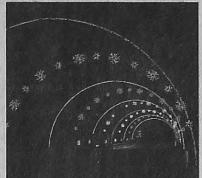
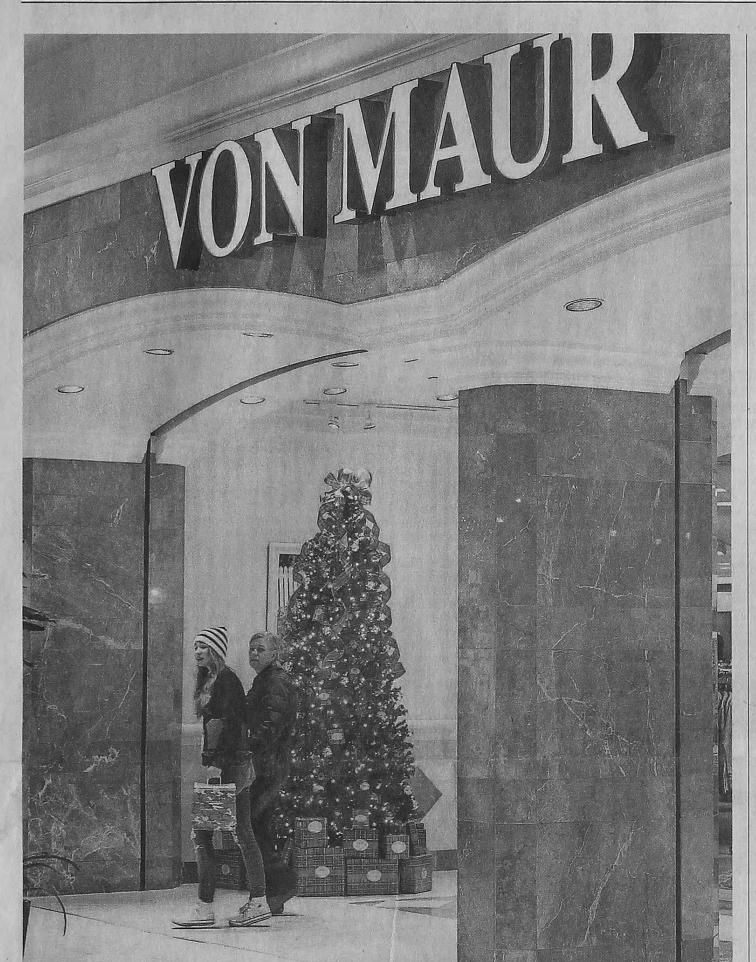
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Most area malls now closed for Thanksgiving Day holiday

David Veselenak

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There are fewer options for shoppers to hit the mall and burn off some of that turkey and stuffing Thanksgiving night this year.

Several area malls will be closed for Thanksgiving this year, leaving just one, Twelve Oaks, 27500 Novi Road, in Novi, as the lone mall in the western suburbs of Detroit remaining open. The mall will be open for six hours

Thursday night.

"For us, it's based on demand," said Emily Taucher, marketing and sponsorship director for Twelve Oaks. "We will be open at 6 p.m. and we will be open through midnight.

Twelve Oaks will then reopen at 7 a.m. Friday and close at 9 p.m. Several department stores will be open varying hours at the mall, including:

» JCPenney will open at 2 p.m. Thursday and remain open throughout the night until close Friday night.

» Lord & Taylor will be open from 5

p.m. Thursday to 2 a.m. Friday and again from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday

» Macy's will open at 5 p.m. Thursday and close at midnight

» Nordstrom's will be closed for Thursday and will reopen at 9 a.m.

» Sears will open at 6 p.m. Thursday and close at midnight. It will then reopen at 7 a.m. Friday and be open until 9 p.m.

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Canton ramps up marketing of recreation amenities

Darrell Clem

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Amid efforts to spur new interest in amenities such as the Summit on the Park recreation center and the Village

Theater at Cherry Hill, Canton is ratcheting up its marketing efforts.

The township board has agreed to spend about \$60,000 to hire a second marketing specialist for Canton Leisure Services, restoring a position that was cut during the last recession. The cost is being offset by budget cuts such as

reducing part-time positions.
The move comes as CLS has witnessed a 15-percent decline in the number of recreation classes it offers due to declining enrollment, officials say.

Leisure Services Director Greg Hohenberger said the new marketing specialist will allow Canton to better promote recreation offerings such as Village Theater shows and Summit on the Park recreation classes.

"Those are our two biggest market pushes that we put things out there for," he said.

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Another trip to Kellogg Arena results in state title for PCA

Tim Smith

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The Kelloggs and their Plymouth Christian Academy teammates liked the taste of last year's Class D volleyball state championship so much that

they wanted a second helping.
With Saturday's 25-18, 25-23, 25-21
victory over pesky Fowler at Kellogg
Arena in Battle Creek, that quiest was accomplished in thrilling fashion.

At the close of the second set, a tip at the net by senior outside hitter Grace Kellogg enabled PCA to stem the Fow-ler tide and then the defending champs overcame an early 8-2 deficit in the third set before storming back for the

"It was really big. I could feel the pressure starting to build up at the end, because they were coming back and they were getting excited," Kellogg said about her clutch side-out point. "They could have had that game. But it was exciting.

"The set was a little tight (near the net), so I was, like, probably not best to swing, so I just tipped it and it worked

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However, CLS oversees numerous other activities, such as preschool classes, the perennial Liberty Fest, Canton Farmers Market and The B.L.O.C.K., a youth center that stands for Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids.

Before the recession, CLS had two full-time

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and three part-time marketing employees. Now, it will again have two full-time positions, but only one part-time, Ho-

henberger said.
Officials say Canton faces a marketing land-scape that is evolving due to increased competition from commercial enterprises vying for the same market share of family friendly programs and services.

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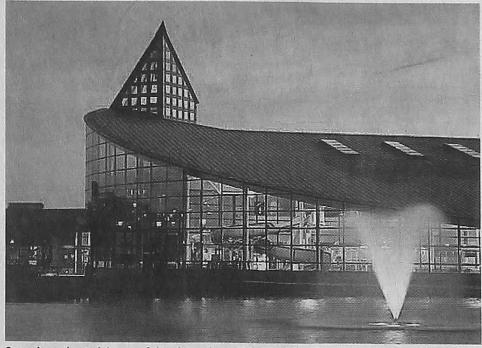
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In recent years, the downsized marketing staff could only fill about 70 percent of the marketing requests it received internally in Canton, officials say. That left some programs and services without any promotional efforts.

Hohenberger said the new marketing specialist will allow CLS to do more promotion on social media and also to become involved in larger marketing campaigns to promote local programs and services.

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Summit on the Park is one of the places that will be more heavily marketed after Canton hires a new marketing specialist. CANTON TOWNSHIP

Livonia resident out \$1,000 in virus removal scam

David Veselenak

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Livonia police continue to warn residents of alway-present phone scams looking to weasel away money after a resident lost \$1,000 in such a crime.

A 43-year-old Livonia woman came into the police station Nov. 16 to report she had been scammed by someone claiming to be from Microsoft.

She said she got a call from someone claiming to be from the computer company, saying she was owed \$700 on a refund for a virus scan. Instead of just issuing the refund via a direct deposit or a check, the suspect told her to go to Walmart and purchase \$1,500 worth of illures gift cards.

funds off the cards to the suspect over the phone and then she would be issued \$2,200, enough to cover the cost of the cards as well as the \$700 refund.

She went to the store and purchased the cards and spoke to another suspect the next day, who also confirmed her bank account to have the funds deposited into. She read off the numbers on the back of \$1,000 worth of cards to the suspect before she determined the situation appeared suspicious

She went to a local bank to tell workers there about the incident. They told her to file a report with the Livonia Police Department.

Microsoft, which is a separate company from Apple, lists advice on its website for several types of scams that may come up including via phone

does not send unsolicited email messages or make unsolicited phone calls to request for personal or financial information or fix your computer," according to Microsoft's website.

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PCA

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PCA head coach D.J. Kellogg said that specific play "was a big pressurereliever. They had the momentum and that let a little air out of the balloon.

Closing out the championship-clinching set was a spike kill by junior middle blocker Elise Miera, who hammered senior setter Abigail Pray's perfect set over the net to touch off a mob scene on the Kellogg

"We tend to have third game issues, I don't know why," D.J. Kellogg said. "After you get two (wins), you get comfortable, we started that way (in the third). Got a little lazy with passing, got down 8-2 right out of the gate. But you could see they wanted it.'

Grace Kellogg was the catalyst, with 15 kills and 17 defensive digs. But she had company making things happen for PCA, which finished with a 44-8-3 record.

Also stellar on offense was her younger sister, sophomore Gabriella Kellogg, with 15 kills and 18 digs. Chipping in seven kills was Miera, while senior Robin Albert tallied five kills.

Sophomore libero Madison Raymond registered 13 digs, with Moriah Willis adding six.

Much of the tic-tac-toe offense was due to the work of Pray, with 31 assists.

But Fowler (38-11-5) did not go quietly, with outstanding defense from senior Sidney Horak (23 digs) and junior Marissa Snyder (13 digs).

"Our defense kept us in the game and allowed us to run the offense that we wanted," Fowler head coach Patty Feldpausch





This tip by Plymouth Christian Academy senior Grace Kellogg closed out a 25-23 win in the second set. It was a pivotal moment during the Class D final at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. TOM LANG

said. "We played great defense.'

Fowler kept battling back, demonstrating the team's tenacity.

"We're like a mosquito buzzing around, not wanting to give up," Feld-pausch said. "But PCA serving was too tough."

The teams played a back-and-forth opening set until Gabriella Kellogg launched a six-point serving streak to put PCA up 16-10. Coming through with a tip to conclude a lengthy rally was Raymond.

