passing attack. (Linden coach) Denny Hopkins does a great job with this team," Herrington said. "We worked against those passes all week, but we didn't stop them. Like that screen pass that went for that last touchdown. We worked like mad on that, but they went right down the field on us."

BANGED UP HAWKS

Harrison won the game, but it did not escape without some tough injuries.

Senior quarterback Noah Hendricks hurt his ankle on a rushing play with two minutes left before halftime. Hendricks did not play the rest of the quarter, but he did return for the second half. By the end of the game, he was limping noticeably.

Also, junior kicker David Hiser apparently injured his shoulder when making what appeared to be a touchdown-saving tackle after Harrison's first touchdown in the opening quarter. He did not kick the rest of the game, with the extra-point duties handed over to senior lineman Chris Rexroth.

RIVERVIEW ON DECK

Riverview advanced to its semifinal date with Harrison after defeating Dearborn Divine Child, 36-31, Friday in a thriller.

The Hawks have not lost to the Pirates in three previous meetings. The teams met three out of four years in the Class B playoffs, starting in 1986. Harrison has outscored Riverview by a 79-21 margin in those games. Their last meeting was a first-round game in 1989, when Harrison won 23-7.

Riverview, which runs the wing-T offense, took first place in the Huron League this year with a 6-1 record. The Pirates are 11-1 overall, with their lone loss to Flat Rock in the season's second game.

Harrison, the OAA White Division tri-champion, enters the semifinal with a 9-3 record.

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knew we had to get it done. We knew we had to get the ball down the field and that's exactly what we did."

Franklin (10-2), now moves into its second state semifinal in three years, where it will face unbeaten Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (12-0) at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Grand Ledge. Central ousted Traverse City Central in its regional final, 28-10.

Meanwhile, there was no one prouder or happier afterward than Chris Kelbert, Franklin's head coach and dad of the quarterback.

"How about that (kid)?" Chris Kelbert said. "He's a hell of a kid isn't he? I love his dad."

But even a bemused Chris Kelbert, along with everybody else in the stands, were stunned by the sudden turn of events by the improbable 55-year run.

"It was a scramble," the Franklin coach said. "They flushed him out of the pocket ... unbelievable effort on his part. He got those from me (laughing)."

Franklin then milked the clock perfectly during the final minute to set up Gibson's game-winner with only 14 seconds left and it was a no-doubter.

"Great snap by Jacob Mass, great hold by Cal Fournier and I just had to execute the kick," said Gibson, who also had an interception. "When I felt it come off, I knew it was in."

Fournier then made a game-saving tackle on the ensuing kickoff return and Flushing (9-3) had only one final "Hail Mary" play from its own 44 as QB Cal Endicott's pass fell incomplete as the clock struck 0:00.

Both quarterbacks had an amazing night.

The lanky 6-foot-5 Endicott, committed to Grand Valley State, completed his first 11 passes, going 15-of-21 for 241

"We knew this was our last game on this field and we weren't going home empty-handed. And we knew we had to get it done. We knew we had to get the ball down the field and that's exactly what we did."

JACOB KELBERT

Franklin sophomore quarterback

yards. He also ran for a team-best 52 yards on 15 carries.

"He's a hell of a quarterback," Chris Kelbert said. "Just his ability to extend the play. In the second half, we wrapped him up, limited those extra throws down the field he was hitting. Our DBs ... they can cover, but you can't cover forever. And that's what he was able to do."

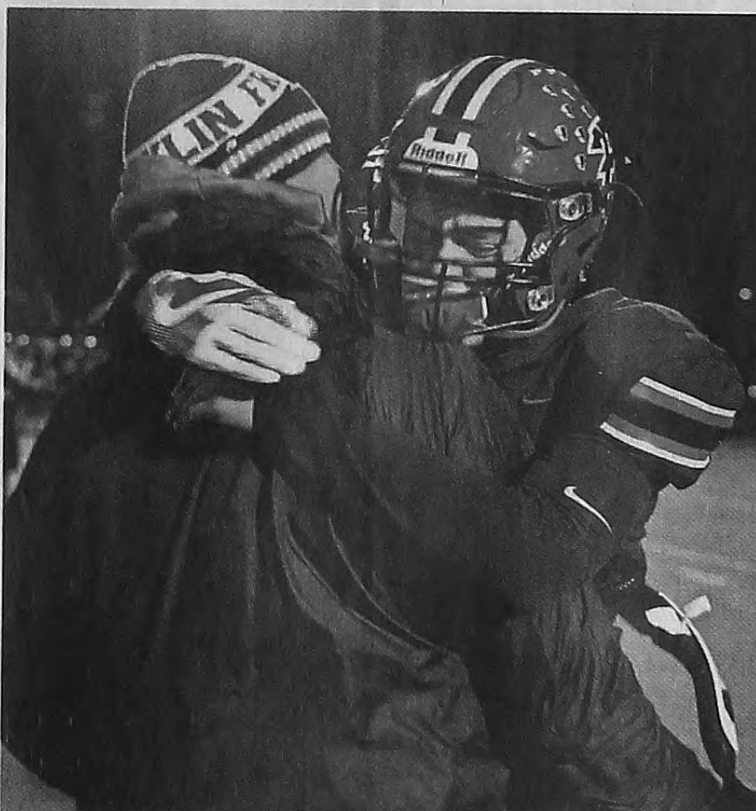
Jacob Kelbert, meanwhile, ran for a team-best 137 yards on just nine carries, including a 70-yard TD run on a keeper with 0:49 left in the first quarter to give the Patriots a 14-7 lead.

"It was a designated quarterback sweep," Jacob Kelbert said. "I made a move on a kid, I had a really good block by a kid on the safety and I was just gone. It was from my running back, Julius Simmons. From there on, it was open field."

The sophomore was also good in the clutch. He was an efficient 8-of-12 passing for 147 yards.

"Jake Kelbert — he's great," Gibson said. "With 1:30 left, he told me he was going to go down the field and do it for us. He scrambled, ran all the way down the field and did it. It was amazing."

