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# Construction of VA clinic nearly complete

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Construction of a Canton Township-based U.S. Veterans Affairs clinic that will annually provide service to approximately 12,000 veterans is heading into the homestretch.

The 43,700-square-foot facility is expected to officially open as early as late-November, but could be delayed until January 2022, VA Public Affairs Officer Brian Hayes confirmed.

"The project is right on schedule and on budget," Hayes said. "There is some last-minute technology work that needs

to be completed — mostly internet installation-related items — but everything else is in good shape."

The clinic is located on Lotz Road, just north of Ford Road. It is surrounded on two sides by towering trees with a sprawling pond bordering the west side of the building.

"We lucked out with the location," Hayes said, referring to the abundant nature near the facility. "The main concern when the location was selected was having a facility accessible from the I-275 corridor. We want to be able to

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Redford Township District Library Director Garrett Hungerford studies a plan of the library's upcoming renovation.  
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# Storytime, community space planned for Redford library

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The way people use libraries has changed in recent years as technology becomes a bigger part of their offerings. The pandemic created even more change — more programming moved

outside and library parking lots became internet havens.

As a result, the Redford Township District Library is spending about \$790,000 to add a drive-thru return window and an outdoor patio that will include seating, kids' story time space and a larger gathering area.

"I think of the library as being a community hub," said Garrett Hungerford, library director. "It's about learning; it's about community. ... We want to make sure people are coming in to access information."

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# Plymouth arts and recreation complex thriving

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How has the few-of-its-kind Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex triumphantly navigated through a once-in-a-century pandemic?

With compassion, collaboration and

flexibility, revealed Gail Grieger, executive director of the non-profit-focused facility that serves as the home base for 47 independent organizations.

Housed in a three-story, 104-year-old building that formerly served as the site of Plymouth High School (1917-1970) and Central Middle School (until 2015),

PARC has been a beehive of activity since opening in 2015, hosting tenants that range from the Michigan Philharmonic to fitness instructors and a variety of art studios that teach everything from painting to pottery.

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# Longtime Botsford Inn owner John Anhut remembered

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A longtime business owner and volunteer in Farmington Hills was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church this week, almost six months after he died.

John passed away after a short illness on April 21, 2021. He had just celebrated his 98th birthday on April 8.

Anhut was the proud Innkeeper of The Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills from 1951 to 1999. It was a popular spot for metro Detroiters to celebrate weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and just a special night out.



Anhut

Anhut was proud of his historical landmark purchased from Henry Ford by John's father in 1951. He greeted more than one million guests over the years with his warm welcome.

John retired from the hotel business in 1999, at the age of 76, but he continued to volunteer and stay involved in the Farmington community. He served on the board of the Economic Development Corporation since its inception in 1979, and he was elected Chairman in 1996. He continued as chair until 2019. He was then reappointed to the board for another term scheduled to continue through 2025.

On the board Anhut continued to make his "one cold call every day" to visit local businesses, and he believed that you needed to work hard and never give up.

Anhut's life before the Botsford Inn and the EDC was just as unique as the man himself. Born in Detroit in 1923, he had a paper route and enjoyed living in a big city. He was admitted into the Morgan Park Military Academy in Chicago for high school, however, his real passion for education began when he was accepted into college at Notre Dame in 1940.

He graduated in 1943, and enlisted in the United States Navy in September 1943 in the South Pacific during World War II.

At 20 years old, he was a Beach

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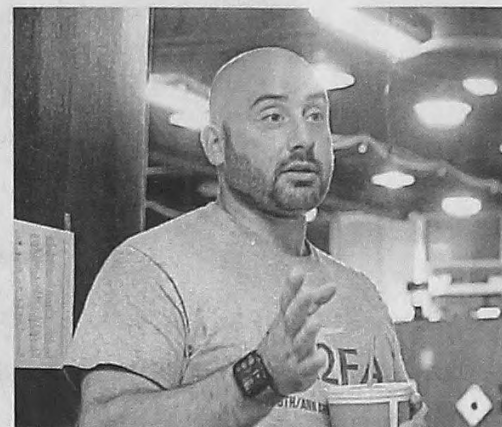
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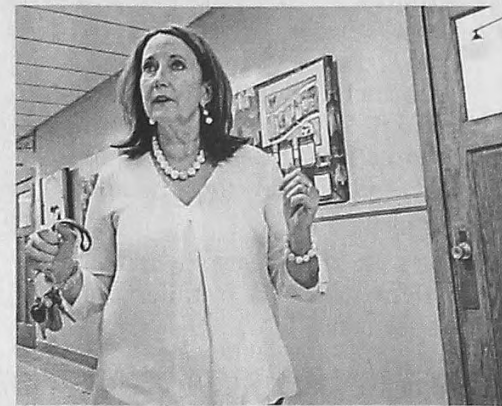


Central Clay Studios student Ali Nowicki works on a project Sept. 29 at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

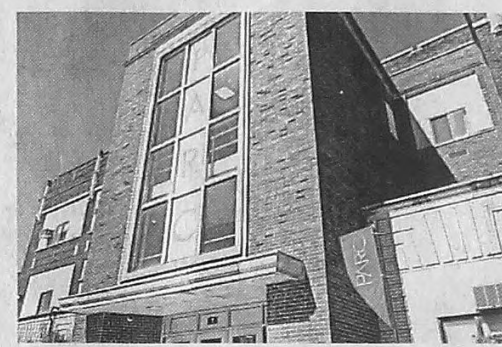
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Plymouth/Ann Arbor Fencing Academy owner Tony Kosla talks about how his business has continued to expand since it started in the PARC building.



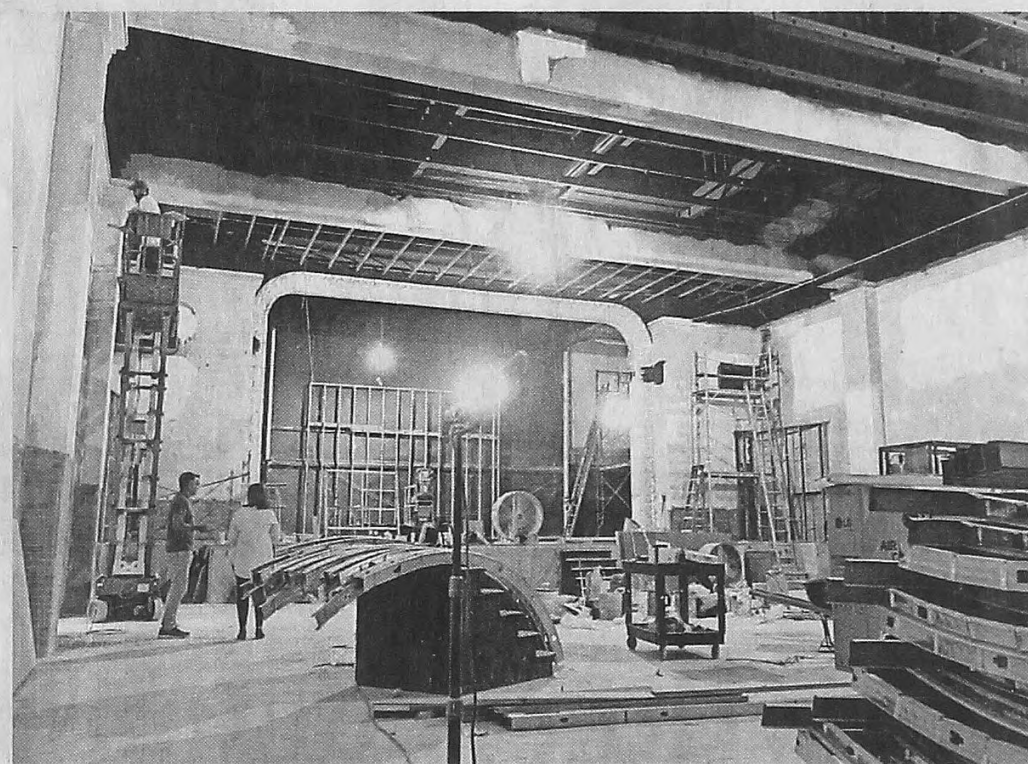
PARC executive director Gail Grieger on Sept. 29.



The PARC building in Plymouth.



Ceramic figures created at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.



Renovations are underway in the PARC's theater.

## Complex

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When the first COVID-19 pandemic shutdown hit in March 2020, Grieger's experience as an attorney served her well, she admitted.

"Whenever a new executive order would come out from the governor, I'd have to go through it — page by page, sometimes as many as 90 pages — and figure out how it impacted each of our tenants," Grieger said. "One page would apply to fitness studios, another to

pools, this one to gyms and this one for office spaces — my background as a lawyer certainly came in handy.

"During the first shutdown, our culinary arts programs did not have to shut down because they were considered essential food-services organizations. We had a couple individual artists who worked alone and had their own stand-alone space, so they were able to work as well. But for the most part, this place was pretty quiet at the beginning of the pandemic."

PARC's list of tenants numbered 38 at the outset of the pandemic. It has since grown approximately 25%.

"Our board of directors made the decision in early April (2020) that we weren't going to lose any tenants because they couldn't afford to pay rent," Grieger said. "We were able to offer rent relief for at least two months to most of our tenants, which got everybody through May."

Grieger said the mindset of the facility's tenants also played a big role in their survival.

"We're in a building full of creative people who find creative ways to solve problems," Grieger said. "At the beginning of the pandemic, our treasurer showed me a couple spreadsheets, basically showing how long we could survive with no rent at all. Thankfully, it never got that bad because everybody was so resilient, so creative in meeting the challenges."

### Moving classes outside, home

A short time after Tony Kosla moved his Plymouth/Ann Arbor Fencing Club into a first-floor room at PARC in November 2020, disaster struck.

"I was in there two weeks, all set up and ready to go, and the second shutdown came and lasted about two months," Kosla said. "Thanks to PARC's flexibility, we were able to move classes

outside on the tennis courts. It's been a great location, too, because there is a lot of traffic (in the hallways). People see my place and say, 'I didn't know there was a fencing academy here; maybe I'll give it a shot.'"

"One of the advantages of having a 17-acre space is that several organizations moved outdoors for classes and practices," Grieger said. "Our football field even hosted the (2021) prom for the Plymouth-Canton high schools."

Pivoting was a necessity for most of PARC's occupants, including Amber Lofty, owner of the Central Clay Studio.

"Every year we offer a class in November when people come in and make their own holiday ornaments," Lofty said. "We had a little issue last year with the shutdown. So we made take-home kits for everybody. We had to do it fast; we wanted to make sure we didn't lose money on that because people had already paid."

"It worked out great. Now we're offering hybrid ornament projects for in-person and take-home kits."

Under the direction of Beth Stewart, the Michigan Philharmonic shifted gears from offering live, large-scale performances to smaller, more intimate options.

"We have a vast video collection of live performances that date back several years," Stewart said. "When the pandemic hit and we couldn't perform to large audiences, I started sending out videos of the performances via email blasts to our thousands of supporters. Judging by the feedback I received these were greatly appreciated."

"Once restrictions lightened up a little, we'd start sending a few musicians — duos and trios — out into the community ... to assisted-care facilities, to steps of libraries, things like that. Music has such a therapeutic affect on people. These smaller performances not only entertained people who had been isolat-

ed for a long time, they helped the musicians earn a little money and helped keep their skills sharp."