Also big during that stretch was a diving stop by Willis, which enabled PCA to close out the point on a spike by Grace Kel-

Co-captains Grace Kellogg, Pray and Albert agreed that the strong team camaraderie off the court had an impact on staying loose and confident on it.

"This team, we were so close throughout the whole entire year," Pray said. "We have so many inside jokes and so much that helped us play on the court.'

Albert agreed, noting that team chemistry "was so important, espe-

cially in games like the third game, when you're down six points. You know you have a strong team, a strong bond. ... You can get back on

track. Following are several

other takeaways:

START WHAT YOU FINISH Coaches D.J. Kellogg and Brianna Harris challenged the Eagles right from the start of the year, scheduling matches against Class A and Class B teams, as well as competing in the grueling Beast of the East tourney

"Ultimately, it does prepare you for this and it's a nice bonus, but it's not the main reason I do it," Kellogg said.

LEGACY GROWS

With PCA's second consecutive title, the Eagles are starting to build the kind of legacy that perennial Class D powers such as Battle Creek St. Philip and Leland have enjoyed.

"I definitely feel it is really memorable for us and for our school, Grace Kellogg said. "I think no one will forget the experiences that we've had winning these two titles."

HARD WORK PAYS OFF

The Eagles often had to do their homework in the wee hours of the morning, especially after long practices.
According to D.J.

Kellogg, that did not sway his team from getting after it every day of the season.

"They worked tireless to get better and the

byproduct is this," he said. "They didn't take any time off, they're a private school, willing to stay up until one or two in the morning every night to do their homework to have 21/2 hours of practice. They earned it."

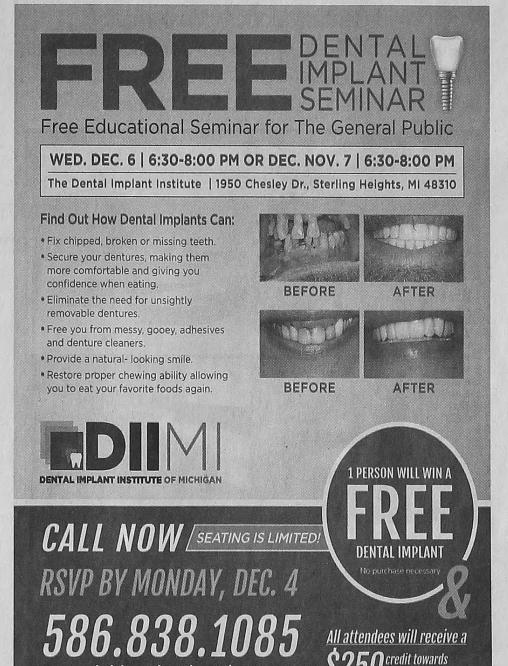
GOING OUT IN STYLE

Last year's championship team lost eight players to graduation and this year's will lose sev-

en. Grace Kellogg, Pray, Albert, Willis, Morgan Raymond, Hallie Allen and Natalie Shaffer.

Rounding out the roster are junior Miera, sophomores Madison Raymond, Lydia Sikes, Caitlin Warnshuis and Gabriella Kellogg and freshmen Dariya Roi and Isabella Racho.

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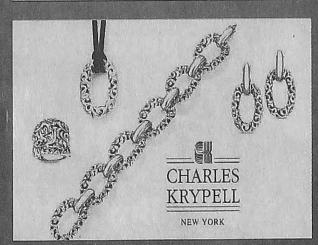
















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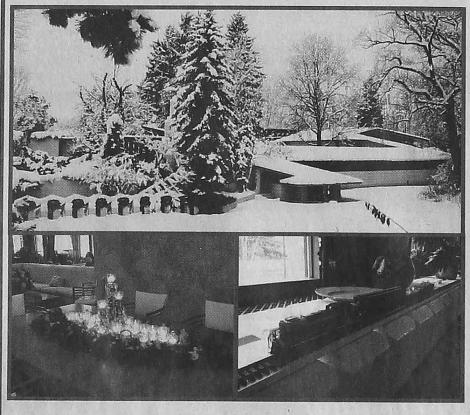
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The show will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 7-9, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9-10, at The Biltmore Studio inside The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

There is free parking and the theater handicap accessible with a concession stand.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at 734-394-5300 or www.canton-mi. org/villagetheater. For more information, call 248-719-3637, email spotlightonyouthmi@gmail.com or go to www.spotlightonyouth mi.com.

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Malls staying closed

Three of the area's malls will close for Turkey Day, including Westland Shopping Center, which was open last Thanksgiving. A listing on the mall's website indicates it will be closed this year.

Messages were left with the mall seeking comment on the closure, but were not returned by press time.

Westland Shopping Center will reopen at 6 a.m. Friday and remain open until 10 p.m.

Going into its second year of being closed Thanksgiving is Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile, in Livonia. Its parent company, CBL Properties, decided last year to shut down its malls for Thanksgiving.

That decision was so well-received, said Rockford, Ill.-based spokeswoman Melissa Cavanagh, that they decided to do it again this year and save the shopping mania for Black Friday instead.

"It was an overwhelming positive response from our shoppers and our retailers," she said. "Overall, it's given the holiday back to everyone. We are focused on creating an amazing shopping experience for Black Friday."

Laurel Park Place will open at 6 a.m. Friday morning and remain open until 10 p.m.

While the entire mall will be closed, at least one store will be open: Carson's will open at 11 a.m. Thursday and remain open throughout the night until 11 p.m.

Friday. Von Maur will be closed Thanksgiving and will be open its regular hours Friday

hours Friday.

Several department stores at the Westland Shopping Center will also have varying hours. Kohl's will be open starting at 5 p.m. Thursday and remain open throughout the night until 11 p.m. Friday. Sears will open at 6 p.m. Thursday and close at 1 a.m. Friday, then reopen at 6 a.m. Friday and stay open until 11 p.m.

The area's other nearby mall, Somerset Collection, 2800 Big Beaver, in Troy, will also be closed Thanksgiving and open at 8 a.m. Black Friday. It will remain open until 9 p.m.

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Plymouth man serves in national service program

Vaughn Birchler, 23, of Plymouth recently began a 10-month term of service in the National Civilian Community Corps, an AmeriCorps program. Birchler, based out of the regional campus in Sacramento, Calif., is currently serving on his first pro-

Birchler arrived in Sacramento in mid-October to begin training. This training emphasized teamwork, leadership development, communication, safety and project preparation.

As a corps member, Birchler will be responsible for completing a series of six- to 12-weeklong service projects as part of a 10- to 12-person team. His first service projects will end in mid-December, at which time the teams will break for the winter holidays and begin a new project in a new location in January.

Twenty-three teams composed of 279 corps members and team leaders began service projects in November throughout the Pacific region and areas affected by recent hurricanes. Some of these projects include supporting wildfire response and recovery in California and Washington, renovating transitional housing for homeless youth in Wyoming and assisting with hurricane recovery in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, among a variety of other projects.

There are four additional NCCC campuses, located in Denver, Colo., Baltimore, Md., Vinton, Iowa, and Vicksburg, Miss., each of which is a hub for its respective area of the country.

Before joining the NCCC, Birchler graduated from Canton High School in 2012, then attended Grand Valley State University, which he graduated from in 2016 with a degree in health communications.

"I wanted to take some time in my life to fully commit to helping others and making an impact in communities across America," Birchler said, "AmeriCorps NCCC is a great opportunity to help others and to help me learn and grow as a person." He is the son of Laurie and John Birchler.

Founded in 1994, AmeriCorps NCCC is a

residential national service program that supports disaster relief, the environment, infrastructure improvement, energy conservation and urban and rural development. Over the past 23 years, more than 1 million Americans have served the nation through the family of AmeriCorps programs. Currently, about 80,000 people serve in AmeriCorps programs nationwide each year, with about 2,000 of those in AmeriCorps NCCC.

AmeriCorps NCCC members, all ages 18-24, complete at least 1,700

hours of service during the 10-month program. In exchange for their service, they receive \$5,815 to help pay for college. Other benefits include a small living stipend, room and board, leadership development, team building skills and the knowl-edge that, through active citizenship, they can indeed make a difference. AmeriCorps NCCC is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. For more information about AmeriCorps NCCC, go to www.national service.gov/nccc.

St. Joseph Mercy, Mercy Health announce merger

The Trinity Healthowned health systems of St. Joseph Mercy Health System in southeast Michigan and Mercy Health in west Michigan announced they will combine their two systems into one statewide system to create a strong, peoplecentered care delivery

network across Michigan. Rob Casalou, regional president and CEO of SJMHS, will be president and CEO of the combined Michigan system, effective Jan. 1, 2018. Roger Spoelman, president and CEO of Mercy Health, will serve as senior vice president of strategic and operational integration for Trinity Health, located in Livonia. In this national role, Spoelman will work closely with Mike Slubowski, president and COO of Trinity Health, and Ben Carter, executive vice president and CFO of Trinity Health, and the integration teams to lead selected efforts within Trinity Health to support accelerated development and effective integration

The new health system in Michigan will include 10 hospitals with 2,357 licensed beds, nine outpatient health centers, 12 urgent care facilities and more than 35 specialty centers. It will employ more than 22,500 and have a medical staff of nearly 4,000 physicians.

The new statewide structure is part of Trinity Health's national strategy to integrate teams and resources to serve communities better. Trinity Health recently combined five hospitals and other facilities in Connecticut and Massachusetts to form Trinity Health of New England.

Trinity Health's strategy in Michigan has intensified in recent years, including shared partnerships and new affiliations with Michigan Medicine and Together Health Network. This statewide focus will enable the regional health systems to combine their strong care delivery networks while estab-

lishing a highly visible and recognizable brand within the communities they serve - going to market as one, unified system for people-centered care.