Here are four other takeaways:



Franklin quarterback Jacob Kelbert hugs his father Chris, the head coach, after a thrilling 31-29 win over Flushing. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

FIRST-HALF SHOOTOUT

The two teams went into the locker room at intermission tied at 21-21.

Franklin scored first when Flushing fumbled the opening kickoff, which was recovered by the Patriots' Ethan Cooper, resulting in a 1-yard TD pass on fourth down from Kelbert to Connor Linton.

In addition to Kelbert's 70-yard run, Simmons also scored on a 5-yard run to make it 21-14.

But Flushing answered each time as Endicott threw TD passes of 20 yards to both Tyler Morris and Raylon Roberts, coupled with a 1-yard run by Antonio Feraro.

"At halftime, I just told them we didn't play a good first half," Chris Kelbert said. "Don't point fingers, don't get angry with each other. Just keep playing and doing what we've done all year long. Keep getting better and play a great second half and win this

game."

DEFENSIVE ADJUSTMENTS

Things settled down after the wild first half, with two teams trading interceptions during the third quarter — one by Feraro and one by Gibson.

"Stay deeper, keep outside leverage and our D-line came out and worked the second half," Gibson said. "It was amazing."

But Endicott seemed to come up with some timely throws on third and fourth downs to keep drives alive.

"He's 6-5, committed to Grand Valley State University," Gibson said. "He's a very good QB."

GAME-CHANGERS

In the final quarter, Franklin went up 28-21 with 6:59 left when Kelbert found Elrod in a middle seam for a 20-yard TD pass set up Marino DiPonio, who blocked Endicott's punt at the Flushing 33.

But the Raiders responded with a 13-play drive, resulting

in another 1-yard TD run by Farero with just under two minutes left.

Flushing then decided to go for two and the lead as Endicott, eluding the Franklin rush, hit Roberts near the goal line. The Raiders' back fumbled the ball, but it was recovered by a teammate in the end zone.

"We made the gutsy call," Endicott said. "It was a group decision going for two. We went for two and executed. We gave our defense a chance to end the game and we just came up a little bit short."

Flushing coach Robert Oginsky tried to end the game right there.

"I felt like we had momentum and we wanted to strike when the iron was hot," he said. "We felt much better be up one than being tied or down one at that point. We felt good at that point."

RUNNING GAME

Patriots senior running back Isaac Moore, who averaged more than 200 yards rushing in the three previous games, was held in check by the Flushing defense. He finished with 70 yards on 20 carries.

"They knew Isaac was a dynamic runner and I knew I had to step up this game if we wanted to be successful," Jacob Kelbert said.

Meanwhile, the Franklin defense sacked Endicott four times and held the Raiders to 92 yards rushing on 29 attempts.

"They made good adjustments," Endicott said of the Franklin defense. "Give credit to their coaching staff. They're a very talented coaching staff and very talented team. I give credit to them stopping our offense and making it a closer game in second half."

Franklin had a total of 368 yards total offense, with 221 rushing. Flushing had 333 total.

"It was pretty obvious they ran the ball well and we threw the ball well," Oginsky said. "You're right, at the end it was a good football game to watch."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Defending champ Novi ousts South Lyon in regional

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Getting to the quarterfinals is becoming old hat for the Novi volleyball team.

The two-time defending Class A champion Wildcats took down first-time regional finalist South Lyon in three sets Nov. 9 at Dexter, 25-15, 25-16, 25-18, to earn a spot in the elite eight for the fourth straight year.

Novi (54-3) was scheduled face Temperance Bedford, one of only three teams to beat the Wildcats this season, beginning Tuesday at Ann Arbor Huron. (Bedford advanced with a 3-1 win over Livonia Churchill.)

"I think we played pretty well. We did a pretty good job focusing on our side," Novi senior libero Claire Pinkerton said. "We knew a lot about the other team going into practice yesterday. But we wanted to focus on our game and not worry too much about what was going on on the other side."

Pinkerton finished with team-high nine digs, while sophomore Shannon Jennings added eight, along with senior setter Erin O'Leary.

"I think defensively we were pretty scrappy," Pinkerton said. "We knew they were going to come out with a lot of shots and lot more aggressive tips and stuff like that and we did a good job defending and communicating on those."

Pinkerton has been a mem-

ber of three straight state finals teams and is seeking her fourth trip.

"I'm feeling pretty confident going into (the quarterfinals)," she said. "We kind of had a shaky start to the season with some injuries and stuff, but I finally feel like we got into our groove and playing pretty well recently. I'm feeling confident."

Novi had balanced hitting attack, led by 6-foot-1 senior Abryanna Cannon, who finished with a team-high 15 kills, including the match-point winning kill.

Senior outside hitter Kathryn Ellison chipped in 11 kills and five blocks, while junior Jaeda Porter and O'Leary both had five. O'Leary, who has signed with Michigan, finished with 31 assist-to-kills.

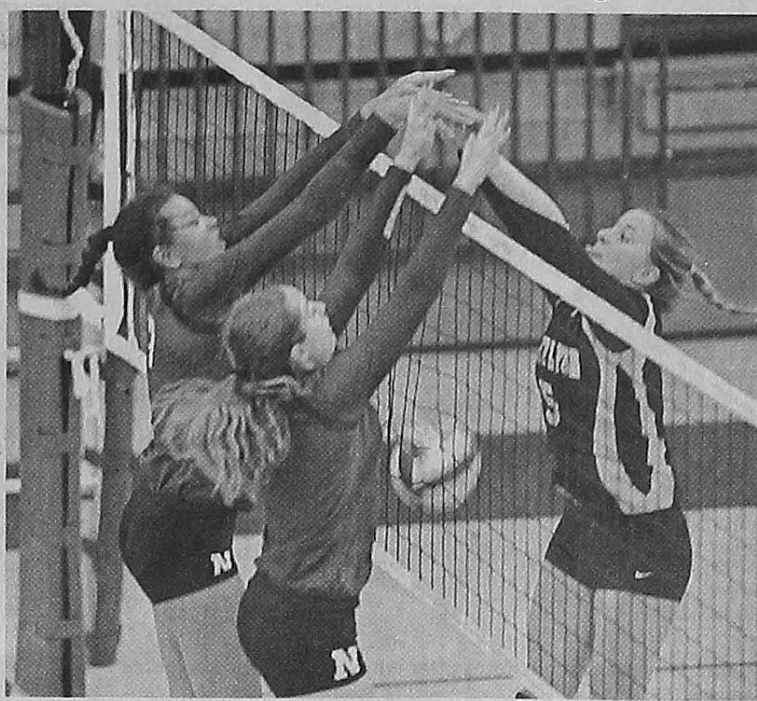
"I thought this was the most intense match and environment with the fans," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "South Lyon had a lot of energy and I thought that they came at us pretty well. They're pretty disciplined, dug us and did some things against us that we haven't seen yet this year and we handled it flawlessly."