### Aging with grace

The century-old building has undergone a remarkable interior facelift the past few years. The hallway walls — many still lined by the former schools' lockers — have been refreshed with new coats of paint.

The former cafeteria/auditorium is being refurbished — construction crews have removed drywall, revealing the building's original character-enhancing brick walls — into a modest-sized theater/all-purpose space.

But the old-school vibe is still strong. While the facility's ceilings have been replaced, its decades-old flooring (harmless, character-enhancing cracks spreading across some hallways like varicose veins) still serve as pathways through the structure.

"We kept all the lockers from when it was Central Middle School," Grieger said, "because we want the building to maintain that school feel. I even have the book that has all the locker combinations in it."

Except for the routine varnishing of its hardwood floor, the building's gym hasn't changed since 1952, Grieger said.

"Because of its vintage look, the gym has been highly sought after by people who are filming documentaries or movies and they need a scene with a gym that has an older feel to it," she said. "We even had a music video shot in here."

Time marches on in and around the PARC facility. But it's persevering through difficult times with grace, just like the tenants who occupy its hallowed hallways.

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# Retailers may not have enough help for holidays

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Most years, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth nearly doubles its staff in the months leading up to its namesake holiday as consumers from all over Michigan come to shop for Christmas decor.

This year it's trying to do the same, but the retailer is having a noticeably more difficult time hiring for seasonal positions.

"It's not like anything I've seen in my career," Crissy Dutcher, a personnel manager at Bronner's, said. "(Hiring) has been more difficult this year, and we have a good name and use that in our recruiting efforts. But there's been a noticeable downtick."

Dutcher didn't disclose how many seasonal employees have been hired so far this season but said Bronner's has between 100 to 150 seasonal positions open right now. The retailer typically hires between 150 to 250 seasonal employees who work through the end of December.

Since the state's economy has reopened over the last 18 months after many businesses were closed to slow the spread of COVID-19, business owners have said they've had difficulty hiring workers.

## Starting from behind

The state's retail trade sector, even before seasonal hiring began, had fewer salespeople and stock clerks working in the industry. There were 19,000 fewer workers employed in Michigan's retail industry in August than there were employed in February 2020, before the pandemic, the most recent data from the state's Department of Technology, Management and Budget shows.

Some business owners have attributed the struggles to enhanced unemployment benefits, which were as much as \$662 weekly for claimants in Michigan. Also, claimants, for most of the pandemic, did not have to show that they were actively looking for a job.

But even as the more generous benefits that included an extra \$300 from the federal government expired in early September, and the state reinstated the



Bronner's Christmas store in Frankenmuth covers nearly two football fields.

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job hunt requirement in May, businesses are still experiencing hiring issues.

Michigan's unemployment rate dropped significantly over the course of the pandemic, to 4.7% in August, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget, lower than the national average.

But the labor force participation rate — a measure of how many adults in Michigan are either employed or looking for work — declined to 59.1% in August, down from 61.6% in February 2020, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Even before the pandemic, Michigan had a low labor force participation rate, economists said, so that combined with issues finding and paying for child care and concerns over COVID-19 contribute

to difficulties with hiring.

## Flexibility is key

Worker struggles with child care is something Dutcher is aware of. She said Bronner's is trying to work with staff to make shifts more flexible by, for example, letting an employee leave in the middle of a shift to go pick up and drop off their child. That's a shift for retail businesses that mostly need employees to be physically at the workplace in order to do their jobs.

Flexibility is key to Target Corp.'s approach to the holiday season this year after the Minneapolis-based retailer, with several stores in Michigan, found its employees were already working on average 12% more hours compared with

a year ago.

A Target spokesperson said the company recently developed a new phone application for its employees that allows them to pick up and switch for available work shifts without checking in with a store supervisor and allows them to pick up holiday shifts when it makes sense for their schedule.

With this approach, Target doesn't have to compete with other retailers to attract seasonal employees. But for those that do, they're getting creative.

## Attracting workers

Ann Arbor's Zingerman's is hiring between 400 to 500 seasonal employees for jobs in its warehouse, call center and kitchen, among others places in the business.

Toni Morell, a managing partner of Zingerman's Mail Order, said that while the specialty food retailer has a steady group of workers that return every year for seasonal work, they're struggling to hire just like other businesses. Morell said in order to attract employees, they're emphasizing perks they have long offered, such as free lunches and discounts on products, along with a \$15 an hour starting wage.

Dick's Sporting Goods, which has as many as 260 seasonal openings in the Detroit area, advertises its up-to 25%-off store discount. Kohl's, with as many as 650 open seasonal positions in metro Detroit, is offering a bonus ranging from \$100 to \$400 for working with the retailer through the holiday season.

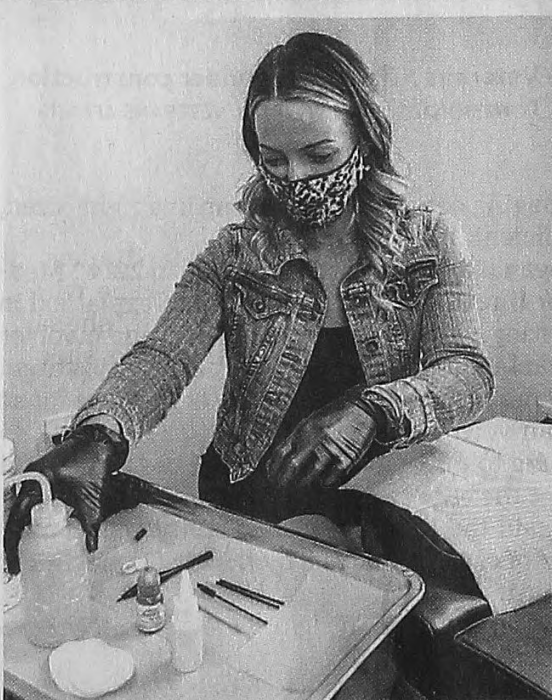
Other retailers, like Walmart Inc., are raising wages to attract workers. The retailer said Wednesday it plans to hire 150,000 employees across the U.S. Its average hourly wage is \$16.40, "the result of three major wage investments over the course of the past year," said Jimmy Carter, a Walmart spokesperson.

Like Target, Walmart said most of the positions are permanent and full time.

Dutcher, meanwhile, said Bronner's has increased its advertising dollars, and is promoting the openings online and in newspapers.

"We're hopeful," Dutcher said in regards to filling its open seasonal positions. "But honestly we are mystified like everyone else."

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# Gannett initiative awards millions in 2021 grants

Frank Witsil and Jeanine Santucci

Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

CARES of Farmington Hills is working to build what it calls a "campus of hope," a place where people who have little money and stability in their lives can go to get food, job training and access to other services.

To support the nonprofit, the Gannett Foundation's A Community Thrives initiative gave a grant of \$50,000. It will go to support the nonprofit's food pantry, so it can reorganize into a self-serve grocery.

"It's a total remodel," said Todd Lipa, executive director of CARES. "This is going to give us the opportunity to entirely refinish our pantry. Organizations like Gannett make it possible for us to do the work we do here. Feeding 500-plus families a month comes with a price tag. We're always looking to find partners."

CARES — Community. Action. Resources. Empowerment. Services. — is one of 16 recipients of national merit grants from the foundation, ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

CARES and its food pantry have a history that goes back a few years. According to its website, in 2014, all but one portion of the former St. Alexander's Catholic Church property had closed. The part that stayed open was the pantry, "a lifeline for individuals and families who had found themselves in hard times."

The pantry was purchased in 2017 by a nonprofit that later became CARES of Farmington Hills.

Hometown Life's parent company, Gannett, sponsors A Community Thrives. All grant recipients raised money through crowdfunding before receiving a grant. The \$2.3 million initiative supports organizations working to address a range of social issues.

This year, those issues included homelessness, mental health care for LGBTQ people, reproductive care and girls' education. Since 2017, A Community Thrives has distributed \$17 million in grants and dona-

tions to community-based organizations.

Michigan's local operating winners are:

- Arts & Scraps, a Detroit group that uses recycled materials to help people of all ages and abilities "think, learn and create."

- Children's Museum of Branch County, a "community driven, child-centered space" where children "explore, learn and grow by engaging in interactive play with those who care about them."

- Hospice Homes of Genesee and Lapeer counties, an organization that provides support to terminally ill people in their final days of life regardless of income.

- Interfaith Leadership Council Of Metropolitan Detroit, a civic organization that describes itself as being made up of lay and clerical people who work to benefit the community.

- Oaks Village, a group that aims to bring "hope and restoration" to individuals, families and the Monroe community.

"Now in its fifth year, A Community Thrives awards grants to many significant causes helping to improve lives," Gannett CEO Mike Reed said. "Each of our grant winners is making a positive impact, and we are proud to support organizations that share our purpose."

For Kristin Burgoyne, executive director of Refugee Connect, a \$25,000 grant will mean more families affected by resettlement will be supported through their transition to the United States.

Refugee Connect started a Community Navigation Program, hiring cultural leaders in refugee and immigrant communities to conduct outreach with families, connect them to resources and make sure they know how to navigate educational, financial, health care and other systems.

"I've been doing this work for about 13 years now, working with refugees and immigrants in different cities," Burgoyne said. "The common thing that I would say to any community where you have a significant refugee or immigrant population, is the best thing that

you can do to show your support for those communities is to be welcoming."

Refugee Connect, based in Cincinnati and operating in southwest Ohio and northern Kentucky, hopes to support about 50 additional families using the grant money. Those families will benefit from assistance in their own languages from someone who has experienced resettlement or migration.

The organization plans to support families evacuated from Afghanistan after the United States withdrew, leaving many vulnerable when the Taliban seized control. Partnering with resettlement organizations in northern Kentucky, Refugee Connect assembles welcome teams to help Afghans find jobs, health care providers and other resources by working with churches and mosques.

"Now we're able to use this funding to really support that people power, because of this grant," Burgoyne said. "It makes a difference between a family just surviving and a family thriving."

According to the Gannett Foundation, other A Community Thrives grant recipients include:

- Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority in Brunswick, Georgia. It will receive \$100,000 to enable a Head Start program and provide space for organizations to serve community members.

- The Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library in Indianapolis. It will receive \$50,000 to support its free speech programs.

- Waggies in Wilmington, Delaware. It will receive \$25,000 toward opening an additional kitchen that employs intellectually disabled adults baking dog treats.

Other nonprofit organizations will receive community operating grants that start at \$2,500, chosen by leaders across Gannett's USA TODAY Network of more than 250 news sites in 46 states. Special consideration goes to organizations focused on building up historically under-resourced and underserved groups.

## Library

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The renovation recently started and should be completed by the year's end.

The children's reading area, near the front door, will feature AstroTurf so lawn maintenance is never a concern. The kids' area will also have a barrier between children and the parking lot.

"One of the things we found when we were closed to the public was people were bringing lawn chairs and were sitting outside the library to use our wireless in-

ternet," Hungerford said. "If people are coming here when we're closed, they can still sit out here and use the internet."

Around the back of the building, the library is adding a drive-thru drop-off window and a sorting machine to re-check and organize books as they come in. Hungerford said that addition will make returning books easier and streamline staff's process in getting books back on shelves.