Spoelman joined Trinity Health in 1981 and has been president and CEO of Trinity Health West Michigan for seven years. The region includes five hospital cam-puses, more than 60 physician offices, more than 1,300 medical staff physicians, more than 800 hospital beds and 7,200 employees. He also was interim CEO of Mount Carmel Health System in Columbus, Ohio, from

Casalou joined Trinity Health in 2008 as president and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor. In 2015, he was named regional president and CEO of SJMHS, which has five hospitals, six cancer centers, five ambulatory care centers, more than 2,700 physicians and 15,300 employ-

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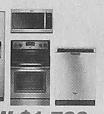
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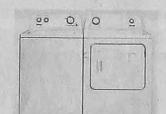
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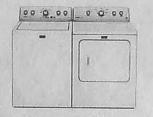
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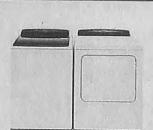
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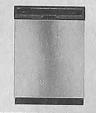
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Three Christmas events to get you into the spirit

David Veselenak

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Many people will have a long holiday weekend after indulging in the season's fare of turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes

And if you're looking to get and about this weekend, besides doing some shopping, there's plenty to do around town. Take a look at these three events happening in the Hometown Life area this Thanksgiving weekend:

Santaland parade in **Garden City**

It's been a tradition for more than a half-century and it'll continue again Saturday in downtown Garden City.

The 57th annual Garden City Downtown Development Authority Santaland Parade kicks off at 10 a.m. from Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, and travels south to downtown Garden City at Ford and Middlebelt. This year's parade will feature several groups, including the newly-crowned Miss Michigan USA Elizabeth Johnson, the Garden City High School Cougars marching band and the Livonia Franklin Patriots marching band.

Also included are representatives from the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions, as well as several other service groups from around the community. The Man in the Red Suit will (of course!) make an appearance, as well.

After the parade, the Garden City DDA will hold its post-parade



Representatives of Wiggles & Giggles Preschool and Childcare show their holiday spirit at the Milford Christmas Parade in 2016. FILE PHOTO

event, complete with hot chocolate, cookies and giveaways.

If you're not able to make it to the parade, it will be broadcasted on GCTV, which is Channel 12 on Comcast, Channel 18 on WOW and Channel 99 on AT&T UVerse. It will also be streamed on Facebook on the page "City of Garden City, Michigan." For more information, go to

Christmas activities in Milford

santalandparade.com.

If you're not in the Garden City area for a parade, why not instead head to Milford for one?

The annual Christmas Parade will take place at 10 a.m. in downtown Milford. Sponsored by the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, this parade features tons of local groups, including local dance studios and high school marching bands. Santa Claus will also make an appearance.

And if you're looking to stay around town for more Christmas cheer, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 216 will host a holiday bazaar at the American Legion Hall, 510 W. Commerce. This event will feature crafters, vendors and

raffles and will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An early-bird raffle is set for 11 a.m.

Any questions regarding the bazaar can be send to ala216milford@gmail.com.

Santa Claus arrives in Plymouth

Kellogg Park will be the place to be at 6 p.m. Friday.

That's when Santa Claus makes his arrival to the city of Plymouth. The Jolly Elf from the North Pole will make his presence known in the city for the next month. kicking off festivities in the city. The trees will be lit and a celebration on stage will take place, complete with a magi-

Once the celebration ends, Santa Claus will later hold court in his house at Kellogg Park, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail. He'll be available to hear from youngsters that night as well as 1-4 p.m. Saturday. In addition, he'll be available from noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 2, 9 and 16-17, 6-8 p.m. Dec. 22 and from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 23.

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The Westland Goodfellows are holding a toy and food drive. Donations of toys, hats & gloves, and non-perishable food items can be dropped off at any of the following locations. All donated items will be distributed to Westland families this Christmas. Donation boxes available November 1 to December 1, 2017.

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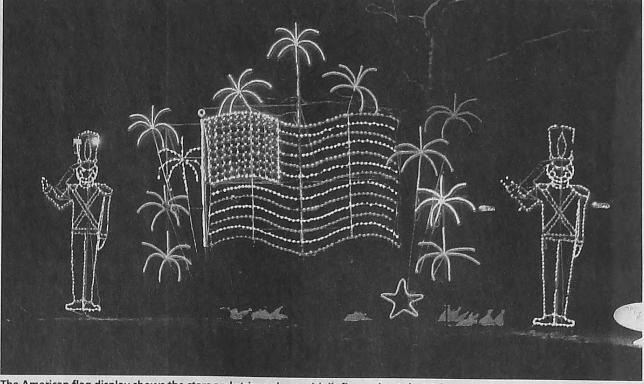
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Lighting display kicks off county's holiday season



Livonia resident Michael lacovacci gives niece Nevaeh Ann a ride at the Wayne County Lightfest. TOM BEAUDOIN



The American flag display shows the stars and stripes along with lit fireworks at the 24th annual Wayne County Lightfest, which runs through Dec. 31. TOM BEAUDOIN



Westland resident Annette Barnowski gets a photo taken during the annual Lightfest opening. TOM BEAUDOIN



Santa makes his rounds, getting photos taken with Jaylee Hembree and brother Alex at the annual Lightfest kickoff. TOM BEAUDOIN



Jeff Wattrick and daughter Elena watch the fireworks display that kicked off the annual Lightest in Hines Park. TOM BEAUDOIN



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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-

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.detroitblues society.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing

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, re-turning 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

Craft and vendor show

Abundant Life Church of God, 2100 Hannan Road, in Canton is hosting a craft and vendor Show from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25. There will be many vendors and crafters selling goods, as well as raffles, door prizes, concessions and baked goods available. Contact Jennifer Smitherman at 734-536-9917 for more information.

Christmas concert to benefit human trafficking

'Tidings of Comfort & Joy," a Christmas concert, is set for 7:30 p.m Saturday, Nov. 25, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. Featuring classic Christmas music from England and Italy, including favorites such as Handel's "Messiah" and Corelli's "Christmas Concerto," all proceeds will benefit Pearls of Great Price Coalition, a local nonprofit Christian alliance working to fight human trafficking.

There is no ticket required; suggested donation is \$25. For more





The Terry Lower Trio will perform Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge.

information, contact Darlene Kuperus at drk210@hotmail.com.

Holiday tea event

The Canton Historical Society will host a holiday tea event 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the historic Bartlett-Travis House, 500 N. Ridge Road. at Canton's historic house while it is decorated for Christmas! Ticket price. Tickets are \$25 a person and include tea, sandwiches and small desserts. They are available at the Summit on the Park.

'Christmas Memories' concert

The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, is offering a free Christmas concert Sunday, Dec. 10. There will be two performances, at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., in the church sanctuary. Performers will include the Chancel Choir, Fifth Season women's ensemble and soloists performing familiar holiday music.

Parking is available in the church parking lot and on surrounding resi-

dential and downtown streets. Guests will be greeted by church deacons at the doors adjacent to the church parking lot starting 20 minutes prior to the performance.

Hats for the **Homeless**

Plymouth Community United Way is gearing up for the annual Hats for the Homeless drive, scheduled to run through Dec. 29 in an effort keep our homeless community warm during the winter months. New and handmade items can be dropped at the PCUW office from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Should your company or group like to participate by hosting a drive

on-site or like to sponsor items like coats or blankets, contact Randi at 734-453-6879, ext. 5. For more information, go to www.plymouthunited way.org.

AARP TaxAide looking for volunteers

Every year, AARP provides free income tax preparation services for seniors and other moderate income families from February through April. AARP is looking for new volunteers to become tax counselors. You should know how to use a computer and the internet, and be experienced with income tax preparation.

Training will be provided to learn the tax software and tax law, to prepare you for certification. Training classes in

early December and in mid-January are being scheduled now. Volunteers are expected to be active about one day per week during the tax sea-

You can apply by completing an application online at aarpfoundation. org/taxaide or call

Baseline Folk Society

888-227-7669.

The Baseline Folk Society continues its 13th season at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road.

Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers. Sign-up for open mic starts at 6:15 p.m. and ends at 6:40 p.m. Performances are the third Saturday of each month, September through May.

Obituaries

To place an ad, call 586-826-7171 or visit mideathnotices.com/place.php



Mary Leist

PLYMOUTH - Passed peacefully on November 11 at the age of 91. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and wife, who loved her family, sharing stories, world travel and life. She is survived by her Husband of 61 years Roland, Sons Robert (Laura), Rene' and David, Grandchildren Nickelle, Danielle and Andrew, Brother George (Dorothy) Froczila, Nieces & Nephew. Celebration of Life/Memorial will be held at a later date. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Jimmy Dale Adams

GARDEN CITY - October 24, 2017, of Garden City. Born April 28, 1952. Arrangements by the RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, Garden City. Share a memory of Jimmy at www.rggrharris.com.

Kenneth McKee

FRASER - Kenneth Mc-Kee, 94, died peacefully on November 12th at Fraser Villa in Fraser, MI. Ken is survived by his wife of 69 years, Lanora Mc-Kee; his 4 children: Glenn (Sandi) McKee, Savage, MN, Patricia (Rob) Mac-Leod, Chelsea, MI, Sheila (Bob) Lyne, Warren, MI and Scott (Angie) McKee, Northville, MI; 12 grand-



children and 11 great grandchildren. Ken was born in Detroit, MI and attended Cass Tech High School. He joined the Navy at the beginning of WWII serving in the Asiatic-Pacific campaigns, including the battle of Okinawa and the occupation of Japan. After the war, Ken became an auto mechanic and spent his career in the automotive industry, retiring from General Motors (Warren Tech Center) in 1987. Ken was an accomplished handyman who could fix anything (electrical, plumbing, and mechanical) like a pro. He was an even-keeled, happy-go-lucky person, who often sang around the house. Ken had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. His children will remember him as a gentle and patient father who was always there to help.