Here are four other takeaways:

TIMEOUT TIME

The Wildcats found themselves in an unusual 6-3 hole during the second set when Cottrill burned a rare timeout.

"I said we just needed to reduce the errors," she said. "We were just giving them



Novi's Kathryn Ellison (left) and Shannon Jennings block a shot by South Lyon's Emily Kalinowski. DAN DEAN

easy points and not making them work for anything, just settle in and trust our system."

The Wildcats responded with an 8-0 run and never looked back.

"I think we played very well tonight and I was very impressed with everybody," said Cannon, who has signed with Northwestern. "We had a little bit of ups and downs throughout the game it and it was really nice to see that we could stay composed. There was a time during the second set when we were down 6-3. It was

just really nice to be able to be in that deficit and come out of that."

SAVE OF THE NIGHT

During the second set, Cannon made a sprawling one-handed dig, but South Lyon was able to earn the point.

"It was a pretty gumpy dive. I fell and my body hit the floor and then my head hit the floor," Cannon said. "It didn't feel too good, but it was fine."

TOUGH SLEDDING

South Lyon got six kills from senior Cailey Carlson and

five each from Abby Durecki and Chloe Grimes, who also added three blocks.

Junior setter Emily Kalinowski added 18 assists and five digs, while junior libero Stephanie Kalinowski contributed nine digs and four aces.

But it just wasn't enough to oust the defending Class A champs.

"Novi is a good team," first-year South Lyon coach Rebecca Tincknell said. "Novi has the experience. It's the first time we've made it to the regional finals. They're back-to-back state champions, so they know how to play under this pressure. Our girls are still learning. They've never been in this high-intense of a match before."

LIONS' FUTURE

South Lyon finished the season with a 38-10-3 record and won the regular season title in the new Lakes Valley Conference.

The Lions graduate five seniors: Megan Mrocka, Jillian McKenna, Alexis Hauck, Booth and Carlson.

"Luckily, most of them are coming back," Tincknell said. "We have eight juniors, with most of them in the starting lineup. These seniors still did a hell of a job this season. But we're not going anywhere. This team is going to come back ready to go with eight seniors next year. It's going to be huge for us."

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off-tackle," Catholic Central head coach Dan Anderson said. "They'd been having a lot of success off-tackle and so we just slanted our end inside to stuff up the hole and it worked."

"It's a battle every time we play them. I was defensive coordinator in '09 when we beat them in overtime. In 2011, it was 21-14 (and) it was back and forth. It's just a battle every time and I don't blame them for going for two there. You're going for the win. I'd probably do the same."

Baechler said he was not going to let an extra point decide matters when he had the chance to run it in for the victory. An apparent injury suffered in the fourth quarter by kicker Chase Meredith had no bearing on his decision, he emphasized.

"Not at all. I was not going to win or lose a game or tie a game based on a bad snap, a bad hold or a bad kick," Baechler said. "I've seen enough bad holds and missed kicks through the last 12 games. I could not live with myself if we screwed this up. I'm going to live with my call and it was the right call. We just missed it."

The Chiefs (who finished with a 10-2 record) outgained Catholic Central (8-4) by a 369-299 margin, yet chased the Shamrocks much of the night after letting an early 7-0 lead slip away.

Workhorse

A big reason for that struggle was the running of Shamrocks senior Cam Ryan. He was tough to bring down, gaining 202 yards on 25 rushes and scoring three touchdowns.

Ryan put Canton in a tough spot when he broke a 59-yard TD run up the middle on the first snap of the second half. That padded a 14-13 halftime lead.

"They were opening up holes," Ryan said about his linemen. "On that long one, honestly, no one touched me. They're a great offensive line, they're really jelling at the right time. It's perfect."

Anderson said Ryan "runs with an attitude. And he doesn't let one guy bring him down, he's going to fight every step of the way. He's been our go-to guy all year."

Meanwhile, with Canton junior running back Steven Walker out of the game in the first half due to an injury and the passing game not clicking, Baechler relied on Jouppe (91 yards rushing) and seniors



Catholic Central's Christian Kipp (bottom) brings down Canton ball carrier Colin Troup. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Nick Polydoros and Colin Troup to spark the offense.

Polydoros had a great night, gaining 179 yards on 10 carries and giving the Chiefs hope late in the first half, when he scored on a 41-yard dash with just 17 seconds left. Troup registered 60 yards and scored on two 11-yard touchdown runs (one per half).

"We got caught banged up; we didn't have our best squad out there," Baechler said. "We had to switch around. But the kids played their butts off. That's playoffs — you got to stay healthy and you got to get some breaks."

Canton bounced back on the frigid night, tying the game 20-20 before the end of the third quarter on Troup's second TD and Meredith's extra point.

But Catholic Central came back, taking a 27-20 lead on yet

another Ryan score.

That set up the late TD toss to Brown, deep in the end zone. It wasn't enough.

"When you want to win, you'll do anything," Brown said, choking back emotion. "I'd do anything for these guys. I just wish I would have made more plays earlier in the game. I don't know. It's tough."

Following are several takeaways from the game:

CAN'T GET A GRIP

With temperatures in the 20s, Engel and his receivers could not connect. A couple of catchable throws were not reeled in to stall the Chiefs in the first half.

