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Livonia to demolish 'obsolete' library branch

Site has been closed for years due to water, mold damage

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The fate of Livonia's Alfred Noble Library branch seems sealed.

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan informed city council during a recent committee meeting that her office plans to request demolition of the building in early 2023. Noble has been closed for about three years due to mold and water damage, and the city assessor deemed it "functionally obsolete" last year.

"Demolition of the existing structure is probably a good idea," she said. "I don't think it's going to be affordable to sustain all three libraries."

The city's library commission recommended demolition last November. Noble is the only library on the south side of Livonia.

Brosnan cited maintenance costs at the city's other libraries - Sandburg and Civic Center - as well as the extensive mold issues at Noble as reasons for the decision. A new Noble library would cost upwards of \$6 million, which would be in addition to the more than \$15 million the city's library system expects to invest at

Civic Center and Sandburg over the next decade.

Finding a new purpose for the site

The land Noble currently sits on at 32901 Plymouth Road would be turned into some sort of new city service. Brosnan said she plans on hearing from residents living in the city's southern end to help determine what to build there.

"There will be a strong need to pull in folks from the south end to help us decide what's going to go best there," she said. "We're talking about the demolition of a city asset. We don't want to treat that lightly."

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Barista Angie Hall crafts a latte at Ground Control Coffee Roasters in downtown Farmington.
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New indie coffee house sets up Farmington shop

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The owners of Ground Control Coffee Roasters are very aware that coffee is more than just a pick-me-up for a lot of people.

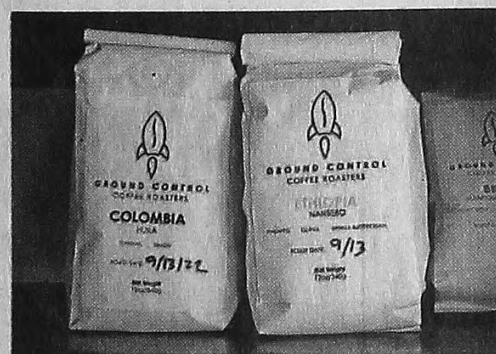
They love coffee as much as anyone else, so they want to make it right.

"It's an important ritual for a lot of people, ourselves included," said James McLaughlan, one of the shop's three owners. "It's not just a consumable product, it's an integral part of a lot of people's daily experience. It's really enjoyable that people are here for that experience and we get to be part of it."

Ground Control opened Sept. 7 at 33319 Grand River Ave. in downtown Farmington, right next to the Beyond Juicery + Eatery.

For McLaughlan and co-owners Trent Chapman and Brandon Sharp, going into business together to make craft coffee drinks is a dream realized.

Though Ground Control and Apothecary Espresso and Coffee, another new coffee house, call downtown



Customers who are fans of the specialty beans can also purchase bagged coffee to brew at home.

Farmington home today, coffee fans in the city have usually had to leave the downtown area if they wanted something other than chain coffee. All three Ground Control owners either live in or are from Farmington.

"We were always driving somewhere to get the coffee that we enjoy," McLaughlan said. "Whether it was Detroit or Ann Arbor, getting specialty coffee always meant having to take a trip."

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Coyotes are 'everywhere'

Here's what you should know about these common canines

Rachel Greco
USA TODAY NETWORK

When Adam Bump was growing up, coyote sightings were rare.

"We didn't have coyotes in the 1980s," he said. "Very, very rarely, only in pockets, at very low densities. People would talk with some skepticism about people having seen them."

Four decades later, coyotes and coyote sightings have become commonplace.

The wild canines are "everywhere in Michigan," said Bump, a furbearer and upland game bird specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

They live in urban areas, including Westland, Lansing and Detroit, in suburban areas like Farmington Hills and Canton, and in rural communities across the state.

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Coyotes

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Coyotes are smart, perceptive, highly adaptive to their surroundings and, more than likely, living closer than you might think, said experts and others who have rescued or trapped them.

People regularly report seeing live coyotes statewide as well as the animals dead along roadsides.

These days, if you see one in your neighborhood, it might simply be because that coyote doesn't mind being seen.

"There might be just as many as there were 15 years ago in the county you live in, but now you have a population that is in an urban area and they know that as long as you're just going from your car, or you're on your porch or you're taking out your trash, you don't really pose a risk, so they don't hide as much as they would have before," Bump said.