A private interment will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

The Salvation Army accepting applications for holiday assistance The Salvation Army of . bers living in the house-

Metro Detroit is accepting applications for Christmas assistance from residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties at all metro Detroit Salvation Army Corps Community Cen-

Applications must be filed by appointment at a corps community center according to the recipient's ZIP code. To schedule an application appointment, contact the nearest Salvation Army Corps Community Center. For help finding the nearest center, go to www.salmich.org or call 248-443-5500.

Applicants must provide proof of all memhold. Adults must provide a form of identification - which can include a driver's license or state ID - and proof that they live in the ZIP code served by the corps at which they are applying such as a recent utility bill or rent lease). Proof of names and ages for all children is required via report card or other documentation, such as a birth certificate.

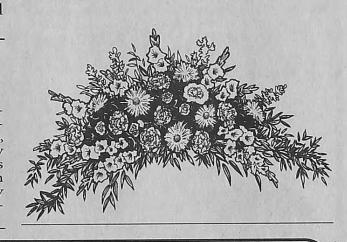
Christmas assistance for families up to six will include a box of nonperishable food to prepare a holiday meal and a grocery store gift card to purchase fresh foods. Larger families will receive more. Families

with children up to age 14 may also apply to receive toys from The Salvation Army Corps Community Centers' toy shops. Senior citizens will receive grocery store gift cards.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to The Saivation Army Red Kettle Campaign, go to www.salmich.org, text SALMICH to 41444, call 877-SAL-MICH or send a check or money order, made payable to The Salvation Army, to: 16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, MI 48075

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USA HOCKEY

Team USA grabs the gold at U-17 World Challenge

Tim Smith

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Seeing Canada Red and a chance for gold in one fell swoop, U.S. goaltender Cameron Rowe braced for a onetimer from between the cir-

Rowe flashed a leg and kicked the puck aside. The United States maintained a two-goal edge Nov. 11 in the gold medal game of the 2017 World Under-17 Hockey Chal-

A half-period or so later, the U.S. completed its 6-4 victory over Canada Red and celebrated its first championship since January 2014.

"I think about midway through the third period, I made a save. A guy in the slot took a one-timer and I made a toe save," said Rowe, a member of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program U-17 team. "And I got the re-bound right after that. That was really the moment I think the team knew we were going to shut this thing down and keep the lead.

Rowe and his teammates soon would gather around the coveted tournament trophy on the ice at Encara Events Centre in Dawson Creek, British

Columbia, with gold medals dangling on the front of their

"The building was buzzing; it was really loud," Rowe said. "It was a little hard at first, especially when Canada started to come back a little bit. Everyone was rooting against us. But it was just a surreal experience."

White-knuckle ride

The U.S. stormed out to a 4-0 lead after one period and made it 5-0 early in the second. But the game evolved into a nail-biter by the time the final

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U.S. players celebrate after winning gold Nov. 11 in the 2017 Under-17 World Hockey Challenge. The team won all six games during the week-long tourney, held in British Columbia. MATTHEW MURNAGHAN | HOCKEY CANADA

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Novi senior O'Leary brings home Miss Volleyball award

Michigan-bound setter takes state's top individual honor

Brad Emons

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Novi's Erin O'Leary unexpectedly got sent down to

the principal's office Nov. 13.

"I really didn't know what was going on," said the all-state senior setter for the twotime defending Class A champion volleyball team. "I figured I wasn't in trouble. I'm not really a troublemaker, but I did feel a little anxious about something going wrong. I don't know ... maybe a test or something. I wasn't sure. Since I've been a good student and I enjoyed high school (Principal Nicole Carter) wanted to hear how it's been going, what's been done to make it good."

It turned out to be a wellkept secret from the 4.2 GPA dent headed to the Univer sity of Michigan who, after her senior exit interview, was ushered down the hallway and into the performance gymnasium

by Carter. And before a throng of her fellow seniors who were perched in the bleachers, O'Leary was announced as the 2017 Michigan Miss Volleyball award winner.

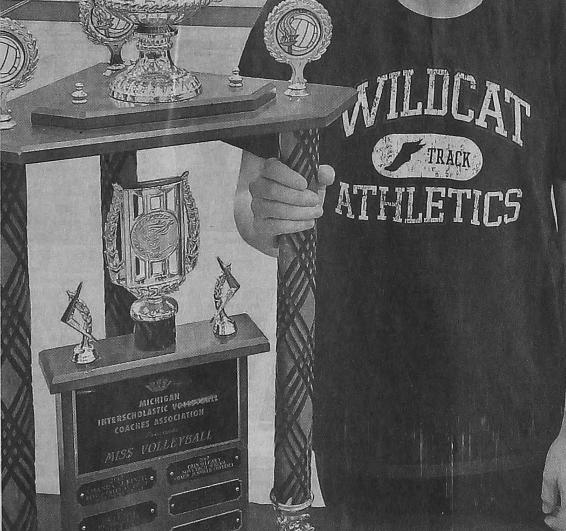
Needless to say, O'Leary was shocked by what hap-

"Then I walked in here and saw all these people ... they told everyone it was going to be our class picture," O'Leary said, "so we were all matching and everybody was wearing black shirts, but now, I guess, it was because of me. I had absolutely no idea."

One of 10 nominees for the award, O'Leary won by a comfortable margin, garnering 212 points in the voting by members of the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches

Association. New Baltimore Anchor Bay's Maria Mallon, headed to the University of Cincinnati, was runner-up with 109.

Rounding out the top five were Clarkston and future U-M teammate Abbey Mal-



Novi senior setter Erin O'Leary was voted the 2017 Michigan Miss Volleyball. BRAD EMONS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

New **Farmington** coach plans an up-tempo style of play

Marty Budner

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Laura Guzman is the perfect example of how athletics, and coaches, can shape a person's life.

Guzman was always around the gym or on the softball fields as a youngster

growing up in Royal Oak. She was talented enough to play varsity basketball and softball, initially at old Donde-ro High School and then at Madison Heights Bishop Foley. She played travel softball and AAU basketball for the Motor City Blazers.

At Wayne State University, where she played softball, Guzman was the ultimate utility talent - playing six different positions during her four-year career.

Those life experiences and the coaches who taught them influenced her to such a degree that she simply wanted "to give back." That's why she turned to coaching.

"All the amazing people I've had in my life who helped shape me, not only as an athlete, but also a person, I've always wanted to give back,"

See GUZMAN, Page B3



Senior Micayla Martin is a four-year veteran who will play a "crucial role" for Farmington this season, according to head coach Laura Guzman. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



PREP VOLLEYBALL

Plymouth Christian returns to Class D final

Setter Pray, Kellogg sisters lead Eagles into second straight championship final

Brad Emons

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK -**MICHIGAN**

Abigail Pray has plenty of options as the setter of the Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball

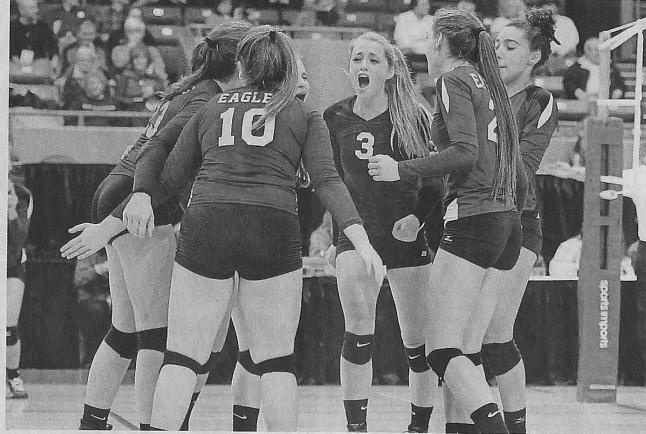
The 5-foot-4 senior can tap right away into the Kellogg sisters, senior Grace and sophomore Gabriella, just about anytime she wants.

And that was no more evident than Nov. 16 during the Class D semifinal at - of all places -Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena as she racked up 44 assist-to-kills to lift the defending MHSAA state champions to their second straight final with a 26-24, 25-15, 22-25, 25-21

victory over Rogers City. The 5-9 Grace Kellogg finished with 17 kills, while the 5-9 Gabriella added 16 as the Eagles improved to 44-8-3. They were scheduled Saturday to face Fowler (38-11-5) in the final (go to hometownlife.com for complete coverage).

"Like, school play to, like, club play, it's totally different," said Pray, who was a part-time setter on last year's team. "I've played with Grace since we were in fifth grade, so, like, having that connection and then coming into high school really helped us, I think. And with her little sister ... I just love setting them.

It's so much fun. PCA rallied from a



Plymouth Christian celebrates late during the fourth set. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Plymouth Christian's Kyrsten Altman (left) and Sarah Brege go up for a block. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

deficits of 15-10 and 20-16 to beat Rogers City (38-8-3) in the opening set, 26-24, capped by Robin

Albert's kill. In the second set, PCA took control, building leads of 11-6 and 20-12 to win going away, 25-15.

But the Hurons (38-9-3) rebounded to take set three, 25-22.