Canton running back Jajuan Frazier fumbled near midfield to keep the Chiefs from building on an early 7-0 lead. The Shamrocks quickly made him pay, with Ryan ac-

counting for all 51 yards of a four-play drive. He scored from the 16 with 11:54 left in the first half to put Catholic Central on the board.

NICK OF TIME

Polydoros had already broken loose for big runs of 53 and 25 yards in the first half, but his third big-gainer of the frigid night was a 41-yard gallop for an important TD. That came with just 26 seconds left before intermission to pull the Chiefs to within 14-13. The extra point was blocked, however.

LET IT ROLL

Early in the second quarter, Catholic Central punter Kevin Korte's boot rolled all the way to the Chiefs' 1-yard line to put Canton in a big hole. Three snaps later, it was CC's turn to receive a punt.

TOUGH SENDOFF

Canton coach Baechler had words of praise for his team's "great senior class. I love them. They're tough kids, they compete their butts off. And a lot of multi-sport athletes, too."

The dream of making it to Ford Field came to a bitter end for that group of seniors, led by linebacker Lou Baechler, lineman Ronald Fenderson, Brown, Troup, Engel, Polydoros and Meredith.

Other seniors included Robert Laird, Danny Lanava, Jack Perry, Winston Stanford, Aaron Garbarino, Brandon Mehl, Joe Vespaziani, Siddarth Nath, Evan Kernosek, Max Mulvane, Shawn Courtney, Patrick Lenczewski, Matt English and Zion Weathersby.

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Ladywood, Clarenceville, PCA rule regionals

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Junior outside hitter Madison Benoit recorded 20 kills and 18 digs as Livonia Ladywood captured the Class B volleyball regional title Nov. 9 at Jonesville with a 25-19, 25-18, 20-25, 25-23 triumph over Carleton Airport.

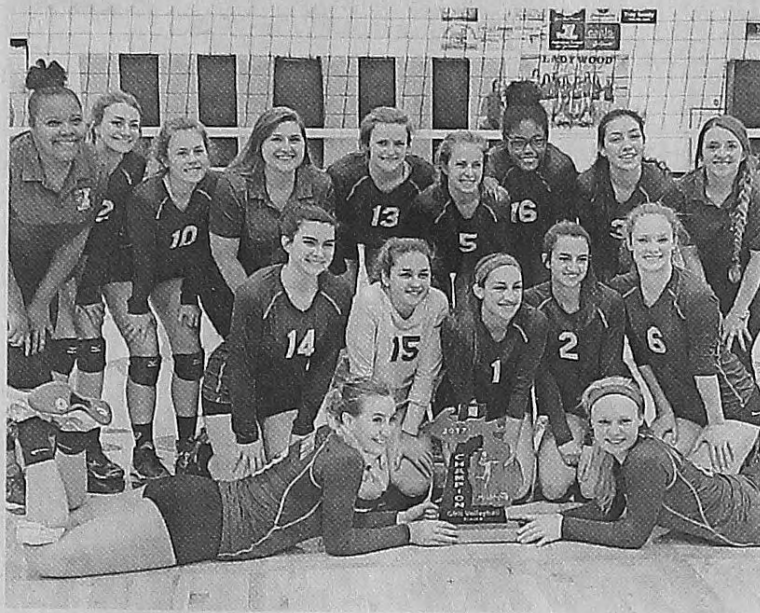
Other standouts for the Blazers included senior Natasha Strzelewicz (18 kills), junior Madeline Hudson (14 kills), junior Monique Lamoureux (60 assists, 22 digs) and senior Reese Moschetta (25 digs).

The Blazers (22-5-1) were scheduled to face Livonia Clarenceville (13-14-2) Tuesday in a quarterfinal match-up at New Boston Huron.

"Our serve receive started off a little shaky, but once the girls figured it out, they started to capitalize," second-year Ladywood coach Kathryn Chinavare said. "We knew that Airport played their libero out of middle back (row), so the line shot would be our best option on an offensive approach. But defense-wise, I know I can count in Reese (Moschetta) to pick up just about everything. And when they started to target Monique (Lamoureux), our setter, she didn't let it faze her and picked up everything, so that was huge for us."

It was the Blazers' first regional title since 2015.

"It's a huge win moving on to quarterfinals and it's really a significant thing," Chinavare said. "I just know our coaches and myself couldn't be more proud of these girls



Livonia Ladywood celebrates after winning the Class B regional title against Carleton Airport.

and all the hard work they've put in thus far."

Clarenceville rolls

Livonia Clarenceville came through with flying colors Nov. 9 at home, earning its first Class B regional title since 1997 with a 25-16, 25-20, 25-21 three-set sweep over visiting Detroit Voyageur.

Michelle Marzolo finished with 11 kills and three ace serves as the Trojans (13-14-2) advance to the quarterfinals to face Livonia Ladywood (22-5-1), scheduled for Tuesday at New Boston Huron.

Audrey Owens, Londen Green and Krystal Jones each added six kills for Clarenceville, while setter Erica Bertera dished out 19 assist-to-kills.

Defensively, Bertera led

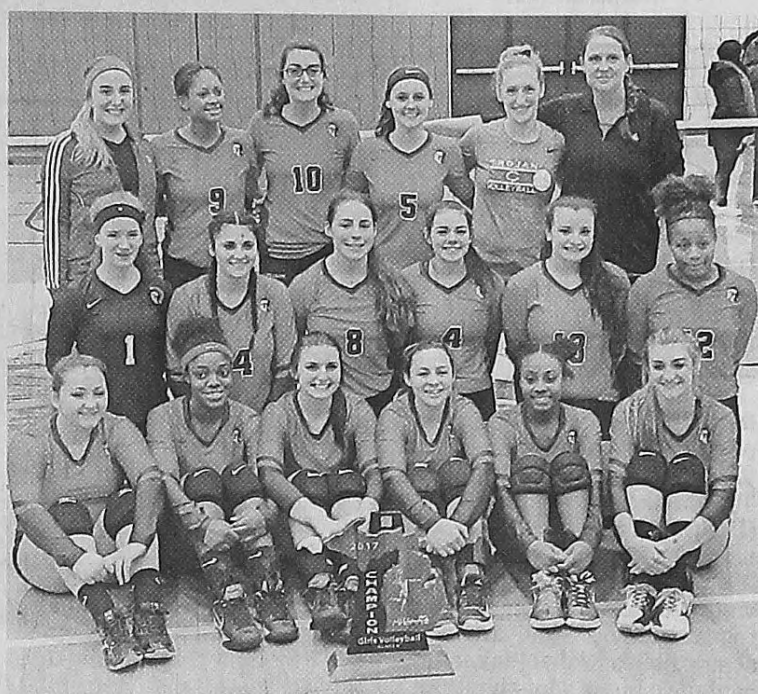
the way with eight digs, while Cassidy Galvin and Marzolo added six apiece. Allie Snage was also strong on serve receive for the Trojans.