Hungerford said the library is hoping to finish the second floor in the near future. The floor is mostly unused aside from some meeting rooms and the Friends of the Library used bookstore.

"The plan is to move our children's area upstairs,"

Hungerford said. "So, we'll have a lot more space for programming for kids."

He said the children's area downstairs would become a more "traditional" library space dedicated to study rooms and a quiet area.

"One of the things we've always had demand for is study rooms," Hungerford said. "People want to meet, study and congregate together."

The library's millage will be eligible for renewal next year, and Hungerford said the plan is to see if the public will support the renovation through taxes.

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## Anhut

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Master Commander and led the assaults on 8 Japanese islands, earning eight combat stars. He talked about a memorable experience that he had in the Pacific when he met and received orders directly from Admiral Chester Nimitz prior to one of his beach landings there. He was awarded the lieutenant title during his military experience.

He returned home to Detroit in 1946, attended law school and earned his law degree in 1950.

He is survived by his five children: Karen, Kris, John, Jim and Jerry. He has 8 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Anhut loved spending time with his family, playing golf, supporting Notre Dame football, networking and always trying to help local small businesses work through their issues. He was a unique man with many talents, but he was always praising others along the way.

He valued his family, his church, his friends, and his community. He felt that he was rewarded many times in his life, and friends are thankful he enjoyed a normal, independent healthy life, right until his death. He lived at home in Farmington and still driving, and he continued to maintain his weekly busy schedule right up to the end of his life.



The new U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Canton Community Based Outpatient Clinic on North Lotz Road is nearly complete. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## VA clinic

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bring our services to the veterans instead of them having to drive significant distances to get to us."

Construction on the facility started in January 2020.

Hayes said the clinic has not been adversely affected by the labor shortages that have crippled several industries in 2021.

"Veterans who will be utilizing this clinic are incredibly excited that it is nearly completed," Hayes said. "I know we've had veterans drive by and look at the building. The feedback we've received from them has been very positive and they're anxious for it to officially open."

Hayes said veterans who will use the ambulatory clinic have been forced to travel to VA clinics in either Ann Arbor or Detroit.

"The Canton clinic will give veterans another option and, for many, a shorter drive," he said.

The facility will be state of the art, allowing for the full implementation of the Patient-Aligned Care Team (PACT) model of care delivery, as well as improving operational efficiencies and the veteran experience.

Along with providing primary care, the facility will offer care for mental health, laboratory and patholo-



Inside the Veterans Affairs clinic under construction in Canton Township. COURTESY OF U.S. VETERANS AFFAIRS

gy, and imaging services for veterans in a right-sized, energy-efficient building.

"We began work on this project back in 2014," Medical Center Director Dr. Ginny Creasman explained in 2020. "Getting a new clinic ... is a big deal and involves a lot of stakeholders. So, we're honored to be able to get this done and bring our services closer to home for so many of our veterans."

"It's going to make it so much more convenient for them to get the care they've earned."

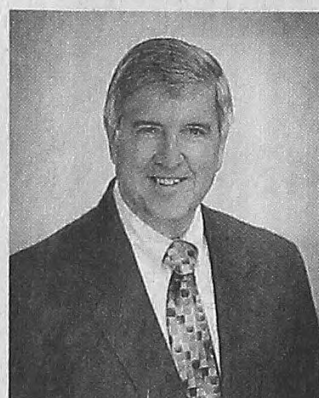
Hayes said the location of the facility was chosen after years of careful analysis by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

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# Michiganders who lost license may be eligible to drive again

Dave Boucher and Clara Hendrickson

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More than 70,000 Michiganders — and potentially many, many more — became eligible to legally return to the roads Oct. 1 or in the near future following the implementation of new, sweeping criminal justice reform measures.

The laws ban suspending a driver's license because of unpaid court costs, tickets or other issues unrelated to safe driving. Although the measures took effect and prohibits suspending licenses for these reasons in the future, they also allow many who lost their license in the past to start legally driving again, once they receive a letter from the state.

A state task force on jail and pretrial incarceration recommended these changes, later adopted with widespread bipartisan support. Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget McCormack was one of the leaders of the task force and heralded the changes.

"When the task force looked at data across the state, we expected to see people in jail for assault or robbery," McCormack said in a statement. "But what we found was tens of thousands of people getting locked up for driving on a suspended license."

For more information on whether you personally are eligible:

- Call the Michigan Secretary of State at 888-SOS-MICH (767-6424).
- Contact Michigan Legal Help at michiganlegal-help.org
- Call the Counsel and Advocacy Law Line at 888-

783-8190

- Contact Legal Aid and Defender Association at 313-967-5800 or 877-964-4700 or
- <https://ladadetroit.org/about-lada/>

The Department of State also will host information sessions and virtual clinics. That information will be available at [www.Michigan.gov/SOSCcleanSlate](http://www.Michigan.gov/SOSCcleanSlate).

In the meantime, here are a few answers to some common questions about eligibility and how to get back behind the wheel:

## Who's eligible?

Anyone who lost their license under two broad categories: Failing to pay a ticket, fines or fees and failing to appear in court for certain driving violations.

Those violations are:

- Open Intoxicants in Vehicle
- Open Intoxicants in Vehicle (Passenger)
- Person Under 21 Transport/Possess in Vehicle
- Person Under 21 Transport/Possess in Vehicle (Passenger)
- MIP (Person Under 21 Purchase/Consume/Possess Liquor)
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## How do I know if I'm eligible?

A letter from the Michigan Department of State should land in your mailbox during the first two weeks of October. It will be sent to the address listed on your driving record.

The letter will include a list of the violations and suspensions that will be removed from your record and will include any additional steps you need to take to start driving again.

## What if I don't get a letter, but I think I'm eligible?

If you don't get a letter, don't panic! You definitely could still be eligible.

The best thing to do is contact the Michigan Secretary of State or other services listed above. Here are those details again:

- Contact Michigan Legal Help at michiganlegal-help.org

- Call the Counsel and Advocacy Law Line at 888-783-8190

- Contact Legal Aid and Defender Association at 313-967-5800 or 877-964-4700 or

- <https://ladadetroit.org/about-lada/>

You'll likely need to order your driving record to prove eligibility. You can do this at Michigan.gov/SOS, via mail or at a secretary of state branch office.

## I know I'm eligible, so I can drive right away, right?

Not necessarily!

If you get a letter and it says you can start driving, burn rubber (safely). But you may need to renew your license if it has expired or formally apply to get a license again.

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## I had my license suspended because of unpaid fees. Do I still need to pay them?

Yep!

If you haven't paid fees, you don't need to wait to pay them to start driving again.

But you're still on the hook for paying the fees. If you have suspensions on your driving record for other violations, you'll have to wait to start driving again until those violations are cleared.

## What paperwork do I need?

You might not need any! No, seriously: many of the 73,000 people who receive these letters from the state and still have a driver's license will be able to start driving legally again without taking any additional action.

If your letter states there are additional issues, that may mean you can't drive quite yet. You also may need to get your driving record. To do so, go to Michigan.gov/SOS and select Online Services.

You can also do this in person at a secretary of state branch office, but keep in mind: pandemic safety measures may result in longer wait times. It doesn't hurt to call ahead first or try to schedule an appointment online.

Also, keep in mind: while your right to drive might be restored, the problem that prompted the suspension will still show up on your record.

## How long will this take?

For about 35,000 people, you can start driving immediately. Your letter will tell you if you fall into this category. If your letter does not say you're eligible right away, it may take some time to renew a license or get a new one. The Secretary of State's Office says it generally takes two to three weeks to get a license after submitting an application.

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# Biden proposes spending plans in Howell Twp.

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President Joe Biden visited a training center in Howell Township on Tuesday, hoping to build support for his infrastructure bill and his Build Back Better program, both facing a battle in Congress.

The president completed a tour of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324 training facility and then spoke to an audience that had awaited his arrival outdoors.

Howell Mayor Nick Proctor, among local officials who gathered to hear Biden speak, said he was interested in knowing more about the president's infrastructure plan.

"If it passes Congress we hope some comes our way, not just for the city but for our county," he said.

Biden's \$1.2 trillion infrastructure plan would fund improvements for roads, bridges, public transit and other physical projects. That has passed the U.S. Senate with some GOP support.

A second package, known as Build Back Better, has unclear costs because Democrats are still working out details. Among items that Biden mentioned are programs to boost clean vehicle manufacturing, support for clean energy and a jobs corps that could employ hundreds on environmental cleanup. Other reported initiatives include expansion of child care credits and Medicare and Medicaid and free community college tuition.

After thanking Democratic congress members from Detroit and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Gov. Gavin Gilchrist, Biden said he came to Michigan to "set some things straight if I can."

He recalled historic actions in the United States, such as creating a system of free public schools and massive infrastructure projects.

Now, he said, the nation has slowed down investing in itself, noting that the U.S. ranks 13th for infrastructure in the world. The nation now ranks 35th out of 37 major countries when it comes to investing in universal education, he said.

"All those investments that assure a strong economy, we've taken our foot off the gas," Biden said. "The world has tak-



President Joe Biden speaks about "Build Back Better" at Operating Engineers Local 324 in Howell Township on Tuesday. KAYLA DAUGHERTY/LIVINGSTON DAILY

en notice, by the way. Including our adversaries."

He said the nation needs to prepare to win in a fast-moving global economy. The first bill targets physical infrastructure and the second human infrastructure, he said.

Biden characterized the bills as supporting a rising America that should

transcend party politics.

Getting the plans through Congress is Biden's challenge. Four GOP members of Michigan's congressional delegation told the Detroit Free Press before the visit that the plan is too broad and too costly.

"It's universal everything," said U.S. Rep. Bill Huizenga, R-Zeeland, "(Call-

ing) this cradle-to-grave mentality ... socialism ... I think is accurate."

"They can't articulate the true economic problem they are trying to take care of here... What is the target they are trying to aim at?" he said.

Air Force One delivered Biden at Capital Region International Airport in Lansing where he was greeted by Lansing Mayor Andy Schor and U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, D-Holly, who represents the 8th Congressional District. The president and his national press pool then took a motorcade to Howell Township.

Hundreds of people gathered on M-59 to await the president and to watch the motorcade pass about 2:15 p.m. Most were there to protest the president's policies or show support for former President Donald Trump. They carried signs and hollered at passing motorists.

Pam Schneider, a Howell resident, attended Tuesday's protest holding a pro-Trump flag and another sign reading "Stop the Spending."

"I came because I see what Biden's doing to our country. He's destroying our country," Schneider said.

Allen Reichle traveled from St. Clair County to attend the "Stop the Spending Rally."

"Right now, he's talking about the biggest spending bill in the history of the world. That's not something we will ever pay back, that the next generation will ever pay back. It's unfair," Reichle said.

Henrietta Torrio showed up to support Biden's plan and protest Trump. She wore a Trump mask, altered with gold teeth.

"I'm an electrical engineer and I'm ready to build it back better. America is ready to be better. We have better people in office now, and honesty and dignity has been brought back to the White House," Torrio said.

Tammy Sexton, a Hartland Township resident, also came to support the president.

"I'm here to support President Biden and his policies. I care deeply about people and want to make sure everyone here is safe. I'm here in case something happens. I want to be there to help people if I need to, to keep people safe," Sexton said.