"We kind of got out of

our system, kind of got a little comfortable after

ond game running the plays," PCA coach D.J. Kellogg said. "We kind of got a little comfortable, I selves.' takeaways: think, and they played well. They're a great

team, well-coached." The Eagles opened the

defensive team, smart

making a good comeback

and a good win the sec-

fourth set taking leads of 6-1 and 13-7, but the Hurons wouldn't go away, pulling to within 23-21 before PCA closed it out by getting a key kill from Gabriella Kellogg to set

up match point. "For us, it was just get back to what we know to do," D.J. Kellogg said. "Take care of free balls, not just give them easy plays. Taylor (Fleming) is a great hitter. (Kayla Rabeau), she would do the same thing ... smart hitter. We knew if we were going to give them easy balls, then we're going to have to play defense. For us, it's just trying to be easy on our-

Here are some other

UNSUNG HEROES

Defensively, Gabriella Kellogg had a team-best 20 digs, followed by

Grace Kellogg (14), Madison Raymond (13) and Pray (10)

The Eagles hit for a .275 percentage, with Elise Miera adding nine

"Moriah Willis stepped in and passed great for us today," D.J. Kellogg said. "That was a big help, for sure. Elise (Miera), our middle, had a big match, too. They all stepped up. The energy from the bench ... that's always an 'X' factor, too."

NEW JOURNEY

Plymouth Christian was making its third straight semifinal appearance under D.J. Kellogg, who improved his career record to 115-

"After losing eight seniors last year and getting a whole new . crew," he said, "it's like a whole new puzzle to

solve and try and figure out how things work together, use the talents we've got and make the most out of it. It's been different. Every year is a different season and it's been fun in that regard."

Five of PCA's players appeared in last year's final match.

This year, I think, completely as a team, we're a lot closer," Pray said. "And mentally, to get into it, it's a lot easier for us. And once we're on a roll, we just keep go-

SECOND STINT
After losing in four sets last year against state runner-up Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Rogers City put up a battle against the Eagles as junior Taylor Fleming led the hitting attack with 17 kills, while senior Kayla Rabeau added 13.

'It's just nice to be down here with all this excitement and it's just electric for volleyball," Rogers City coach Samantha Armhein said. "We were nowhere near nervous as we were last year. We had no idea what to expect and this year, I think, we were a little more relaxed. We kept the games a lot year, we lost one game 4-25."

But the Hurons hit only .111 as a team.

'I just think they hit around us and, by the time we kind of figured out where they're hitting, they were going hard lines," Armhein said. "And how to adjust to that, that's what volleyball is. You have to adjust, but I'm very happy with how we played. We just didn't lay down and die. I thought we had some good runs on them.'

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O'LEARY

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inowski (100), current Novi teammate and Northwestern-bound Abryanna Cannon (100), and Zeeland East and Miami (Ohio) University signee Sophie Riemersma (74).

"This not something that I would have antici-pated," said Colleen O'Leary, Erin's mother. "She's not the kid that this is what she's worked for, either. I think her biggest focus is still making it to (the finals). So this will be a moment that is a wonderful honor, but Saturday is probably hoping to be a big focus for her if we can get there.'

"This is the week we've all been waiting for, I think," O'Leary said. "You stay focused on the moment and whatever game is next, but it's hard not think about those last few games This had been super-cool, but it's game day, so ...

A four-year varsity performer, O'Leary is the state's all-time leader with 5,678 assists, becoming just the third player in state history to record 5,000 assists in her career.

This season, the 5foot-10 senior is averaging 12.6 assists, 2.4 digs and 2.3 kills to go with an impressive .556 hitting percentage.

O'Leary was named the 2016 Gatorade Player of the Year in Michigan and recently was named Under Armour first team All-America. She is a two-time MaxPreps first team All-American and was a member of the USA Volleyball Girls Youth National Team, which placed runner-up



Erin O'Leary holds the Miss Volleyball trophy, surrounded by her Novi teammates. BILL ROOSE |

at the 2016 North, Central American and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation Girls U18 Continental Championship.

She became the fourth Novi senior recognized as the state's top player in his or her sport, joining Mr. Tennis Tim Wang (2014) and Miss Soccer winners Emily Esbrook (2006) and Kristi Timar

"I don't know if there's a more deserving player in the state than her and what she's accomplished in her four years at Novi," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "It's her intangibles and her leadership, citizenship, her grades, her discipline .. not that there aren't other deserving candidates on the the list, but her resume is very impres-

The 6-foot-1 Cannon, meanwhile, took fourth in the voting

"I think those two kind of go together," Cottrill said of O'Leary and Cannon. "They help each other out. Abryanna is a great passer, who allows Erin to deliver great sets. And, obviously, Abryanna terminates. I feel kind of like they're a team within a team between the two of them. And she's also a tremendous player. Obviously, not being at Novi her entire career probably hurt her a little bit. Erin's reputation and her success from her freshman to senior year has spoken for itself.'

O'Leary, who played club volleyball for Legacy, verbally committed to the Wolverines during the summer following her freshman season.

Michigan head coach Mark Rosen and his wife Leisa, a U-M assistant coach, were also on hand for the surprise cere-

We've known Erin forever. She was a ball shagger in our gym when she was really young and she played in our club, Mark Rosen said. "She's just such a good allaround volleyball player, such a good decisionmaker. Her athletic ability is a huge factor, but she's just such a great volleyball mind. So we're excited about her coming to our program and

bringing that high volleyball I.Q. And she's just a character kid who has all those intangibles you look for in a studentathlete, so we're excited about her being in the maize and blue.

O'Leary is scheduled to graduate a semester early and enroll at U-M in January.

"We're still working through admissions," Rosen said. "It's a process were involved in, but not something we have control over. That's the plan, so we'll see how it all comes together.'

The U-M squad will also be going on a trip to play in Europe in 2018.

With her freshman class, they'll all be on the trip," Rosen said. "She's the first person actually to come in early. And it's not something we're promoting or looking for. She came to us with the idea that, academically, she really wanted to get started. She's a great student and I think it was a priority for her to kind of get her college classes going. We're excited about it, but it's not something we pushed for that



Erin O'Leary, Novi's senior setter, is surrounded by her teammates after winning Miss Volleyball. BILL ROOSE | NCSD

or something for that in the future.'

At an early age, O'Leary gravitated toward volleyball even though her father Brian, a math teacher at Novi, was a soccer coach who guided the Wildcats to five MHSAA girls state championships and one boys title in his 20 seasons.

"We were coaching her sister (Abby) in fourth grade and she would go to practices and be part of all the time," Colleen O'Leary said. "Most first-graders haven't touched a volley-

O'Leary has never had her father for a class, but her older brother Connor once did. And like her mother, dad is a big sup-

porter.
"I love seeing him around school," Erin said. "I know he's a good teacher and kids like him. It's fun to be his daughter at the school. I owe my parents so much. They do so much for me that I can't even begin to explain.

Once the trophy was presented by Novi athletic director Brian Gordon. O'Leary was hugged by her teammates, classmates and school person-

"Novi schools have been the perfect place for me to grow up," O'Leary said. "And for sure, I'm going to miss my friends and my teachers and this whole thing. It's bittersweet, for sure."

O'Leary still couldn't get over the unexpected visit with Carter.

"What I created today was a senior exit interview because, as you know, she's starting at the University of Michigan in January, so I took her through a series of questions," Carter said. 'We had an awesome conversation and then I got the thumbs-up from my secretary, so I knew that was the symbol to bring her down and she was in complete shock, which was awesome. Well-deserved honor for a great, great young

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Marian reaches first state final since 2010

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The third time proved to be a charm - and then some - for Birmingham Marian during the Class A volleyball semifinal Nov. 16.

The Mustangs avenged both of their losses during the regular season to Catholic League Central A-B Division champion Farmington Hills Mercy with a 13-25, 25-20, 25-20, 25-21 triumph at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena. The Mustangs were scheduled Saturday to face twotime defending Class A state champion Novi for the title (go to hometownlife.com for complete coverage)

Marian (45-12-1), under first-year coach Lauren Duquette, used a balanced hitting attack led by Christine Audette and Maggie DePorre with 15 kills apiece, followed by Lauren Wenzel, who finished with 13.

The trio helped offset a stellar performance from Mercy's 6-foot-1 sophomore Jess Mruzik, who finished with a match-best 26 kills.

Mercy (50-8-1) had beaten Marian in a foursetter and a five-setter,

but the rematch was a different story.

'Having lost to them two times previously, it's always on the back of your head, especially on such a big stage and platform," said Wenzel, a 6-2 senior middle blocker. "It's such a big game you're always thinking about that, but I think it wasn't something, like, that was generated by nerves, it, like, motivated us. We were, like, 'We're not losing to them, especially in front of all these people."

After Mercy breezed through the opening set, the Mustangs began to take control.

"We started serving a lot more aggressive, executing our zones the way we wanted to," Duquette said. "Our middles started moving and made better setting traces. We started playing off-blocker defense around the third set, which helped ... as basic as it sounds, it just came down to basics.

Marian setter Maddie Dowd had 52 assist-tokills, while Mallory Lynch led the way defensively with 19 digs, followed by Claire Winter (16), Dowd (10) and Audette (10).

Mercy setter Julia Bishop had 46 assists,

while Mruzik had 13 digs. Lauren Hunter, one of only two Mercy seniors, added 10 digs, along with Grace Kane.

"I thought we played the best we could," Mercy coach Loretta Vogel said. "There wasn't mental errors, physical errors. I thought sometimes the ball on blocks just went the wrong touch for us. During the game, we're constantly trying to make changes. I thought in the first game, we had a lot of things going. But momentum can change quickly. And I think the girls will agree in the following games, we just couldn't the right touches on the ball. That's part of the game.'

Here are four other takeaways:

ROOKIE COACH

Duquette, who spent the past six years as Rochester's head coach, was on the cusp of her first state championship in her inaugural season at Marian.

The former Oakland University player and Chippewa Valley High grad played club volleyball at age 9 under Vogel.