PCA on to quarters

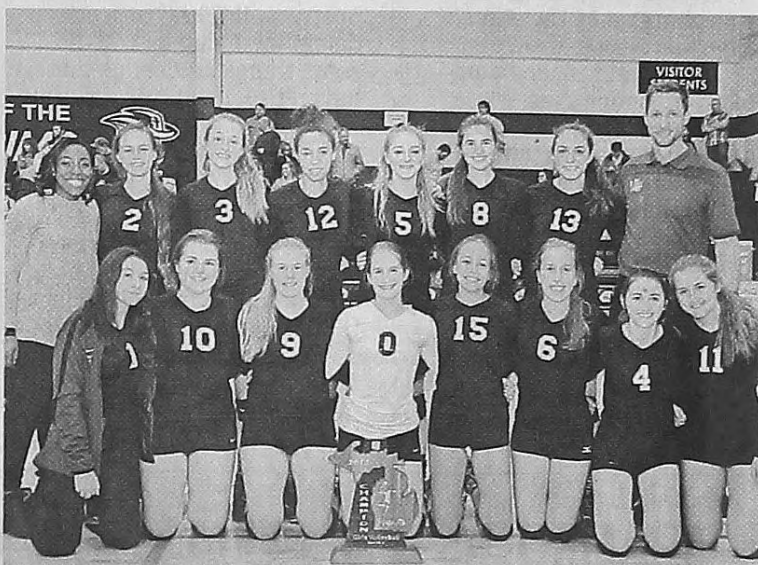
Plymouth Christian Academy, the defending Class D champs, won a regional tourney at Lansing Christian, sweeping to a 3-0 victory Nov. 9 over North Adams-Jerome.

The Eagles move on to face Battle Creek St. Philip, scheduled for Tuesday at Kalamazoo Central.

Coaches and team representatives are invited to send game information and story tips to LIV-sports@hometownlife.com.



The Livonia Clarenceville volleyball team captured its first regional title since 1997.



Plymouth Christian Academy won a Class D regional championship at Lansing Christian.

VOLLEYBALL

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digs) and senior Julia Bice (five assists). Helping the cause with three kills each were sophomores Libby Cleveland and Koryn Parmenter.

"They did a good job controlling the net, both blocking and hitting," Spartans coach Julian Wargo said. "We were swinging well. I thought we were serving well. I thought we did serve-serve well."

"We're a little younger than they are and I thought we brought everything we could."

Beaudoin, one of five Stevenson seniors playing their final game for the squad (along with Lackey, Bice, Monica Weinrauch and Emilie Wassermann) said she didn't think the Marlins "outworked us, but they're definitely bigger than us. They have big hitters."

Following are several takeaways from the contest:

YOUNG GUNS

The Marlins boast a lineup featuring several freshmen and sophomores, without missing a beat.

"It's a good blend. I don't think you could differentiate a senior versus a freshman out there tonight," Vogel said.

Chiming in about Mercy's deep and talented roster was freshman Maddi Malecki: "Each girl does their part and, when we all do our part, it just makes things a lot easier."

STAYING FRESH

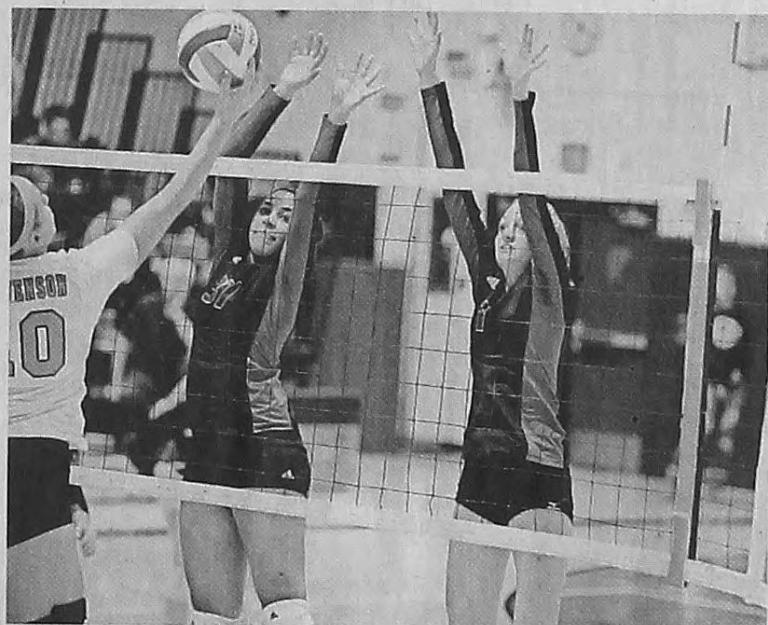
Mruzik gave props to Vogel and the rest of the Mercy coaching staff for knowing when to let up on the gas pedal during late-season practices.

"A lot of coaches at the end of the year push their teams to go super-hard preparing for playoffs," Mruzik said. "But our coaches have done a really nice job ... knowing when to take breaks. Some days, we'll have a serve-serve, then a scouting report kind of day. Whereas a lot of other coaches will go full-on, two-hour practices every day."