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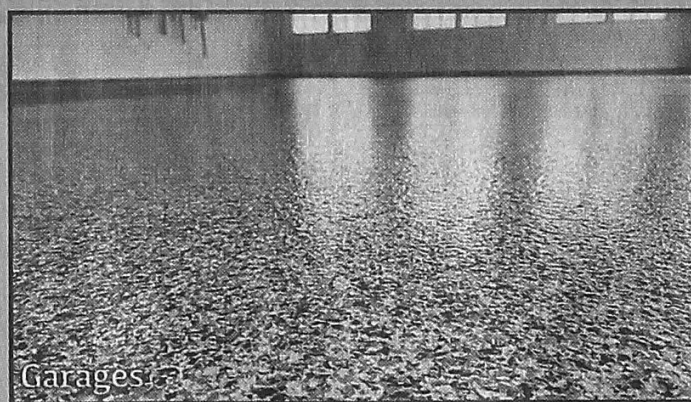
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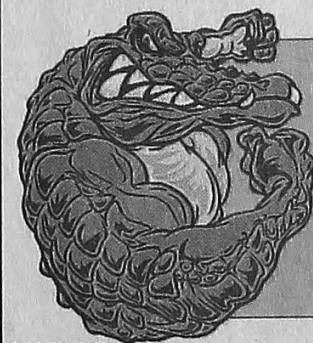
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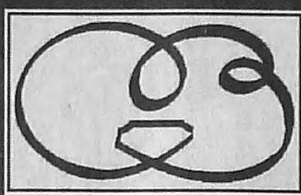
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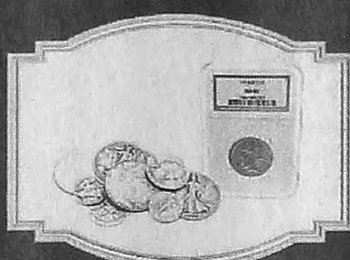
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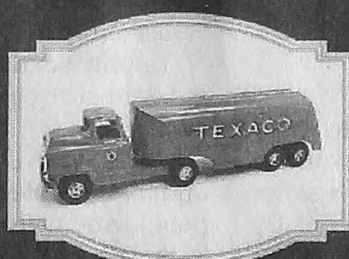
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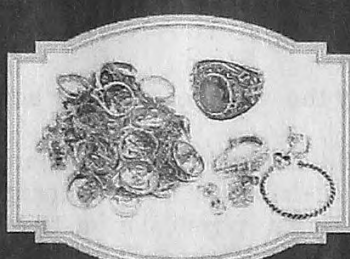
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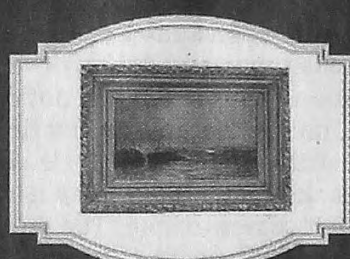
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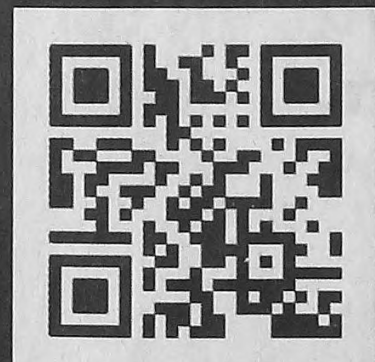


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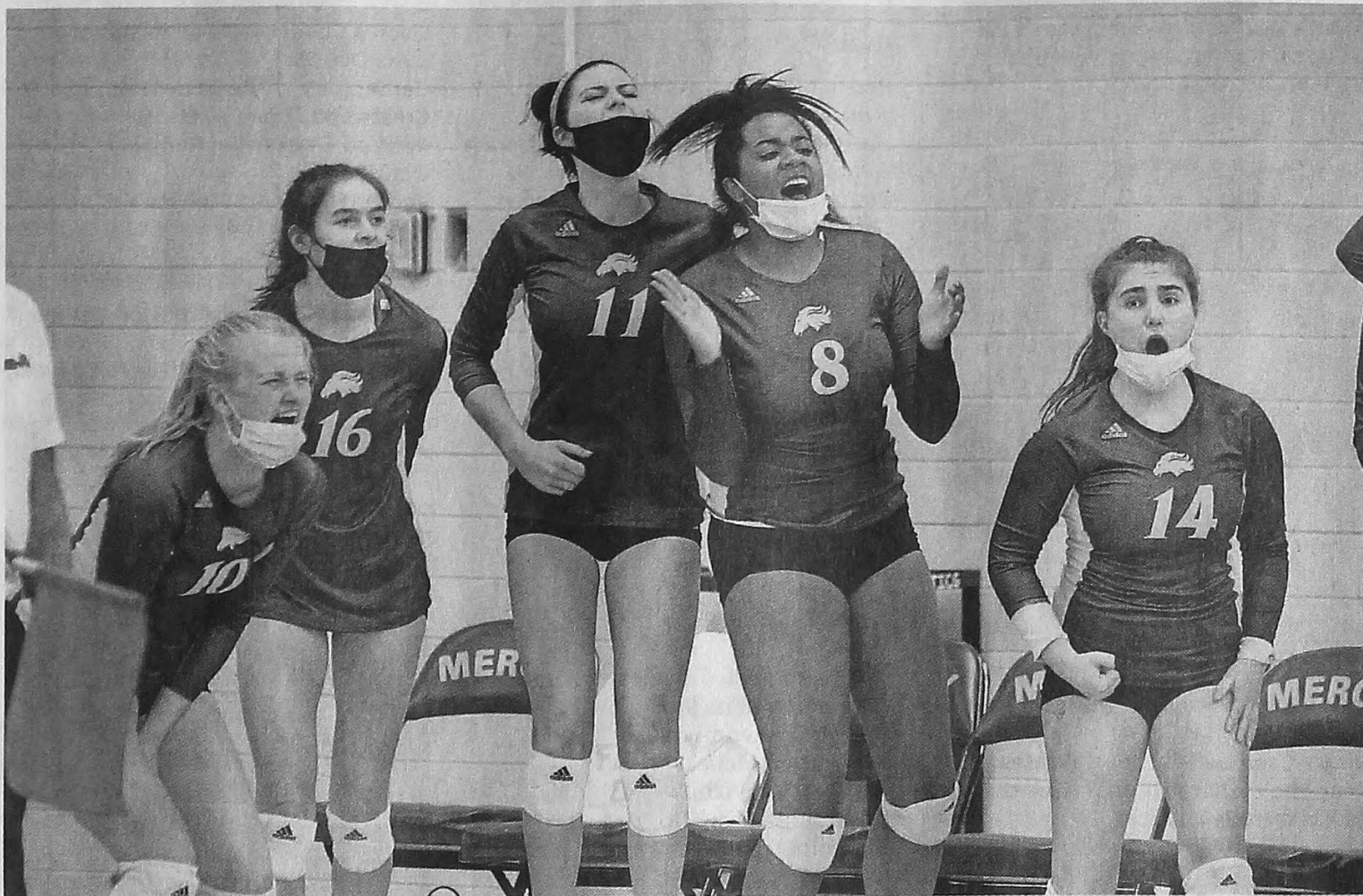
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# SPORTS

## Mercy made an entrance, but Marian stole the show



Marian's bench erupts after a point during a Catholic League volleyball match on Oct. 5 at Mercy. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Top-ranked Mustangs were unfazed by Mercy's pre-game fanfare and swept Marlins for the second time this season.

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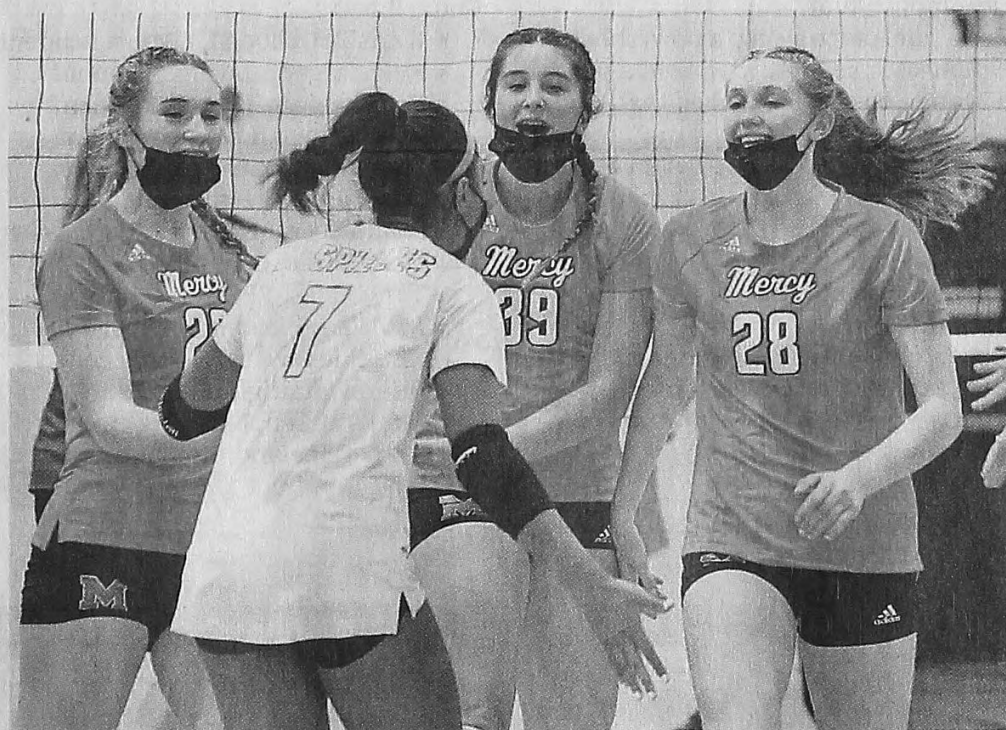
Shorthanded and facing the No. 1-ranked team in the state, the Farmington Hills Mercy volleyball team went out of its way to make an entrance before Tuesday night's Catholic League-Central match.

But all the pre-game theatrics in the world won't help you win games.

Instead, Bloomfield Hills Marian stole the show with its play above the net, which allowed the Mustangs to sweep Mercy 3-0 for the second time this season.

The Marlins made a grand gesture when they took the floor. They strobed the lights, played TI's "Bring 'Em Out" and the team sprinted through a paper banner.

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Mercy celebrates scoring a point.

## Brown commits to SVSU, DeFillippo named Coach of the Week

It was a news-breaking week for the Chargers.

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Yeah, the Livonia Churchill football team beat Franklin in Week 6.

But following the game, the No. 2-ranked Chargers had more to celebrate than just a win over their rivals.

On Oct. 2, two-star cornerback Joshua Brown committed to Saginaw Valley State.

And, on Tuesday, coach Bill DeFillippo was named the Detroit Lions' Coach of the Week.

Brown, who's 5-foot-10 and 180 pounds, held offers from Division I schools such as Pittsburgh, Kent State, Eastern Kentucky and Valparaiso but elected to stay in-state and join the D-II Cardinals.

"They showed me the most love," Brown told Hometown Life on Tuesday afternoon. "They FaceTimed me. They'd ask about my family. They've been to a few games. At the end of the day, they made me feel the most at home. I feel like I can get the most out of their program and facilities."