'And as much as I try and portray my toughness, I'm a very emotional person," Duquette



Marian's Lauren Wenzel (left) and Christine Audette and Mercy's Julia Bishop all go for the ball during the semifinal match at Kellogg Arena. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

said. "I don't know if it's sunk in yet, but I just felt really comfortable. And I've never done any of this ... won a district title even before. So feeling comfortable wasn't what I was expecting, but I've been just rolling with it at this point. This team reminded me of why I do

HISTORY LESSON

Marian captured backto-back state titles under Irick Gardner in 2009-10. The Mustangs also have three Class A runner-up finishes to their credit.

"After that first month, when they decided to buy in, it made me realize I'm doing a job I love and I belong here and I think I needed that," Duquette said. "And this one sort of reminds me this is icing on cake at this point. It's not what I expected, but from the beginning of the year, when we had our first meeting, I said, 'I don't care what anybody thinks is possible, I'm here to win a state title. And that's our goal this year, whether it's doable or not. That's the goal."

MRUZIK SHINES

The sophomore outside hitter hit at a .306

percentage, but the Marlins couldn't generate enough offense after winning the first set.

"Just a great kid, great young lady and, athletically, Jess is very athletic," Vogel said. "I like to talk to them about just a wonderful young lady. It doesn't get any better than what I have right here and, actually, our entire team. Seriously, it just doesn't get any better."

BIDDING ADIEU

Setter Libby Midonski and Hunter are the only two seniors who will graduate for the Marlins, while the rest of the lineup returns intact for next season.

"It's, honestly, been a blessing," Hunter said. 'And this is the farthest we've ever gotten in my four years here. As a freshman, we had the same opportunity, but couldn't get it done in the quarterfinals. It's really nice knowing I've played with all these different girls and gotten to know them so well. I've made so many new friends and I'll keep them for the rest of my life. Mercy is just a great program that keeps the family togeth-

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Novi crushes DeWitt in three sets to reach Class A final

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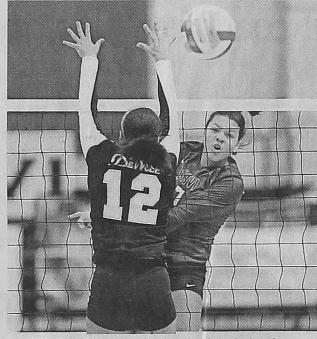
Talk about a payback. Two-time defending Class A volleyball state champion Novi went into the Nov. 16 Class A semifinal facing DeWitt, one of only three teams to defeat the Wildcats this season.

But the rematch proved to be no match, as the Wildcats took just an hour to return the favor with a convincing 25-13, 25-11, 25-17 victory at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena to improve to 56-3.

Novi, making its fourth straight Class A championship appearance under coach Jen Cottrill, was scheduled Saturday to face Birmingham Marian for the title (go to hometown life.com for complete coverage).

The Panthers (43-5), in their first Class A semifinal, had beaten host Novi during its own invitational back in September. But the second encounter proved to be much different.

"I think that we kind knew what we needed to



Novi's Kathryn Ellison watches her shot hug the line for a point as DeWitt's Allison Haller attempts the block. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

do in order to be successful this time," said Novi senior setter and recently named Miss Volleyball Erin O'Leary, who finished with 36 assist-tokills, seven kills and nine digs. "We were just really strong in our serve and pass. We were very clean. We were serving very well and they were

out of system. And we were passing very well and in system."

Novi dominated the match with a total of 48 kills (.359 hitting percentage) compared with DeWitt's 22 kills (.071 percentage).

Northwestern University-bound Abryanna Cannon once again led

Novi's hitting attack with a match-best 23 kills, while Kent State-bound Kathryn Ellison added 12.

We played them at kind of a unique point of our season," Cottrill said of DeWitt. "We had simi-lar players on the court. We had Kathryn and Abryanna back from their injuries, but they had just gotten back. And we coached (Desiree Becker) in club and so we were very familiar with her. We knew they had a smaller setter. I think it was to our advantage because they beat us, which we talked about before. We don't get to play that redemption and revenge role very often, so I think that was to our advantage that they did beat us earlier in the season."

O'Leary, who jumpstarts the offense from her setting position, got everybody involved.

"Offensive options are really open for us," Cannon said. "We have a very even offense. When we have that pass and it's there, Erin can do anything with it."

Novi is never flashy, but executed the fundamentals flawlessly once again, for the most part. 'We had a little bit of

information coming in on DeWitt," the 6-foot-1 Cannon said. "But again, our agenda every single time out and our first priority is serve and pass. That's what runs our offense. We have a lot of offensive options, but we can't do anything with it if there's not passing. So I'm really proud of my team being able to stick through that and pass very well. And we served pretty well, too."

For O'Leary, who is headed to Michigan in January, it was her fourth straight trip to the finals at Kellogg.

'I think if there was anything tonight, I was able to kind of sit back a little bit and enjoy the moment," she said."Looking back on previous years, the games are kind of like a blur. So this year, I really wanted to focus on connecting with my teammates and making sure that I'd remember this for a long time."

Becker, a junior middle hitter, led DeWitt with 11 kills, but nobody else in the Panthers' lineup had more than four. Setter Brooke Binkley finished with 18 assists and 10 digs. Stephanie Starr had a teambest 11 digs.

"We didn't bring our 'A' game," DeWitt coach Christy Thelen said. "I'm not quite sure what game we brought today. You've got to hand it to Novi, they are a great team. It's just not my team that showed up tonight."

Kellogg Arena has become the friendly confines for the Wildcats, who haven't lost there since the 2014 Class A finals against Romeo. They were 6-1 in the past four years in Battle Creek prior to the final.

"I think it's something that weighs on them, but the comfort of playing in this arena, obviously, helps us with our confidence and being able to settle into our system," Cottrill said. "So I think it's a give and take, the pressure of winning another one. We know what it's like, we know what it feels like and we want it. But you have to stay focused on the process and what we need to do to win.

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GUZMAN

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said Guzman, who graduated from Bishop Foley in 2004. "I've just had some really awesome coaches who have impacted my life, so I thought I would try coaching after college.

"I just kind of worked my way through and ever since I graduated from Wayne State in '08-'09, I've been coaching high school sports. My college experience was very great playing under (head coach) Gary (Bryce) and (assistant) Pat (Kent) and what they instilled in us as athletes made me want to coach.

"With sports being such a big part of my life, it's just a niche that I have. I just feel like it's my life calling," she added. "I love to do it and I'm very passionate about it. I'm happy that I can do

Following her coaching desire

After college, Guzman immediately chased her coaching desire.

Rochester High School administrators were impressed enough to hire her as the school's softball coach. She will be entering her ninth season with the Falcons in spring 2018.

Guzman later landed a coaching job in her other sport of expertise, basketball, at Riverview Gabriel Richard High School. She spent four years at the Catholic League school before leaving last year after taking the Pioneers to the district championship

Guzman recently heard that Farmington High School was looking for a girls basketball head coach. She was hired three weeks ago and couldn't be more

"I was kind of going to

take some time off, but I thought if I could apply for it and get it, it would be something I would consider," Guzman said. 'I got an interview, heard back in two weeks and I accepted right away.

"I'm honestly very excited and the kids are really excited about it," she added. "We're just trying to change the culture and bring excitement back into the program. The kids seem all on board from varsity to freshmen and so far it's been a very good experience."

Up-tempo offensive style

Guzman plans to bring an up-tempo style of offense to Farmington which plays in the OAA Blue Division. She believes the Falcons, with the experience they have and the addition of a couple of players from Harrison's dissolved program, will be able to compete for the division



New head coach Laura Guzman hopes to get Farmington's girls basketball program pointed in the right direction, BILL BRESLER I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

title this season.

Farmington's returning seniors are Abbey Smentowski, a field hockey player who is very quick and athletic, and four-year varsity veteran Micayla Martin. Juniors Iasia Rimson, a point

guard, and all-around workhorse Cecelia Norris are two other key players from last year's squad.

And with the addition of seniors Olivia Perkins, a 5-foot-8 power forward with a strong basketball IO, and Nevada Hargress from Harrison, Guzman likes her blend of play-

"This is like the first time I've coached where the majority of players are upperclassmen,' Guzman said. "So there are a lot of juniors and seniors. There is only one sophomore on the team, so we have a lot of experience in the program and there is a lot of talent

"We need to get the kids in shape and get their mindset to let's run and create and get out on the open floor. I think that's where we will be most successful and that's getting to the basket. I think we have a lot of kids who can do that.

"I would say one of our goals is to win the league and I think it's very doable if they just understand it's a new program and a new philosophy," she added. "And they're buying into it. My expectations are extremely high for them this season.'

Guzman said the team has bonded very well with the newcomers from Harrison.

'It's been a blessing to have the kids from Harrison come over and they're helping to push the Farmington kids," Guzman said. "It's been a whole brand new competitive spirit. We lucked out getting them.

"I thought it would be hard, but honestly this is a group of kids who all get along," she added. "It's like they go to Farmington. It hasn't been a rough transition at all."

Guzman is looking forward to her comfortable transition at Farmington as well.

BOYS HOCKEY

Plymouth to blend skill, will in bid for success

Wildcats boast strong lineup and work ethic as team looks to have another big year

Tim Smith

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Plymouth wears black and silver hockey uniforms, but it would be an appropriate fashion touch to add blue collars.