Other than the late winter and spring, when coyotes typically breed, early fall is when phone calls and complaints tick upward, he said. That's when coyote pups are leaving their dens and seeking out new habitats.

The DNR doesn't track coyote population, Bump said, or record the number of complaints or calls they get about them "statewide or consistently by office." Unlike wolves, which are an endangered species and exist in much lower numbers, coyotes are "abundant and widespread," Bump said in an email.

"There is less need to expend the time and effort (for coyotes) we expend to gather population estimates for wolves," he said. "Tracking broad trends in populations of coyotes is sufficient to manage the species."

Here's what you need to know about coyotes in Michigan.

Coyote basics

Coyotes, in Michigan for more than a century, are members of the same family of animals as domestic dogs. They typically grow to be 20 to 35 pounds, but can be as big as 45 to 50 pounds. Their dense, thick hair can make them appear to be larger than they are.

Coyotes in rural areas usually roam an 8- to 12-square-mile area, but those living in urban areas will occupy 2- to 5-square-mile areas. They move around at all times, but are more active in the morning and at dusk.

Coyote litters usually include four to seven pups.

They eat mice, voles, shrews, rabbits, hares and squirrels, but experts say they will attack cats, sheep, deer and small dogs as well. They also eat insects, fruits, berries, birds, frogs, snakes, plants and seeds.

Coyotes don't have many natural predators in the lower half of the state, Bump said.

"Humans, cars, disease are probably some of the more significant causes of death for adults," he said.



Kala, a 10-year-old eastern coyote, in the newly-created Kem Krest coyote habitat at the Howell Nature Center in Livingston County. Kala was previously illegally owned as a pet, and was surrendered to the center in 2014. She cannot be released in the wild because she was domesticated as a pup.

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In the Upper Peninsula, wolves, which are territorial, are predators for coyotes, he said. Mountain lions are also predators but there are only a handful of sightings of them in the UP each year, he said.

Coyotes have adapted to live where we do

Before Russ Mason became the DNR's executive in residence at Michigan State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, he helped run a large coyote research facility in Utah for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services.

He studied them for years and said they can live anywhere.

"The size of the territory is determined by the food resource rather than something else," Mason said, and urban areas offer lots of options, like abandoned houses for use as dens and trash as a food source.

Researchers with the Urban Coyote Research Program have been studying coyotes that live in Chicago for two decades. That and other efforts to study coyotes living near lots of people have shed light on how observant coyotes are of their surroundings, he said, and how good they can be at staying out of people's way.

"What they really are is very good at understanding the parameters and their territory," Mason said.

Coyotes recognize even the smallest of changes in an area, he said, "and they are really good at finding their way around any kind of non-lethal control."

Yes, they can be dangerous, but you can minimize the risks

Coyotes are predators, experts say, and human-coyote interactions can be dangerous. Still, fewer than 20 coyote attacks are reported each year in the U.S., Mason said.

"Coyote nuisance calls in Michigan are few and far between," Tanya Espinosa, public affairs specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, said in an email. "For instance, we have received two nuisance coyote calls in the last two years for Detroit."

People who observe coyotes near their homes should keep dog and cat food inside, and consider removing bird feeders and brush piles from their yards. The birds and mice they attract will, in turn, attract coyotes, said DNR wildlife biologist Chad Fedewa.

"We try to encourage people to do what they can to discourage that coyote from coming in close proximity to people," he said. "Typically, coyotes have a natural fear of people so they don't tend to come in close proximity to people but it does happen on occasion."

Coyotes are trapped and hunted throughout the state

While it's not common, coyotes can become enough of a nuisance that the animals need to be removed, Fedewa said.

"Once in a while you'll get an animal that does get habituated enough where removal probably is the best option," he said.

Coyotes can be hunted year-round, he said, and trapped from mid-October through the end of February. If coyotes are doing or about to do damage to private property, pets, livestock or people, a property owner can hire a licensed nuisance company to trap and remove coyotes from an area, he said.

Most are then euthanized. Roland Peacock has been trapping nuisance wildlife for a decade.

Peacock charges \$65 for each day traps are set and \$70 for each animal caught. Coyotes can be dangerous to pets and livestock, he said.