Brown has been Churchill's Swiss Army Knife this fall. Not only is he getting playing time on offense, catching passes as a receiver, rushing the ball and making plays, but he's also helping the team on special teams.

He's got blazing speed and a knack for outrunning opponents down the sideline.

Saginaw Valley is going to have him play primarily defensive back, but he's hoping his athleticism makes him an NFL draft prospect by the time he's done in University Center.

"We'll see what the future holds for me," Brown added. "I'm fine with just playing cornerback, and that's my main position anyway. I just want to be able to compete at the highest level. I want to be just like (Los Angeles Rams cornerback) Jalen Ramsey. Most corners don't hit like he does or come down and make tackles. He's just a dog, and I want to be like that."

Brown's cousin, Andrew Holston, who played at Fordson, currently plays for SVSU.

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## Detroit Red Wings alumni game coming to Livonia on Sunday

The former NHL players will help raise money for Livonia Kids & Families, a local nonprofit.

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This weekend is a chance for you to see former Detroit Red Wings players and help a local charity.

AlphaUSA, a manufacturing company in Livonia, and Livonia City Councilman Brandon McCullough have teamed up to host a Red Wings alumni game at 1 p.m. Sunday at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena,

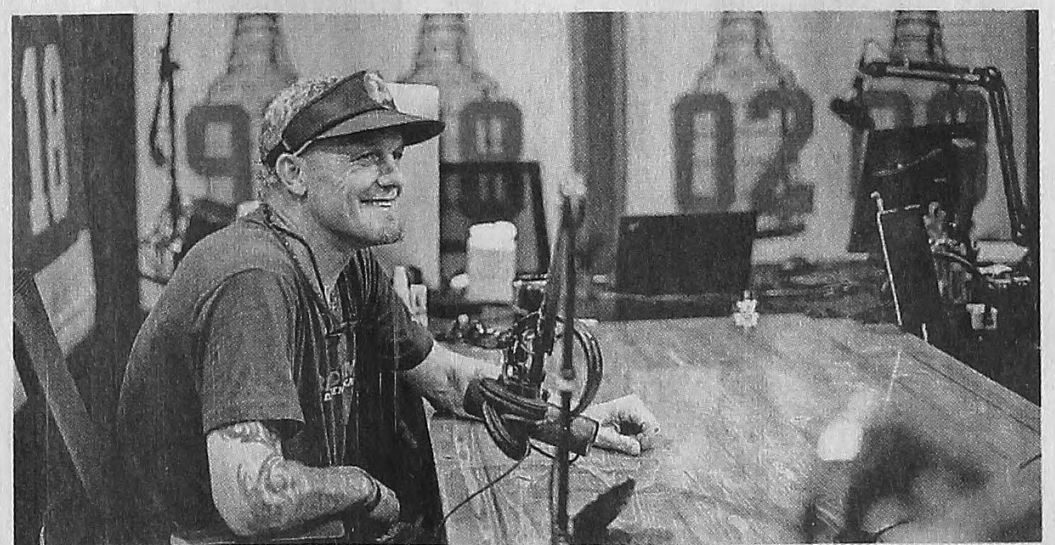
33841 Lyndon.

Former Red Wings players and personnel will take on an all-star team of community members from around Livonia, Northville Township and Novi.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available for purchase at Livonia UPS Store, 37637 Five Mile Road, and Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard St.

Money raised during the game will benefit Livonia Kids & Families, a nonprofit that works to better the lives of children and families through various community initiatives such as its food pantry and job shell program, which gives working experience to moderately cognitively impaired students.

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Former Detroit Red Wings player Darren McCarty is one of the players coming to Livonia for Sunday's alumni game. JUNFU HAN, DETROIT FREE PRESS

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# Volleyball

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While they warmed up, they played some of the hottest club songs from the past 10 years. From Kanye West's "Mercy" to French Montana's "Pop That." They quickly found their energy and got into a groove.

But when it was Marian's turn to take the court, the bops cut off, and the Marlins replaced it with easy listening religious music.

"That's OK because Jesus is on our side," joked Marian 6-foot-1 outside hitter Ava Brizard. "We're a Catholic school. We love Jesus. He's on our side, ya know? It is what it is."

It was Mercy's breast cancer awareness game. So each Marlin tossed pink mini volleyballs into the student section during player introductions. It was also senior night, so some players handed out roses to parents in the crowd.

The Marlins had all the sideshow attractions you could imagine. They pulled every punch outside of playing the "Final Jeopardy!" jingle during Marian's timeouts.

And those distractions worked early on. It took the Mustangs half of the opening set to settle down before they found their mojo on offense.

They finally snapped a 13-13 tie with a pair of long serving runs. They secured the 25-17 victory thanks to two late kills from Brizard. She also teamed up with Janiah Jones for a key block down the stretch.

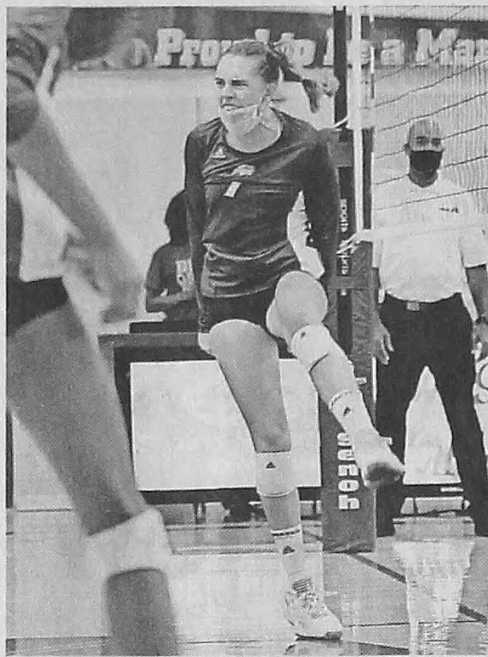
Marian started the next set down two points and then ripped off seven straight before Mercy called a timeout. The Mustangs carried that momentum the rest of the way, earning a 25-16 win.

Set 3 saw the defending state champions grab an immediate 14-3 lead and coast to a 25-16 victory.

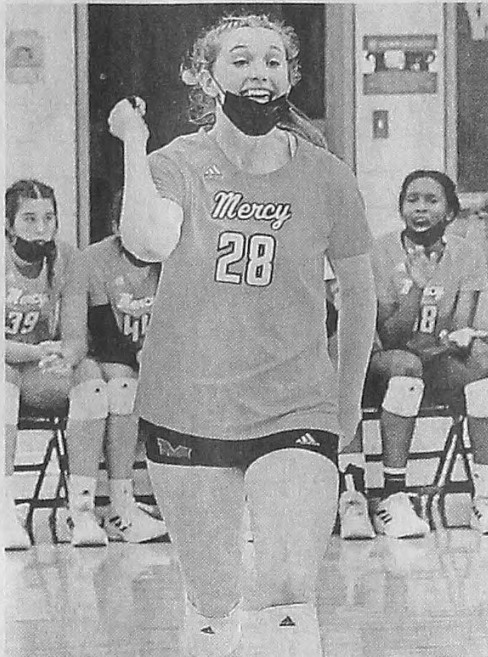
The Marlins haven't scored more than 19 points in a single set against Marian this fall, which is an awe-inspiring statistic considering Mercy is two years removed from a state title and currently ranked No. 6 in the state.

"I'm still not satisfied with tonight's win," fourth-year coach Mayssa Cook said in a very Nick Saban-like tone. "We need to pursue more balls on defense. We need to be cleaner and better with the ball on first and second contact. There's a lot of room for growth and improvement from tonight, and I got on their butts about it. There were too many balls, in my opinion, that hit the floor that should've never hit the floor. Against the wrong team, you can't do that. Which is usually them, and it could be them (in the Division 1 playoffs) if they allow that to happen again."

Of course, Mercy was no push-over, which is saying something because the Marlins were without two key players in its rotation in junior Ella Shields and senior Leah LaFontaine. Both suffered injuries before the opening serve.



Marian's Ava Brizard celebrates a kill during a Catholic League volleyball match on Oct. 5 at Mercy.



Mercy's Campbell Flynn celebrates during the match. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The Marlins had to quickly adjust their lineup twice throughout the night. Reserve players got more playing time, and longtime coach Loretta Vogel said that was a boon for her backups.

"That was a lot of pressure on individuals who are not used to it," Vogel said. "That makes it fun, I thought, for us. I compliment the girls on being able to accomplish that."

It's a rare feat to sweep a powerhouse program such as Mercy twice in a year. But Marian has accomplished that. And the Mustangs did so without any unnecessary fanfare. They just got to work and took care of business, as cliché as it sounds. But that should be the winning recipe that gets them back to the state finals for a second-straight year.

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# Michigan high school football schedule: Week 8

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## Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Livonia Churchill at Livonia Stevenson; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
Livonia Franklin vs. Belleville; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
Wayne Memorial vs. John Glenn; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
Canton at Hartland; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
Northville at Novi; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
Plymouth vs. Salem; 7 p.m., Oct. 15

## Catholic League

Brother Rice at Traverse City Central; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
Detroit Catholic Central vs. New Market Huron Heights (CN); 7 p.m., Oct. 16  
Cranbrook Kingswood vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard; 1 p.m., Oct. 16

## Lakes Valley Conference

Milford vs. South Lyon East; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
South Lyon at Waterford Mott; 7 p.m., Oct. 15

Lakeland vs. Gibraltar Carlson; 7 p.m., Oct. 15

## Oakland Activities Association

Groves at Clarkston; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
North Farmington at West Bloomfield; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
Seaholm at Lake Orion; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
Bloomfield Hills at Royal Oak; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
Farmington at Auburn Hills Avondale; 7 p.m., Oct. 15

## Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Livonia Clarenceville at Tecumseh; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
Garden City vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
Redford Thurston at Romulus; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
Redford Union vs. Melvindale; 7 p.m., Oct. 15

## Independent

Lutheran Westland at Burton Bendle; 7 p.m., Oct. 15  
Detroit Country Day vs. Detroit Loyola; 1 p.m., Oct. 16

# Alumni

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The projected roster for the Red Wings alumni include:

- Micky Redmond
- Darren McCarty
- Dennis Hextall
- Brent Fedyk
- John Ogrodnick
- Jason Woolley
- Kevin Miller
- Alex Foster
- Bryan Smolinski
- Dean Kolstad
- Jay Adams (Actor/WWE)
- Dave Moss

Players expected to play for the Livonia All-Stars include:

- Brandon McCullough, Livonia City Councilman
- Ryan McCullough, Livonia resident
- Kyle Sargent, Livonia resident
- Pat Sheehan, Livonia resident
- Ryan Brown, Livonia resident
- Scott Green, Livonia resident
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- Justin Rose, Channel 7 sportscaster
- Drew Witte, Cole Advisers
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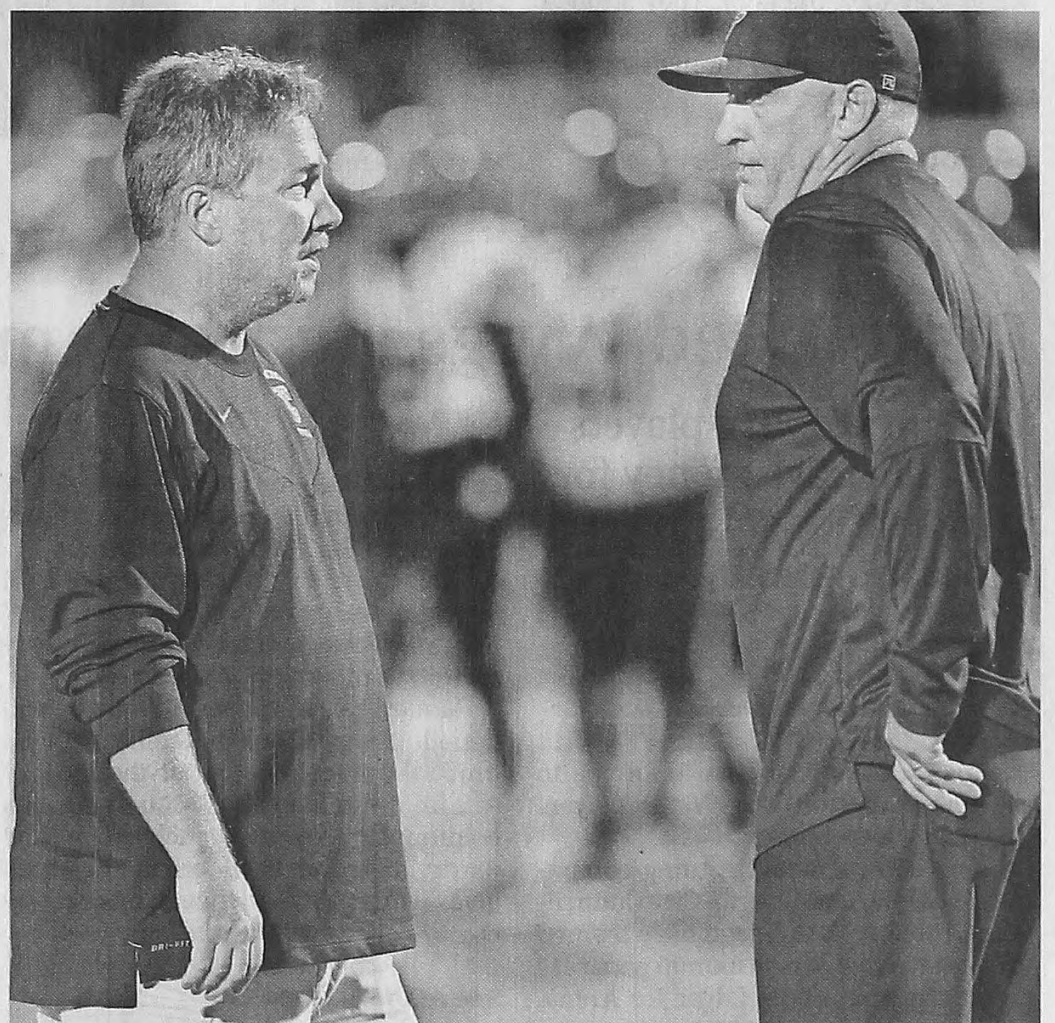
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Charger Josh Brown. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo, left, and Franklin coach Chris Kelbert meet near midfield on Oct. 1.

# Chargers

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DeFillippo, who currently has the Chargers ranked in two of the state's most prestigious polls, helped Brown get there.

The ninth-year coach picked up the Coach of the Week honor after the team was ranked No. 4, regardless of division,

in The D-Zone's most recent top 10 as well as No. 6 in Mick McCabe's Super 10 poll.

So far this fall, Churchill has big wins over two ranked opponents, as it downed former No. 1 Belleville in Week 3 and former No. 10 Dearborn in Week 5. The Chargers' win over the Tigers was Belleville's first regular-season loss since 2016.

DeFillippo has 24 years of coaching experience, including 10 years as an as-

sistant at Ann Arbor Huron and another five as Churchill's offensive coordinator before becoming the head coach. The Chargers are 54-33 with him leading the team.

Winning the honor isn't just an empty gesture.

Churchill's football program will receive \$1,000, plus at the end of the season, DeFillippo will be considered for the Lions' High School Football Coach of the Year.

Winning that award could net the Chargers an additional \$3,000.

The Lions have been handing out the Coach of the Week honor for 25 seasons. So far the organization has awarded \$467,000 to high school football teams across Michigan.

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# Garden City football debuts new turf with ribbon-cutting ceremony

A \$50 million bond passed in 2020 allowed the Cougars to make improvements at their stadium.

**Brandon Folsom**

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Soft openings exist to work out the kinks before the grand opening.

The Garden City football team is thankful it got its soft opening three weeks ago.

A \$50 million bond was passed by voters in 2020 to help Garden City Public Schools improve its infrastructure. That included repairing leaky roofs, getting air conditioning in classrooms and adding security to the building, among other improvements.

Some of that money went to athletics. The football team got field turf at its stadium as well as a complete renovation to its locker room.

The Cougars played their first game on the new turf in their home opener against Robichaud. But it was far from a smooth night. The concession stands weren't even operational yet. Plus, Garden City blew a 10-0 lead and wound up losing to the Bulldogs, 22-18.

Garden City finally got a chance to play at home again Sept. 24, and it made the most of its official grand opening.

The team christened the new turf with an actual ribbon-cutting ceremony. Speeches were given by faculty members. The concession stand was finally selling popcorn and hotdogs. And, most importantly, the Cougars got their first win on the playing surface.

Garden City (2-3, 2-2) edged Romulus 18-12 in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference game.

Nathan Wasil punched in the winning touchdown on a 3-yard quarterback sneak late in the third quarter.

Romulus trimmed its deficit to six points with four minutes left. Garden



Garden City Schools Superintendent Derek Fisher, center, and other school board members cut a ribbon to officially dedicate the high school's new athletic field turf on Sept. 24. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

City almost gave the Eagles the ball back on its next possession. While trying to kill the clock, the Cougars fumbled. Fortunately for them, Kaden Williams fell on the loose ball, and his team wound up kneeling out the remaining time.

Garden City held Romulus to under 200 yards of total offense.

"We got the win, but we won ugly, and our defense had to play great," coach Thomas Michaelsen said. "I think it's a sigh of relief for the kids. We tried too hard in our first game on the turf. That's why you do a soft open. Now that we got a win, the lights won't be as

bright the next time we play on it.

"I'm just exhilarated for the boys. We sang the fight song loud and proud, and a lot of happy faces left the stadium."

The improvements to Garden City's football facilities should help the program grow.

The Cougars have had just four winning seasons since 2000.

Michaelsen is hoping their new look will encourage local kids to stay in the district instead of playing for nearby powerhouses.

"I'm thankful that the community is investing in our kids," he said. "Our new

locker room is almost like a small college's locker room. We haven't used it yet, but we'll move in there this week.

"The big thing is our numbers should increase, and these facilities will help. It'll definitely help us get more kids. Our facilities are now on par with Divine Child, Franklin and Churchill. I think more kids will think about staying home."

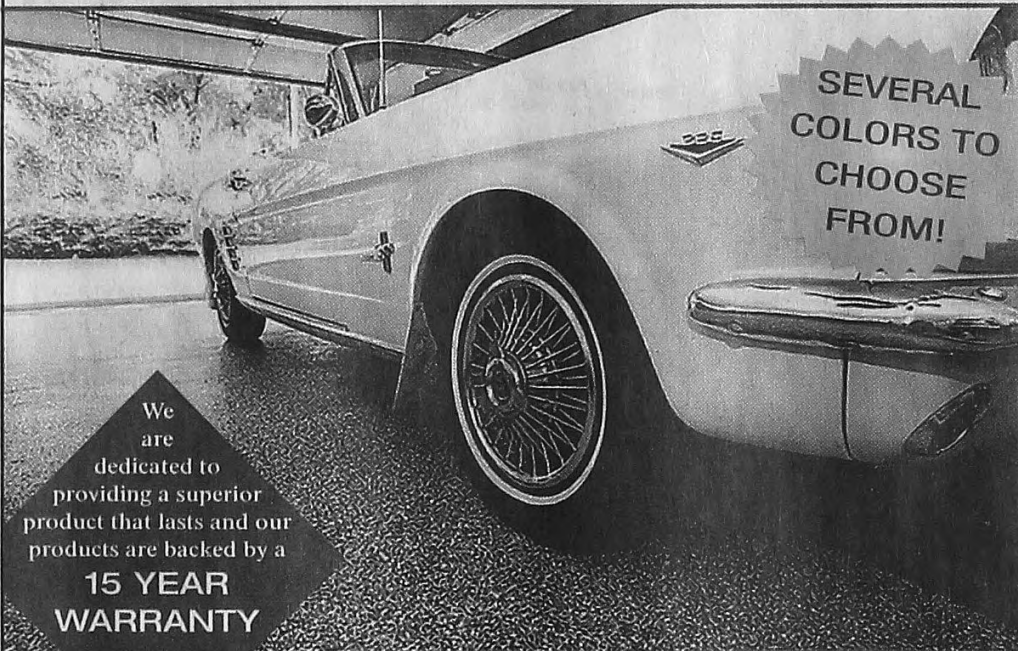
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# 'Everyone lights up' during Stanley Cup's visit to Brighton hockey rink

**Bill Khan**

Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

**BRIGHTON** — The Stanley Cup has visited exotic locations all over the globe, but it seems most at home in the local hockey rink.

The latest small arena to host Lord Stanley's mug was the Kensington Valley Ice House, where hundreds of players in the facility's youth program had the opportunity to have pictures taken with the oldest trophy in North American team sports.

The trophy was brought to Brighton by John Burkart, an amateur scout with the two-time champion Tampa Bay Lightning, during his day with the Cup.

Burkart, who lives in South Lyon, has a daughter playing out of Kensington Valley on the Brighton Ice 13 Mite AA boys travel team.

Burkart is one of the last members of the Tampa Bay organization to get a day with the Cup. The Lightning will begin the regular season Tuesday against Pittsburgh.

The Cup was brought to six countries during the Lightning's 100 days with the trophy.

"They're all in the NHL now, but they all started somewhere at some minor hockey rink somewhere, whether in North America or overseas," said Hockey Hall of Fame curator Phil Pritchard, a.k.a. the keeper of the Cup.

"It's their way of giving back and saying, 'Thanks.' They know the team is much more than the guys on the ice. It's all the parents, the Zamboni drivers, it's everybody who makes hockey what it is. To give back the way John's doing is amazing."

Kensington Valley was the last stop in a whirlwind day for Burkart, a retired Detroit firefighter who took it to a couple of fire stations, a bar in Detroit, Victory Ice Center in Canton and his daughter's elementary school.

"You always grow up and want to be a Stanley Cup champion," Burkart said.

"I've been fortunate enough to win at a couple different levels, then make it to the NHL and we've won the Stanley Cup twice now."

Seeing the reaction of youngsters getting close to the Cup for the first time made all of the long hours he spends away from home scouting for the Lightning worth it.

"I'm just trying to share it with everybody," he said. "You just see the joy in everyone's face when the Stanley Cup comes around, especially the kids. It's been great."

Burkart didn't get this opportunity last season when the Lightning won the Stanley Cup in a closed environment in Edmonton. The team had a boat parade to celebrate with fans back in Tampa last year, but team members didn't get to spend a day with the Cup.

Burkart didn't even get to be present when Tampa Bay beat Dallas in six games to win the 2020 Stanley Cup.