The Wildcats, under the watch of seventhyear head coach Gerry Vento, just roll up their collective sleeves every season and go to work on the Arctic

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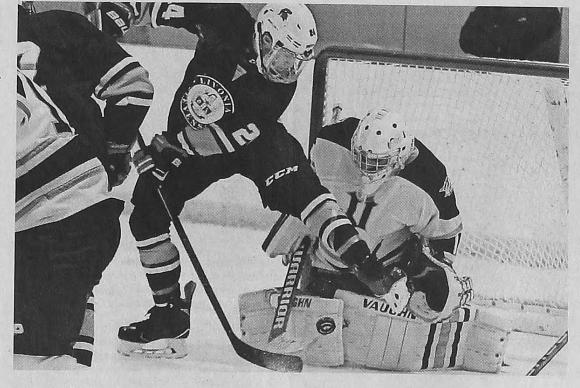


varsity team) know what to expect and guys that are returning know what the program is," Vento said. "You know, it's just hard work, keep your nose clean on and

be ready to work.' It helps that Plymouth

off the ice. Do the right

thing day after day and



senior captain and forward Jack Chumley leads the way in terms of effort and attitude.

"Everything's still very much Plymouth hockey, hard-working, and we're going to do whatever we can to get the win," Chumley said. "We got a lot of good guys with good mental-

ities and good work ethic. "It's spreading around the team, so people are just coming together collectively."

Chumley will play on the same line with senior Timmy Baldwin and sophomore Kyle Ahern.

"We got a lot of chemistry," Chumley said. "I've been playing with Timmy for a few years and Kyle's a good addition. He's a good player; he's got a lot of offensive potential. Both of them are hard workers and pretty talented guys.'

Leading the way

Also part of the Wildcats' leadership group are assistant captains Baldwin and senior C.J Mullenax, both solid forwards who will be called upon to light the lamp. "They're great. C.J.

and Jack came in as sophomores, so they've been around," Vento said. "They know what's expected of them. They're great kids off the ice and on the ice and they're a great example for the rest of the group.

Plymouth, which finished 16-11-1 last season (losing to Livonia Churchill in the Division 2 regional final), also returns junior forwards Nathan Stoneburg and Jack VanDenBeurgeury.

"We have a lot of returners that can put the puck in the net and know the systems," Vento said.

"I'm excited about that." The veteran coach also likes the way his defense and goalkeeping

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VASILNEK

during a 2016-17 game

are shaping up. 'My defense is probably the deepest I've had since I've been here," Vento said. "We're really strong back there."

On the blue line will be returnees Adam Rebecca, Graham Sheehan (both juniors) and (senior) Luke Kaledas. Augmenting them will be senior newcomer Drew Garby, who last year played for Victory Honda

"(Garby) plays with a

lot of confidence. He's a tremendous skater," Vento said. "No doubt, skating is his asset. He thinks the game really well. And he's just one of those guys, whoever he's playing with, just makes them better as a (defense) partner."

Taking care of goaltending duties will be senior Brendan Olepa who had a breakout season in 2016-17 - and promising junior Josh Montroy.

"He's progressed year after year," Vento said about Olepa. "He's come in with the mindset that he wants to lead this team as long as he can this season. His work on the ice has shown that."

Meanwhile, Chumley also is pumped up for the season to begin.

"We got a lot of good players on the team and a lot of opportunity to do something this year," Chumley said. "Everybody's feeling pretty good individually and we got a lot of potential. I'm looking forward to getting our games started and seeing what we can do as a team.'

Rounding out the roster are defensemen Joey Closser and Shane Aigner and forwards Gianni Pinto, Jack Blake, Tommy Cassari, Jeff Koviak, Jacob Back, Gavin Roach and Andrew Gallaher.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Patriots are young team, but coach remains optimistic

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When Dan Phelps took over at the helm of Livonia Franklin's varsity boys hockey team in 2016, he knew lifting the Patriots to prominence

would take some time. Entering his second season as Franklin head coach, Phelps isn't changing his tune — but he is starting to like the melo-

I think we're going to bring a better brand of hockey, a much-more structured and disciplined brand of hockey that people will like to see," Phelps said during a break in practice earlier this week. "As we keep going long term with Franklin, we're looking to really build."

Phelps the hockey coach also is looking at the team's situation as Phelps the mathematician might.

'We don't measure our (success) with wins and losses," Phelps said. "If we look at the season as a math problem, we don't really want to worry about what's on the righthand side of the equal

"We want to worry

Forward Brandon Webb is one of six seniors on Livonia Franklin's varsity boys hockey team. FILE PHOTO

about the equation on the left. If we can get that equation right, we're going to be in good shape with our answers.'

Franklin, 9-15-1 last season, will launch the 2017-18 campaign with a pair of games this weekend at the Hockey Has Heart Baseline Battle. The Patriots and Livonia Churchill were both scheduled to play games against the Farmington district's Falcons and

"We have a lot of returnees, but we feel we're deeper than we were last year from improvement, but also from some of our newer players that we picked up. We're still in a building

stage, our expectations are a little higher,' Phelps said. "We're hoping to turn some heads this year and compete a little bit more with some of the teams we maybe didn't do so well with last year.'

Phelps will have a handle on whether the Patriots indeed are trending in the right direction just by looking at the shots on goal totals. Last winter, thensophomore goalie Will Augustine often faced more than 50 shots per night.

Although Augustine is "a high-level goaltender at the high school age," Phelps would like to see that shot total reduced

significantly.

We know for sure he's going to be a leader for us," Phelps said. "He comes to play every day. He is one of those players if something's going wrong, the last thing he does is look to the left or the right. He looks in the mirror and says, 'What can I do to help this thing?'"

Move the puck

Franklin's defensive lineup will look to launch outlet passes and take pressure of the junior Augustine and senior goalie Jacob Bailey. One of the key blue liners will be newcomer Ryan Kerr, a sophomore who comes in from a Livonia bantam travel team.

"Very good skilled player, very passionate and committed to his craft," Phelps said. "He just absolutely loves the game. He brings a little bit more to the table than most kids at his age, but he still has some inexperience

"He's going to be playing against kids that are bigger, stronger, older. And I'm sure that's going to come out in the wash a little bit, but he's the kind of player that will adapt

Others on defense

include senior Brandon Webb, juniors Steve Morris and Nick Zatyko and sophomores Colin Judge and Luc Ores.

Franklin figures to put a few more pucks behind opposing KLAA goaltenders, if the team is following along with Phelps's math equation.

A big spark could come from two promising newcomers, freshman forwards Casey Farren and 6-5 Kyle Fu-

"Casey Farren is a playmaker and a tough kid," Phelps said. "He's kind of a semi-power winger with some savvy and some french silk every once in a while."

Power game

Fugedi brings physicality to the lineup, but is still young and will need to adjust to varsity hockey.

'Again, a 6-foot-5, 14or 15-year-old kid, you can imagine what the body and the mind are doing. So we're working with him a lot to get him situated to playing at a higher level," Phelps

Several other forwards with more experience will be counted on to, hopefully, catapult the Patriots to a .500 or better record.

Those include seniors Jonah Pollack (currently injured), Hunter Musser, Nic Anderson and Trevor Van Vliet, juniors Dakota Keaton, Sebastian Stukel and Justin Pedersen and sophomores Camden Smythe, Trey Ziebol, Nolan Niva (currently injured) and Jacob Cox.

'Trey Ziebol, returning sophomore, probably is our most skilled player," Phelps said. "Very extremely smart player to mix with it. Two iors, Nic Anderson and Trevor Van Vliet, are two very good players that bring a lot to the table. They'll be counted on offensively."

Phelps also said the team will benefit from Keaton's "NHL-style shot" and the leadership on and off the ice from

"It took an entire season just to get my arms around what we wanted to do and the direction we wanted to go," Phelps said. "Guys got to trust each other and that's one thing we're settling in with real well. We have a really good group that wants to work together."

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HOCKEY

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period rolled around (5-3

at that point). "It was dicey, I'll tell you that," U.S. head coach John Wroblewski said during a Nov. 16 telephone interview. "You started to wonder if the tide didn't turn a little

"But it showed what the guys had in the tank, though, what we have in that room. They prevailed and played a great game.'

Coming up big at the other end of the rink were forwards Cole Caufield (three goals) and Jack Hughes (goal, three assists), both named to

the all-tournament team as the U.S. closed out a 6-0-0 run.

"I think everybody's just working hard, we're playing together as a team," Caufield said. "Everybody's going, it's not just a couple players, we got the whole team all in. And we're keeping it positive. There's a lot to be happy about.'

Raising the banner

Rowe, Caufield and their teammates also were happy to share the triumph with the home fans Friday at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

A pregame ceremony, featuring a banner raising, promised to keep tournament memories "golden" for a while to

come.

"I think it's awesome," Rowe said. "Winning the gold medal was a dream come true and we realized how much hard work everyone's had to put in to get us to that

"And I think it's cool we're getting honored for it, getting recognized for our accomplishment."

Wroblewski praised that "a lot of guys chipped in at different spots in the tournament," citing clutch goals by Judd Caulfield and Owen Lindmark.

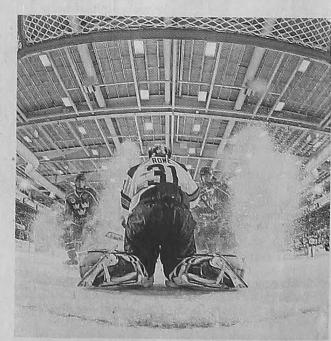
Also key to the victory were important stops when they were needed most by goalies Rowe and Spencer Knight. Not to be glossed over was the way Cole Caufield

and Hughes played as part of a line beginning midway through the tournament.

"It is quite the combi-nation," Wroblewski said. "Cole's sure hands complement Jack's vision and ability to open the ice up so well. I think it's a deadly combo and one we'll continue to try to work with, at the same time not taking away from other players' development

"We're dead-set on making sure (Caufield and Hughes) are able to play with different players, not just leave them alone for two years.'