"If you go out west, coyotes are a real issue with cattle," Peacock said.

Coyotes are always looking for their next meal, he said, "and they'll figure the same thing out with dogs, cats and livestock."

Coyotes are very observant and can be hard to trap, he said. The number he traps each year varies.

But Laura Butler, director of wildlife and education at Howell Nature Center, which recently debuted a new 3,000-square-foot coyote habitat, said it's rare that coyotes will attack anything "larger than a chicken."

The center's staff fields phone calls from people with concerns about coyotes on a regular basis, she said, and they discourage relocating or hunting them. Coyotes often help control an area's rodent population, Butler said, and removing one from a neighborhood they frequent doesn't always solve the problem. Another will often take its place, she said.

"We're more than happy to talk it through with them and give them options of how they can coexist with the coyote," Butler said. "There's a lot of different things they can do."

Appreciate them, but keep your distance

In the last year, Wildside Rehabilitation and Education Center in Eaton Rapids, a nonprofit animal rescue, took in one badly injured coyote after it was struck by a car.

The animal had broken bones and internal injuries, said founder Louise Sagaert, and ultimately couldn't be saved.

The center's encounters with coyotes are rare, she said. Ten years ago, volunteers cared for a litter of coyote pups, eventually transferring them to a rescue facility further north, Sagaert said.

Their presence in populated areas is often due to the shrinking of natural habitat, she said.

When Eastwood Towne Center was constructed in Lansing Township more than a decade ago, Sagaert remembers fielding phone calls from residents who lived in the area reporting coyote sightings.

"I think they are misunderstood," she said. "I think everything has a place in the ecosystem and without them, I think other things would be a problem or more of a problem."

Her advice? Appreciate them from a distance and don't try to interact with or feed them.

Coffee

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Ground Control is different from other shops because of its "specialty coffee" that's roasted by the owners themselves — Sharp has been practicing the art of roasting for years at his home.

McLaughlan said a specialty shop is going out of its way to serve only the

best beans.

"Specialty coffee really means we're using the top 10% of coffee available worldwide and we're roasting it so you can taste the difference in the origins of the coffee," he said. "That very much separates us."

Customers who are fans of the specialty beans can also purchase bagged coffee to brew at home.

One of the shop's other elements is its space-themed name and décor,

which is a nod to David Bowie's "Space Oddity" and a play on words coffee nerds can grin at.

"Controlling the size of the grind, when it comes to coffee, dramatically affects the extraction, which affects the flavor," McLaughlan said with a smile. "It's just a little coffee pun."

According to the owners, the response so far has been positive.

Even though it's brand new, the shop is busy in the afternoon with people

stopping by or staying to do some work while they enjoy their coffee.

"The word is overwhelming. We've had a lot of positive feedback, but the support is what's been overwhelming," he said. "It's been nice to connect with the community and meet some new people."

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"But, we're also looking at an opportunity."

Brosnan said the process to re-imagine what can happen there will take place after the existing structure is gone. The city expects demolition to cost about \$246,000, which the Plymouth Road Development Authority has offered to help fund.

Officials would like to see the new amenity pair well with Shelden Park, which is near Noble.

"Noble was my library; I grew up in the south end," Councilman Brandon McCullough said. "I can't imagine something not being there."

Taking another look at Sandburg and Civic Center

Livonia is also preparing to undergo a strategic planning process for its remaining libraries, called "Innovate Your Library." Officials expect to begin



The Alfred Noble Library on Plymouth Road. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and end that process in 2023.

"There's a lot of ways to think about how to bring library services to a community," Brosnan said. "That's what the library commission is spending a lot of time talking about now."

Some council members floated the possibility of consolidating to just one library — Civic Center. But, programming and circulation are up at both branches, so library officials lobbied to keep both and argued there's value in having the smaller Sandburg branch continue to operate.

"I think for Civic Center to absorb Sandburg — I don't think it has room to absorb the books, the staff and the people that will come in," Library Director Toni LaPorte said.

It seems unlikely the Noble property will remain a library, but Brosnan said book kiosks and microbranches might be options.

For now, though, Livonia is going to be a two-library town.