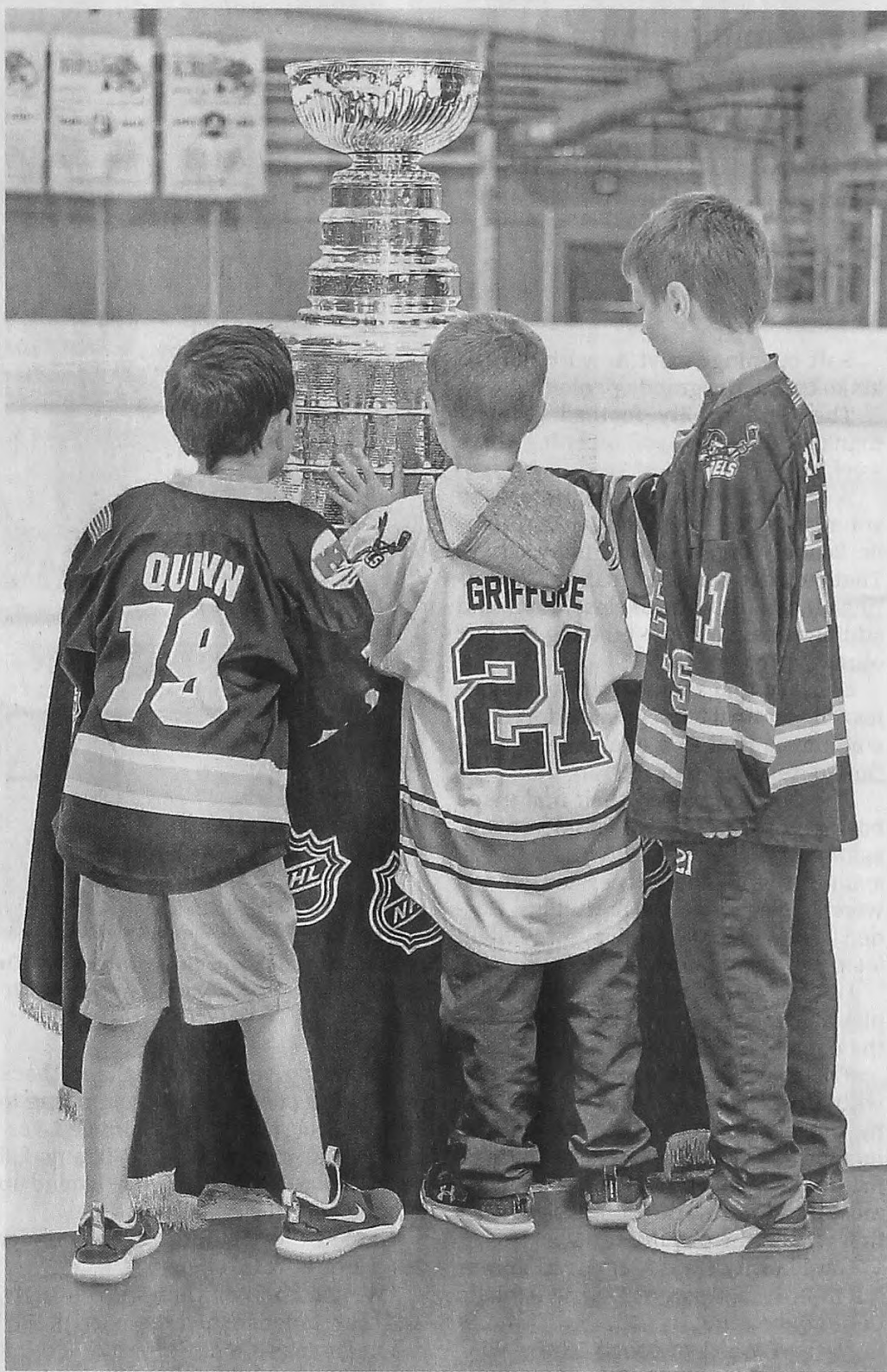
"The world the way it was, we're sitting in our living room, my wife and I, and my daughter's already sleeping," Burkart said. "Everyone went to bed. It was a weekday; there was nothing."

"Winning it again this year was definitely a great experience. My wife and I could go down to the game. We hung out for the boat parade. It's been an awesome experience being able to do this. We couldn't do this last year."

Burkart has been an amateur scout for the Lightning since 2011. He and Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper have worked together since coaching a Honeybaked U18 Midget team in Michigan. They were together at two stops in junior hockey.

"It's great to have that feeling we won at the highest level together," Burkart said. "That was awesome for me. Coming back here, pulling it out of the car, bringing it onto the bus and just bringing it around to all these people, you see everyone's face when you go in the door; everyone lights up. This is a great experience to share this with everybody."

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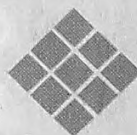


Youth hockey players check out the engravings on the Stanley Cup at Kensington Valley Ice House on Oct. 5. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY



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Maureen A. Brodie, City Clerk  
City of Plymouth

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021, 10:30 AM**

Plymouth Cultural Center  
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To the qualified electors of the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Public Accuracy Test of the electronic tabulating equipment that will be used in all precincts in the City of Plymouth for the GENERAL ELECTION to be held on TUESDAY, November 2, 2021, is scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 10:30 AM at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.798). Election Source from Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been contracted by the City of Plymouth to conduct the testing to assure the equipment has been programmed appropriately.

This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend.

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**Plymouth Canton Community Schools**  
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Sealed Bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 2020 Bond, **BP# HS-2 Plymouth High School Natatorium and Multipurpose Room Addition**, consisting of:

**BP# HS-2 Plymouth High School Natatorium and Multipurpose Room Addition**

The School District requests Bids for the above-referenced Project. Bids will be received through Building Connected until **(1:00) PM on 10/19/21**.

- All Bids shall be submitted electronically on or before the Due Date through Building Connected: <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5ae227ade0d395000fd24541> (McCarthy and Smith Plan Room)
- For instructions on how to submit a Bid please go to the following link: <https://buildingconnected.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360010222793-How-to-submit-your-Bid-through-BuildingConnected>

**Bids submitted after the Due Date will not be opened, considered or accepted by the School District.**

**Faxed and/or E-mail Bids will not be accepted by the Board of Education. Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud and tabulated, beginning at approx. (1:00) PM on 10/19/21. Bid opening will be publicly conducted via a Zoom meeting. Information regarding joining the Zoom meeting for all Bidders interested in participating is as follows:**

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| 108: Carpentry & General Trades     | 133: Pool and Pool Equipment     |
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Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Architecture** will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; the Builder's Exchange, Lansing and Washtenaw Contractors Association.

Bidding Documents will be available beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 via Building Connected.

There will be a **Pre-Bid Meeting on Friday, October 1 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at Plymouth High School, located at 8400 N Beck Rd, Canton, MI 48187.** The purpose of the meeting will be to review the Project Bidding Documents & schedule, and to answer any questions Bidders may have. Following the meeting, the Bidders will have the opportunity to visit the Project site. The pre-Bid meeting is not a mandatory meeting; however, Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. **A FACE MASK WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE WORN INSIDE OF THE BUILDING DURING THE PRE-BID MEETING.**

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 - Iran Linked Business Affidavit (Section 004210)  
 - Criminal Background Check Affidavit (Section 004220)  
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Bids shall be submitted electronically into Building Connected. Bid security by a quality surety in the form of a Bid bond, cashier check, or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid shall be submitted with each Bid, payable to School District, as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the School District is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the Bid or the failure of the Bidder to enter into a Contract for performance. All cashier's checks must be scanned and submitted electronically through Building Connected by the Due Date and be delivered to 454 South Harvey Plymouth, MI 48187 to the attention of Deborah J Piesz, within 48 hours of the Due Date. The School District will not consider a Bid that does not include a Bid security. Further, the Bidder will execute the Contract, provide the required insurance certificate(s) and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract but prior to Work commencing.

If awarded a Contract, the successful Bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract price.

The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids, either in whole or in part, to waive any informalities and irregularities therein, or to award the Contract to other than the Bidder (s) submitting the best financial Bid (low Bidder), in its sole and absolute discretion.

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### Cannabis-Related Jobs Are Booming

As more states legalize marijuana for medical or recreational use, cannabis-related jobs are booming. A report by Leafly and Whitney Economics finds that the industry created 77,000 jobs in 2020 alone—a year in which most other industries contracted due to the coronavirus pandemic. They estimate that there are now 321,000 jobs nationwide in the legal marijuana industry. That's more than in the mining industry.

### Rising Job Postings Point to Future Hiring Strength

Job posting data suggest the industry is growing far faster than most others, including the vaping and brewery industries, which saw relatively fast growth in job postings just a few years ago. Those industries face distinct challenges, but both are likely affected by the entry of a legal competitor product.

### The Industry Is Creating a Wide Range of Jobs

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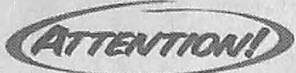
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