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U.S. goalie Cameron Rowe covers up the puck during 2017 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge quarterfinal Nov. 9 against Sweden. MATTHEW MURNAGHAN | HOCKEY CANADA

Johnson set to tee off on GVSU career

Plymouth-to-Grand Valley pipeline paying off yet again

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When Plymouth senior Erin Johnson swings her driver, the golf ball usually goes something in the vicinity of 250 yards flying in the direction of the green.

And having that kind of length off the tee will



Johnson

serve the 17-year-old Johnson well in the next phase of her golf career at Grand

State University. On Nov. 15, Johnson signed with the Division II university. She again will be teammates with Katie Chipman, another Plymouth standout who currently is a sophomore at Grand Valley, located in Allendale.

"I always loved the campus at Grand Valley, I love the coach and the group of girls there," Johnson said. "The whole environment is just great, so I was pretty excited when I verbally committed this past July.

"I'm excited to be on the team with Katie, since I always looked up to her. Glad to be teammates again with her, that will be fun.'

A lot of folks around Plymouth High School look up to Johnson, too, with Wildcats head coach Dan Young at the top of

"She's had an incred-



Watching the ball fly after another perfectly executed golf swing is Plymouth senior Erin Johnson. She signed Nov. 15 to play women's golf at Grand Valley State University. PLYMOUTH GOLF

ible career and will be an outstanding college player," Young said.

Johnson is trending in that direction. In her senior season, the Canton resident averaged 78 strokes per 18 holes and 38 strokes per nine holes, earning match medalist four times along the way. In 18-hole tournament play, she finished in the top 10 six times

At the recent Division 1 state finals at The Meadows on the GVSU campus, she placed 11th with a scoreline of 81-76—157 (just one shot out of the top 10). KLAA Central Division champion Plymouth came in fifth in the team stand-

ings. "I thought that I was

pretty consistent throughout the entire season. I played pretty well under pressure," Johnson said. "That helped a lot, especially for my team. Because when we needed to get things done at regionals, we needed to make it to states, we all pulled through together and made it happen."

Taking a deep breath

About barely missing the top 10, Johnson admitted some disappoint-

"I was pretty upset about it," she said. "But I think there was a tie for ninth place, that's why I didn't get it. My first day was pretty rough. My

driver wasn't really working. I was in the heather a lot, off the tee, so that put me in some trouble.

"But the second day, my whole family was there to support me and I felt really relaxed. Since it was my last high school tournament, I just wanted to enjoy it

The following day, Johnson (and junior teammate Shae Zydeck) were named to the Division 1 all-state first team.

Relaxing on the golf course is pretty much what got her hooked on the sport in the first place.

"I've been golfing since I was 8 years old," said Johnson, whose parents are Neal and

Michelle Johnson. "My dad used to take me to (Fellows Creek in Canton) and I would always like to ride in the cart and sometimes drive the

"One day, he got me my first set of clubs and I just started playing with him.'

A few years later, Johnson's interest in golf took a serious turn. She began taking lessons at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth. The facility's PGA teaching pros, Brian Cairns and Jordan Young, quickly saw raw talent and a willingness to roll up her

(Young) talked to me and said I had potential and, if I really worked

hard for it, that I could achieve a lot," Johnson said. "I started practicing every day. I wouldn't miss a day of practice,

actually. "And I did a lot of summer tournaments. I think I had a tournament twice a week during the summer. That really helped me."

Better and better

Her dedication intensified just by being friends and teammates with Chipman, who averaged 74.1 strokes per 18 in her final Plymouth season, when she was named to the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association Super Team.

'We played a lot during the summer and we practiced a lot during the season together," Johnson said. "I really look up to Katie."

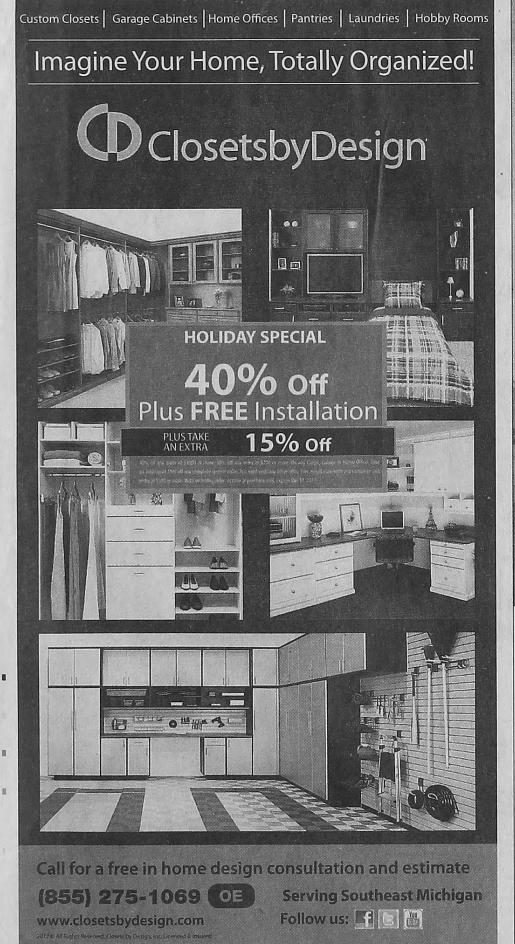
And the hard work knocked strokes off her scorecard.

In ninth grade, Johnson averaged 92 for 18 and 45 for nine. Three short years later, those numbers were down significantly (78, 38). Johnson also credited

regular participation at summer tournaments for getting her game ready for college. She listed the Calloway Junior Tour and GAM Women's Amateur among those.

"I prepared a lot throughout my summer tournaments," Johnson said. "I think I'm really prepared for the (college) yardages because I'm pretty long off the tee, so I think I'll do good things."

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800 Plymouth Road and 501 Industrial Drive

An enclosed ramp connecting 800 Plymouth Road to 501 Industrial Drive Zoned: I-1, Light Industrial District

Applicant: Gene Goins

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1. Number of stories 2. Building height

3. 1st Floor elevation above grade

4. Lot coverage

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6. Lot coverage of required rear yard Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: Thomas Petrillo

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Fence in front yard exceeding 30 inches Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential

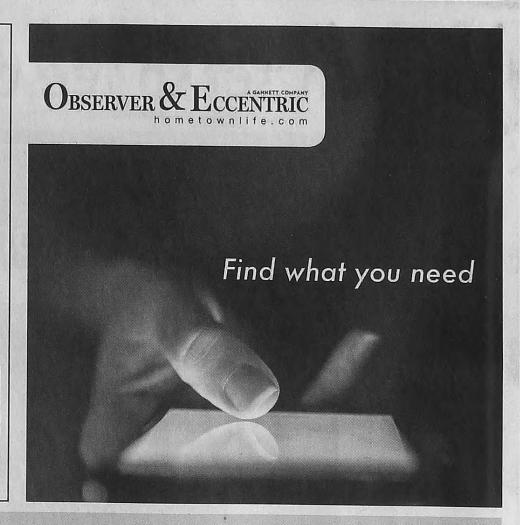
Applicant: Hysen Halim

All interested persons are invited to attend

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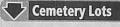
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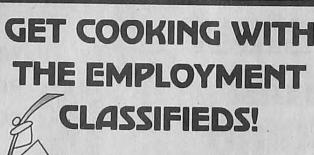


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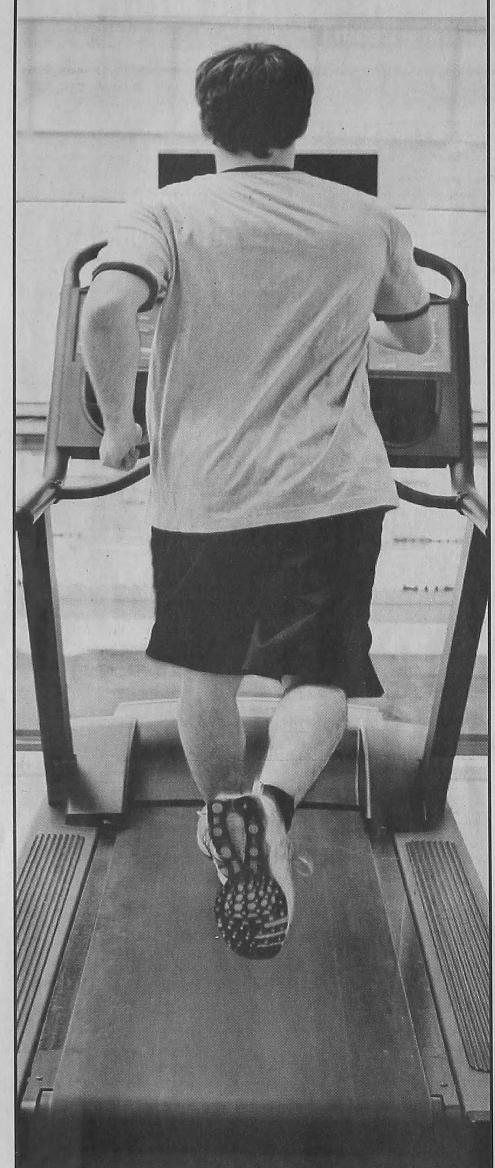
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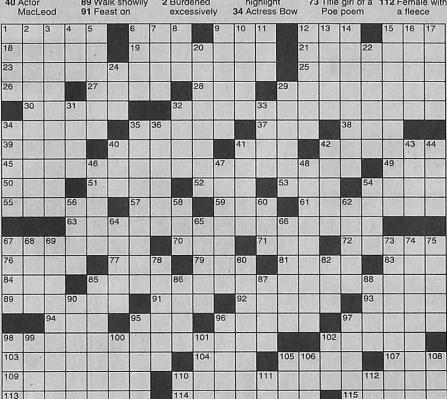
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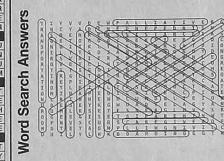
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