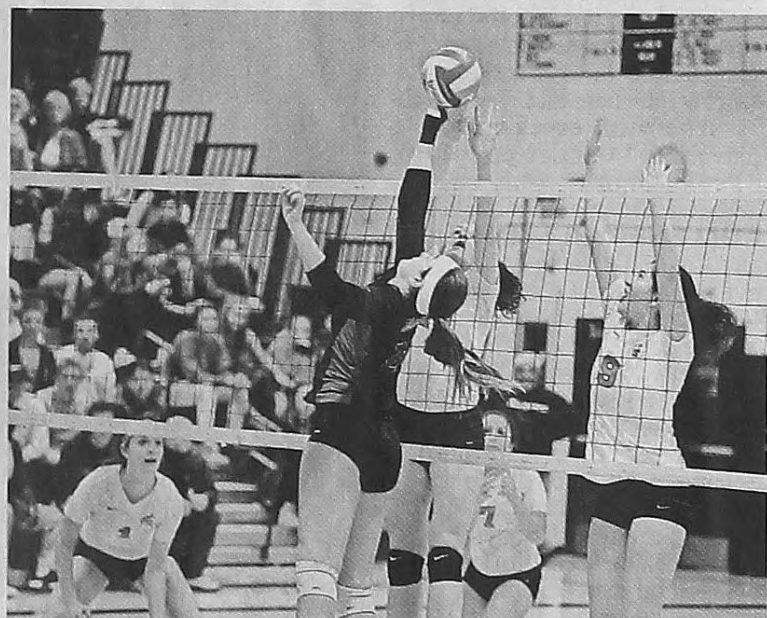
"It's helped our bodies a lot preparing for this long of a season. Once you're physically worn out, you're not playing at your best. And once you're not playing at your best, your mind kind of goes with it, too."

UNFORCED ERRORS

Although Mercy showed it was the better team through-



Defense from Farmington Hills Mercy players Charli Atiemo (left) and Logan Beyer helped the Marlins defeat Livonia Stevenson. TOM BEAUDOIN



Fighting for the ball are Mercy's Julia Bishop (front) and Stevenson's Claire Beaudoin and Audrey Lackey (right). TOM BEAUDOIN



Farmington Hills Mercy's varsity volleyball team celebrates after winning the Class A regional against Livonia Stevenson. TOM BEAUDOIN

out the match, there were times when the Spartans appeared ready to cut into the deficit — only to serve a ball into the net or miss the mark on spike attempts, giving freebies to the Marlins.

SERVING IT UP

Pietruszka sparked the

Spartans with some nifty serving, but Mercy always limited the damage.

"When I get an ace, I just go crazy and my team does as well," Pietruszka said. "I'm glad I was on point. They're very athletic, high verticals. They're a very good team. But

I think we played our best."

LEARNING CURVE

Wargo congratulated the Marlins on their regional title. He also praised his group.

"The way I look at it, we've been preaching all season either we win or we learn," he said. "And we learned a lot

tonight about what it means to be competitive and what it means to move on to the next round.

"I'm graduating five and I could be returning nine. I'm very excited about what our future looks like."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Seasoned vets back for Spartans

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Where there's a Will Trage, there's definitely a way for the Livonia Stevenson varsity boys hockey team to again be heard in 2017-18.

The senior goaltender is entrenched between the pipes for veteran head coach David Mitchell as the Spartans look to build from last year's strong season (17-10-1), which ended with a tough loss to Hartland in the Division 2 state quarter-finals.

"We have our goaltender Will Trage back," Mitchell said. "He's one of the best goaltenders in the state. And then you have (Jake) Beaune and (Kevin) Stefanick back on (defense).

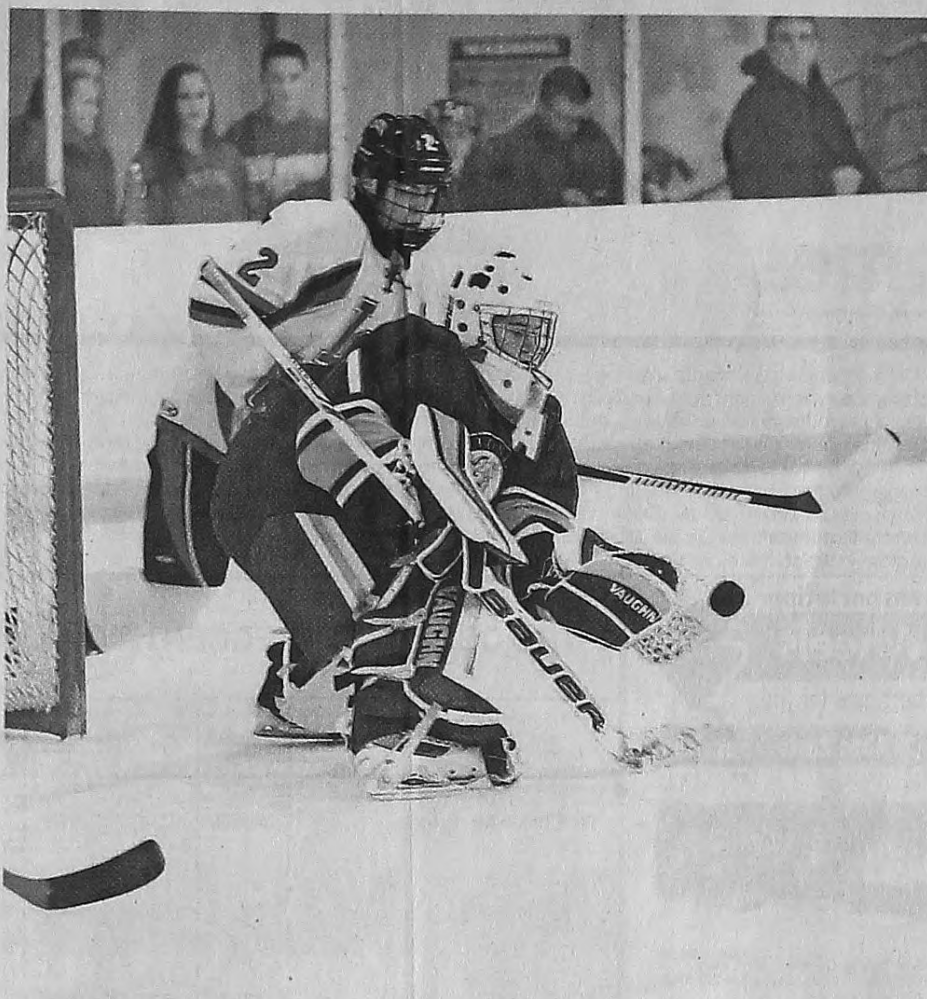
"And then Julian Decina's back and his cousin Vinny (at forward). We have a lot of guys back at the right spots."