### Super Crossword

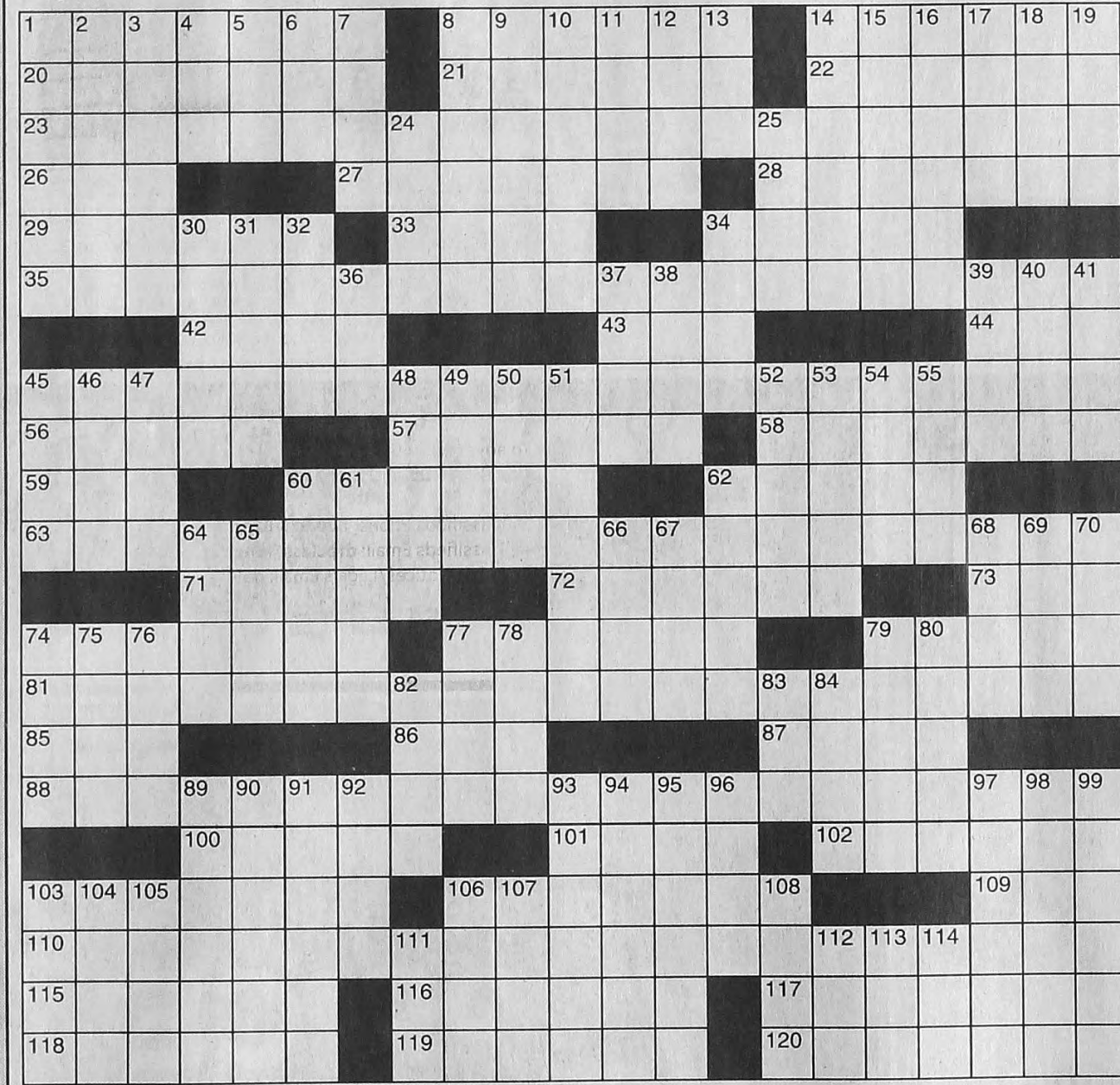
SEVEN THREE WAYS

**ACROSS**

- 1 Verbal quirk from the 43rd U.S. president
- 8 Actor Gabe
- 14 "Go ahead" hand gesture
- 20 Diplomatic agreement
- 21 "Stop already!"
- 22 Workweek ender
- 23 Disturb calm piccolo players?
- 26 Alley —
- 27 Card game with melding
- 28 Chef Emeril
- 29 Rival of Bing
- 33 Singer Wilson with the 1977 hit "Telephone Man"
- 34 Diner patron
- 35 Most agile men of the cloth persevere?
- 42 Moreno of film
- 43 Goddess of dawn
- 44 — Na Na
- 45 Noisy baby toys make an aspiring actress jump?
- 56 Hilo "hello"
- 57 Related to fat, in biochemistry
- 58 Neighbor of a Syrian
- 59 Tiny drink
- 60 Directive to Danno on "Hawaii Five-O"
- 62 French actor Delon
- 63 More sickly-looking buccaneers wander around?
- 71 Tiny bits
- 72 At minimum
- 73 Above, to poets
- 74 It links England and France
- 77 Retina part
- 79 Actor Romero
- 81 Shows where a few food-industry calves are hiding?
- 85 Rage
- 86 Suffix of sugars
- 87 Yale attendees
- 88 Threw away the most rigid filaments?
- 100 Salk vaccine target
- 101 "— pronounce you ..."
- 102 Make certain
- 103 Add to a database
- 106 Munich's state
- 109 Actor Romero
- 110 Doorkeeper's purplish-red uniform ID?
- 115 River through the Carolinas
- 116 Devoted fan
- 117 "Let's do this now"
- 118 Letter-shaped tracks in metalworking
- 119 Softhearted
- 120 Operating room knives
- 8 More acute
- 9 Actor Aziz —
- 10 Anson Williams' role on "Happy Days"
- 11 Liza Minnelli's half sister
- 12 Water, in Peru
- 13 Sabres' gp.
- 14 In the recent past
- 15 Diane who played Helen in "Troy"
- 16 Hindu lutes
- 17 May 15, e.g.
- 18 Needlefishes
- 19 Wall Street market inits.
- 24 Exit incline
- 25 Lickable envelope part
- 30 Waist size
- 31 Actress Arcieri or Kenzie
- 32 Punta del —, Uruguay
- 34 To be, to Nero
- 36 Prof's aides
- 37 Alien-seeking proj.
- 38 Recounted
- 39 Dot on an ocean map
- 40 Silverstein of kiddie lit
- 41 Comic actor Jacques
- 45 Filing tool
- 46 Inter — (among others)
- 47 Summits
- 48 Splashes liquid on
- 49 — torch (luau light)
- 50 Mimicker
- 51 Lovey stuff
- 52 Riverbed deposits
- 53 Old Russian autocrats
- 54 Opera tune
- 55 Hindu queen
- 60 Chewed leaf stimulant
- 61 Spoken exams
- 62 Give — of approval
- 64 Fork point
- 65 39-Down off Scotland
- 66 Series of gigs
- 67 Jazz legend Fitzgerald
- 68 Ask, as a question
- 69 Char
- 70 Blows it
- 74 Lit — (univ. course)
- 75 Mr., in Berlin
- 76 Middle layer of the eye
- 77 Arizona city
- 78 Say to be so
- 79 — terrier (Toto, e.g.)
- 80 "It's nobody — business"
- 82 Arty area of NYC
- 83 Doc for pets
- 84 K-12
- 89 Swimsuit brand
- 90 Certain wasp
- 91 Best-of-the-best groups
- 92 Merrill of old movies
- 93 Shift, as attention
- 94 Glossy paint
- 95 1957 Jimmy Dorsey hit
- 96 Mattress size
- 97 Mom's sis
- 98 Saw things while asleep
- 99 Marsh plants
- 103 Pre- — (replace)
- 104 Scottish turndowns
- 105 Neutrogena shampoo brand
- 106 Expressed, as a farewell
- 107 Lots
- 108 Blue dye
- 111 Comedy bit
- 112 — loss
- 113 Rival of AOL
- 114 Misc. abbr.

**DOWN**

- 1 Enshrouds in haze
- 2 Remove a lasso from, e.g.
- 3 Mental torpor
- 4 "— So Fine" (1963 hit)
- 5 Bank acct. earnings
- 6 Fr. nun, maybe
- 7 Former div. of Ford



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

## SUDOKU



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

### WHAT'S UP?

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

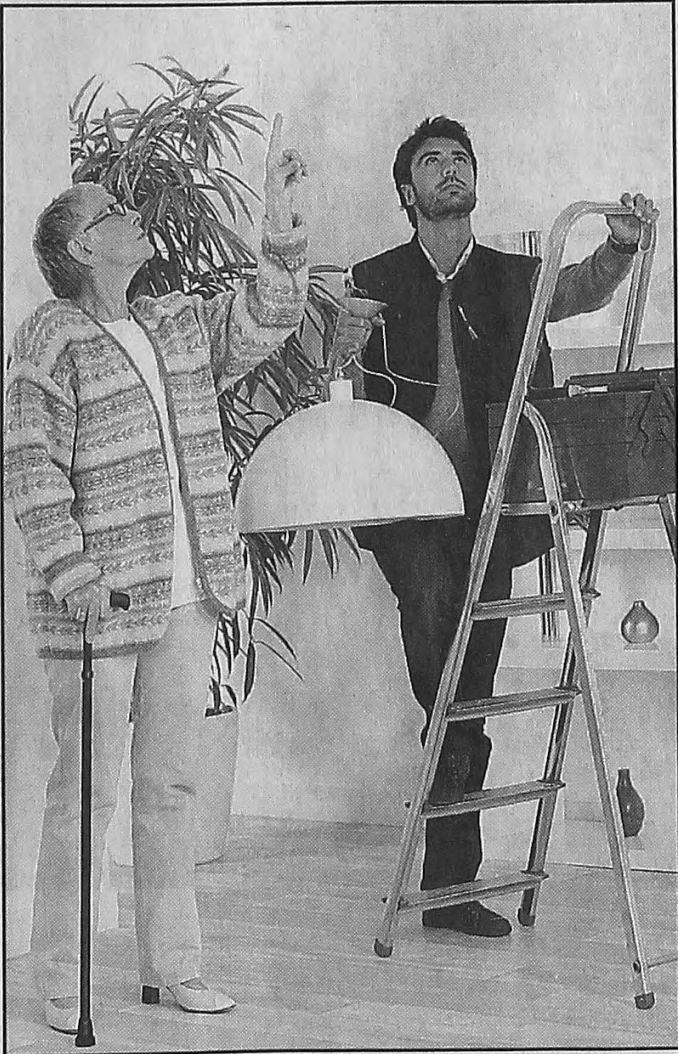
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T D U P L I C A T E S U P P O S E E

### ANSWER KEY

**ABRUPT**  
**ACUPUNCTURE**  
**BUTTERCUP**  
**CANTALOUPE**  
**COUPE**  
**COUPLE**  
**CROUP**  
**CUP**  
**DISRUPT**  
**DUPED**  
**DUPLICATE**  
**EGGCUP**  
**ERUPT**  
**EUPHORIA**  
**GROUP**  
**GUPPY**  
**HEREUPON**  
**KETCHUP**  
**MARSUPIAL**  
**OCCUPANT**  
**OCCUPY**  
**OCTUPLE**  
**PAUPER**  
**PUPA**  
**PUPIL**  
**PUPPY**  
**RECUPERATE**  
**REGROUP**  
**RUPEE**  
**SCRUPLES**  
**SOUP**  
**STIRRUPS**  
**STUPID**  
**SUPER**  
**SUPERB**  
**SUPPLE**  
**SUPPORT**  
**SUPPOSE**  
**SUPREME**  
**SYRUP**  
**TOUPEE**  
**TROUPE**  
**UNCOUPLE**  
**UPDATE**  
**UPHEAVAL**  
**UPHELD**  
**UPSET**  
**VOLUPTUOUS**

**Answers**

UP, PUPA, SUPPLE, SUPPOSE, SUPREME, SYRUP, UPHELD, UPSET, UPHEAVAL, UPDATE, UNCOUPLE, TROUPE, TOUPEE, STIRRUPS, SOUP, SCRUPLES, RUPEE, RECUPERATE, PUPPY, PUPIL, PUPA, PAUPER, OCTUPLE, OCCUPY, OCCUPANT, MARSUPIAL, KETCHUP, HEREUPON, GROUP, EUPHORIA, ERUPT, DUPLICATE, DUPED, DISRUPT, CUP, COUPLE, COUPE, CANTALOUPE, ACUPUNCTURE, ABRUPT.



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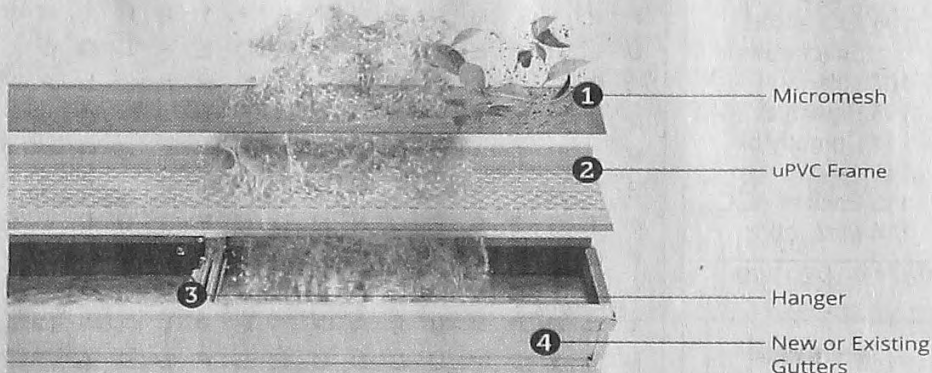
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