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Plymouth District Library goes fine free

Courtesy of Plymouth District Library

The Board of Trustees for the Plymouth District Library unanimously approved making the library fine free.

This means that borrowers will no longer be charged fees for late return of books, movies and other materials. Existing late fees on borrower accounts will also be cleared. Patrons will still be responsible for replacement fees for items lost or damaged.

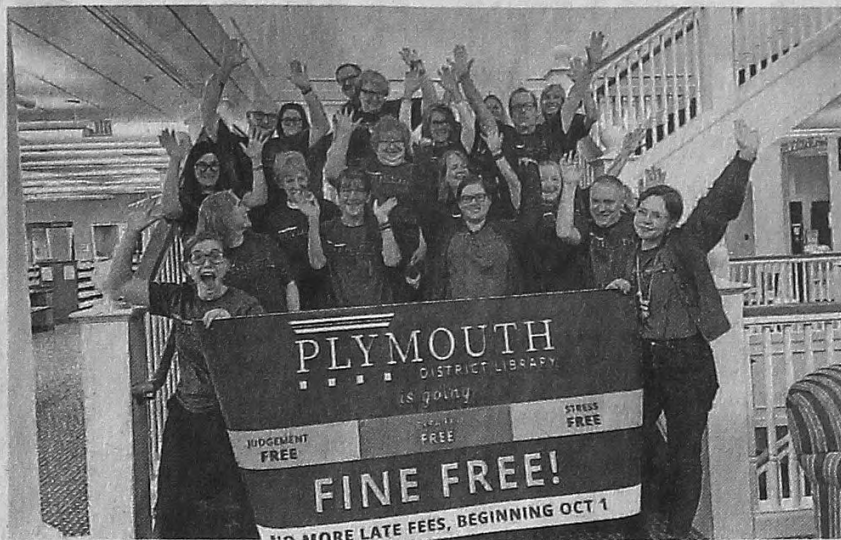
Public libraries across the country and metro Detroit have been making this change. According to Shauna Anderson, library director, fine-free has become increasingly appealing to li-

braries because late fees present a barrier to access that disproportionately affects low-income households and often stands between eager minds and reading materials.

"Libraries are intrinsically about equitable access to knowledge," said Anderson. "We are so pleased that the library board was supportive of this proposed change so we can welcome back the entire community and not leave anyone out."

The library is also introducing free computer printouts of up to 10 pages per day.

More information can be found online at plymouthlibrary.org.



The Plymouth District Library is the latest to cease charging late fines to library patrons. COURTESY OF PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Livonia police unveil pink scout car for breast cancer awareness

Courtesy of the Livonia Police Department

October is recognized nationally as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This month is devoted to educating everyone about breast cancer, the importance of early detection, and timely, high-quality care. Breast cancer has affected too many families and friends in our community.

As part of our efforts to raise awareness, Livonia unveiled a police patrol car that has been "pinked out" for the remainder of the year.

This patrol car serves as a way to honor survivors, remember those lost, and support those currently fighting this terrible disease and the progress made to cure this disease. It also encourages everyone who sees the car as a reminder to act and get screened.

The department will have Livonia Police Breast Cancer Awareness wristbands available for a suggested donation of \$10, at various events and available anytime at the Livonia Police Station.

All funds raised will go directly the American Cancer Society and to Livonia's two Cancer Centers at Trinity Health and Beaumont.

For more information on breast cancer, resources or support, visit cancer.org/cancer/breast-cancer.html.



The Livonia Police Department's 2022 breast cancer awareness scout car. COURTESY OF THE LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ELECTION COVERAGE

Two campaign for 26th state House seat

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Some new faces are on the ballot for voters in western Wayne County, including the new 26th state House district.

The western Wayne County district includes all of Garden City and Inkster, as well as parts of Westland and Romulus.

Garden City resident Dylan Wegela was the winner of the Democratic primary in August and now faces off against Republican and fellow Garden City resident James Townsend, who ran unopposed for the GOP nomination, in the Nov. 8 general election.