But there is plenty more to like about the Spartans, who open with games Nov. 18 at Birmingham Brother Rice and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, against Livonia Churchill at Eddie Edgar Arena.

"We've added some depth and we've had some guys do really well in the summer and the fall here," Mitchell said. "We're excited."

Mitchell said the team will be counting on other contributors, including forwards Brenden Preiss and Cole Parkhurst, "a couple guys who could score some goals for us."

The roster is packed with returning seniors on the blue line (Beaune, Stefanick, Connor Jakacki, Kyle Siroky and



Livonia Stevenson goalie Will Trage, shown from a 2016-17 game, is among several key returning seniors for the Spartans. TOM BEAUDOIN



Mitchell

Easton Schlatterbeck), so the Spartans will have experience to help out Trage.

Sophomore forward Seth Lause could be a player to watch.

"I think (Lause) is ready to break out," Mitchell said. "He had a pretty good freshman year."

Meanwhile, the Thanksgiving eve game against the Chargers notwithstanding, the Stevenson-Churchill rivalry is about to change.

Mitchell said Churchill moved down to Division 3; the Spartans remain in D2. That means one Livonia team won't

knock out the other in the postseason. Livonia Franklin also is in D3.

"If anything, it allows us to work a little more cooperatively together, knowing that we're not going to end each other's season," Mitchell said. "Now we can go cheer on Churchill every game and they can do the same for us — and the same with Franklin, too."

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MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

Schoolcraft offense revs it up against Alpena

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The Schoolcraft College men's hockey team already enjoyed a hefty lead Saturday against shorthanded Alpena Community College with less than five minutes to go at Redford Arena.

But the Ocelots kept putting pedal to the medal, particularly sophomore forward Vinnie Glenn (Livonia Stevenson), who scored four goals in the team's 10-4 victory. Glenn scored his third and fourth goals in the final seven minutes.

On his fourth goal, he stopped and popped from the left circle — finding and hitting a gap inside the short-side post against Lumberjacks goaltender Myles Grix.

"He had a lot of space, a lot of time, too," Schoolcraft head coach Rob Lindsay said after the American Collegiate Hockey Association contest. "He's a good shooter; he knows how to pick the open spots."

According to Glenn, scoring four goals "always feels good, but it was as good team victory." Glenn, an assistant captain, noted that the team's game plan was to keep pushing against Alpena. The Lumberjacks only had nine players dressed for the back end of two games against Schoolcraft (the Ocelots won Friday, 5-3).

"They had a good team for having as many guys as they did," Glenn said. "We knew what we had to do, coming into it ... dump and chase, get in there and wear them down. And

then the goals will come as we wear them down.

"I think we did a good job of that. It could have been a little bit better, but we'll move it one step at a time."

Eight Ocelots registered multiple points, while enjoying a 53-24 edge in shots on goal.

Scoring two goals and chipping in with an assist was Jacob Stanley, while defenseman and Stevenson alum Zach Finzel garnered a goal and three assists.

Finzel broke a 2-2 tie just 25 seconds into the second period when he skated down the left wing and blasted a high shot off the post and in. That set the tone for a dominant period, with Schoolcraft scoring four times and outshooting Alpena 20-8.

"It really did (set the tone)," Lindsay said about the Finzel goal. "Guys started stepping it up."

Alpena did score two goals early in the third period to cut the Lumberjacks' deficit to 6-4.

The second of those goals was on a penalty shot. Hunter Frazier flicked a backhand high into net behind Ocelots goalie Matt Monendo (Livonia Franklin), who wasn't overworked in the game but had to make a few timely stops.

Schoolcraft (6-6) got those two goals right back, with Livonia Churchill alum Derek Klisz and Scott Pohl (Stevenson) scoring. Klisz finished with a goal and an assist for the game.

Garden City's Owen Hund scored Schoolcraft's other goal, and he added an assist.

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COLLEGE WRESTLING

Former Shamrock leads U-M to victory

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A standing-room-only crowd turned out Friday at Detroit Catholic Central's Robert Santello Gymnasium to watch the University of Michigan wrestle Arizona State.

The Wolverines and the Sun Devils didn't disappoint.

All-American Kevin Beazley, a former Shamrock's standout, turned in a key 7-2 victory at 197 pounds and second-ranked red-shirt sophomore Stevan Micic delivered a 16-5 major decision as the third-ranked Wolverines stopped the No. 7 Sun Devils, 21-18, in the season-opener.

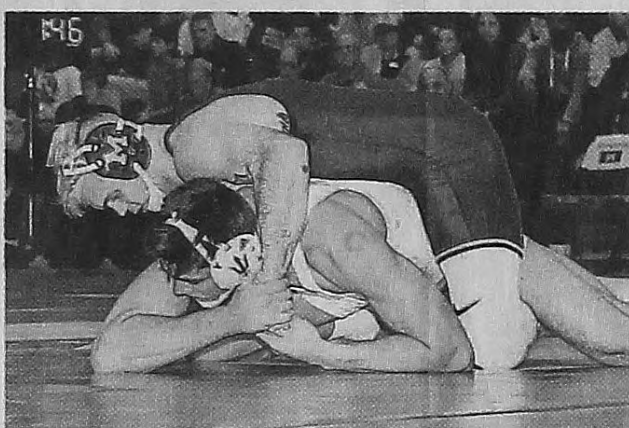
Beazley, ranked sixth at 197, got off to a strong start in his match with true freshman Cade Belsahy, then struggled to score in the last period. Beazley said the atmosphere in the CC gym had him amped up early.

"I got excited early," said Beazley, who last wrestled in this gym in 2012. "I didn't wrestle very well in the third period, so I'm not too happy about that."

Red-shirt sophomore Sal Profaci provided the winning margin with a dominating 11-0 win over ASU's Nikko Villareal at 141 pounds.

"We knew it would be a hard-fought match ... we won some tough matches," Michigan coach Joe McFarland said. "We won the matches we needed to win."

Beazley was one of three former Shamrocks — 174-pounder Myles Amine and 149-pounder Malik Amine were the others — in Michigan's lineup. Myles dropped a



U-M's Kevin Beazley (top), a CC grad, defeated Arizona State's Cade Belsahy, 7-2, at 197 pounds. SCOTT CONFER

tough 4-2 decision to top-ranked Zahid Valencia. Brother Malik was forced to withdraw due to injury after coming down on the top of his head during his match with ASU's Josh Maruca.

The meet got off to a rocky start for U-M red-shirt junior Alec Pantaleo, a junior from Canton, dropped a 4-3 decision to ASU's Josh Shields when Shields scored a take down with about 15 seconds left.

Neither Pantaleo, coming off a red-shirt season where he said he didn't face any competition, nor his coach were happy with the match.

"It's tough getting thrown back into college competition ... I'm still working on my timing," said Pantaleo, who wrestled at Canton High School. "The cool thing is I'll see (Shields) a couple of weeks down the road and I'll wrestle a different match."

McFarland said Pantaleo needed to finish the match more strongly than he did.

"Alec wrestled well, but he had a bad third period," McFarland said. "We needed a better third period there."

U-M got strong matches, though, from Beazley, heavyweight Adam Coon — "That was a key win for us," McFarland said — and third-ranked Logan Massa at 165 pounds.

Those tough wins were the difference in the meeting, according to ASU coach Zeke Jones, an Ann Arbor native and former Olympic silver medalist and U.S. Olympic freestyle head coach.

"It was a really well-fought meet with two really good teams," Jones said. "You have to capitalize on the moments when it gets close and we didn't do that as well as they did."

It was an atmosphere that current CC coach Mitch Hancock enjoyed. It was set up by a scheduling conflict at U-M, forcing the wrestling team to find a new home for the evening.

"We're fortunate that (McFarland) chose to have it here at CC," Hancock said. "We're lucky to have three (former) Shamrocks in the lineup. It's great to see them come back and wrestle in their home gym."

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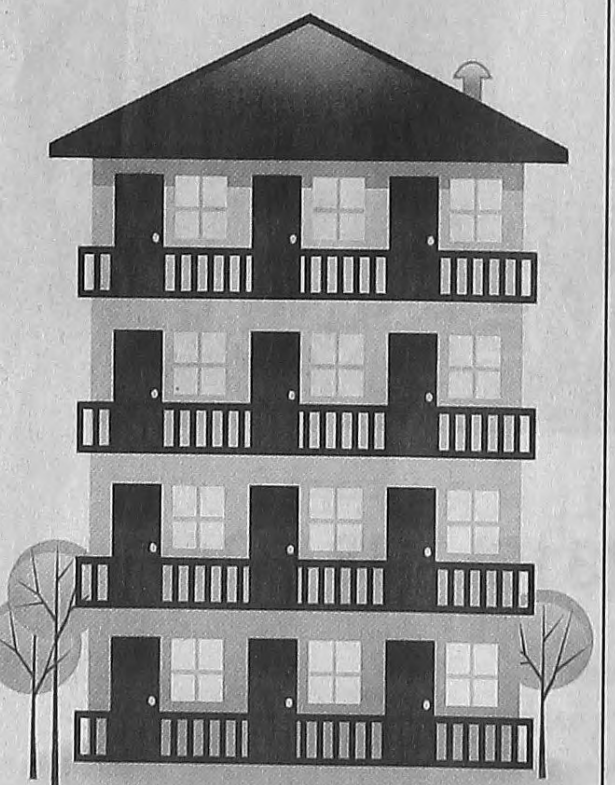
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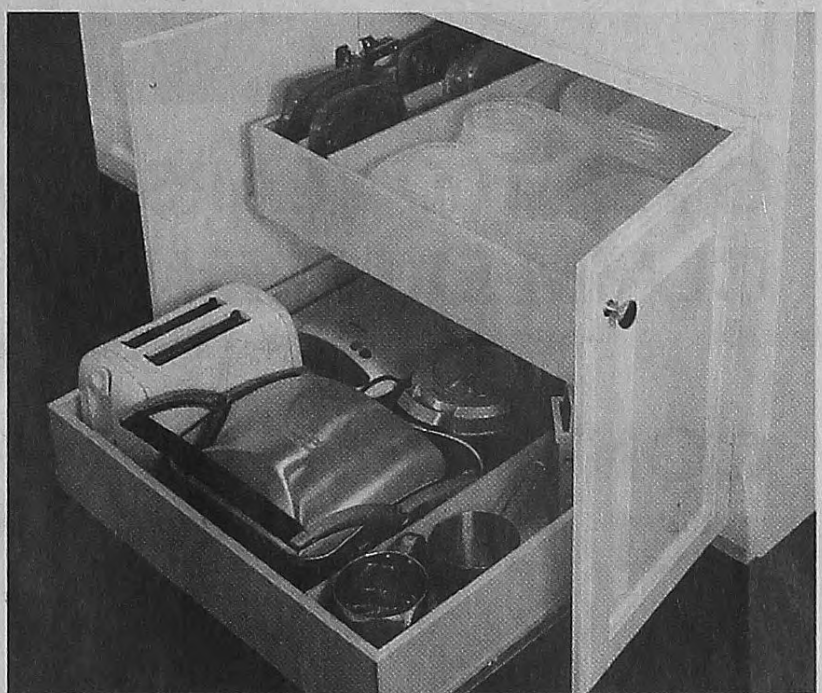
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