Wegela

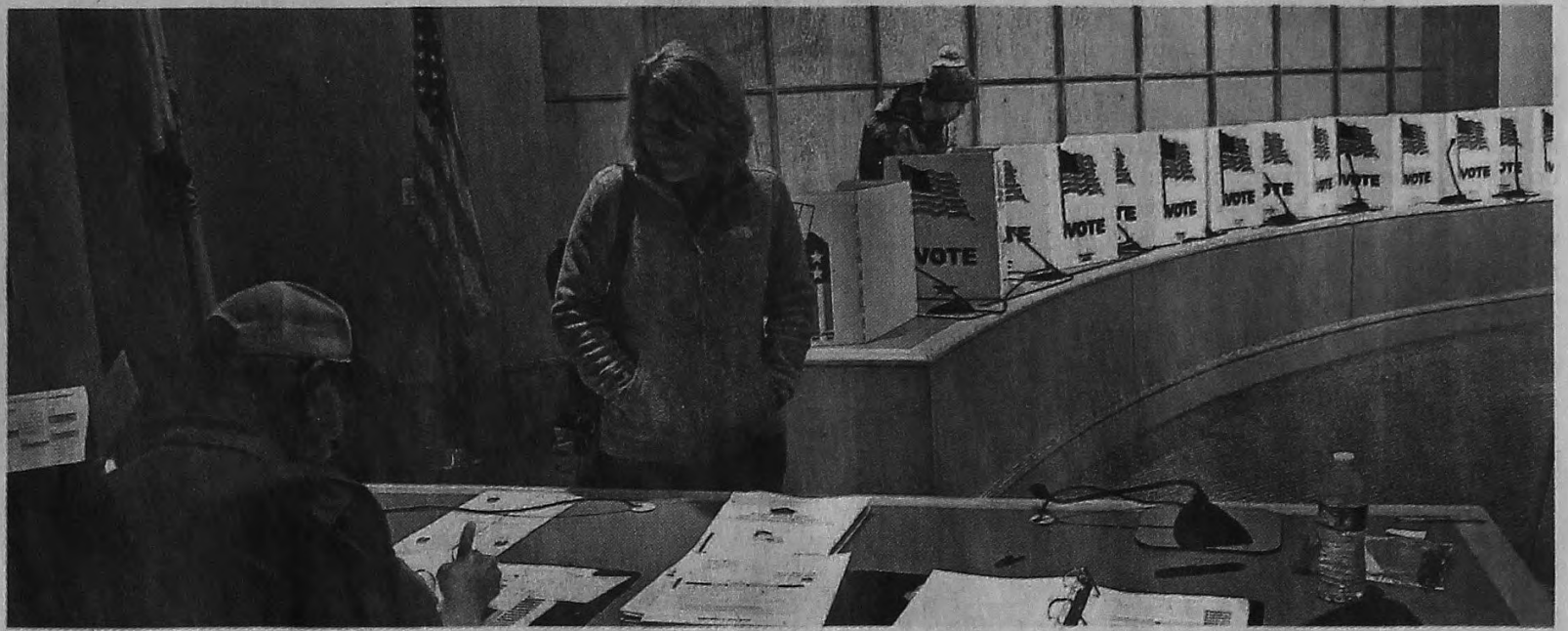
Hometown Life invited candidates to share their views - in less than 100 words - on some important Michigan issues.

Wegela is a high school teacher who was heavily involved in Arizona's teacher strikes several years ago when he lived out west. Townsend did not respond to the questionnaire sent by Hometown Life.

Statistics show systemic racism is prevalent in law enforcement, government, health care and economics. Name one tangible action state government could take to help address racism.

Wegela (D): The state can change the way that it funds schools to ensure that every school has equitable funding. Schools are the cornerstone of communities providing not only academics but mental health resources, food, child care and extracurricular activities for children of all ages. The current system of school funding relying so heavily on property taxes has created systemic inequities within our public school system - overwhelmingly leading to significantly lower funding and resources in our Black and brown communities.

How would you grade the state's



Julie Walker applies to vote at the South Lyon City Hall while John Schimpf finishes his ballot on election day in 2018. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

response to the COVID-19 pandemic and what, if anything, should the state legislature do next?

Wegela (D): As an educator, I would grade Michigan's response to the COVID-19 pandemic as incomplete considering that we are still dealing with the effects of the pandemic including inflation, a potential recession and a crisis in mental health resources in our schools. None of us know what is on the horizon in terms of COVID-19. Although situations weren't handled perfectly, we must move forward. Families are struggling to pay their bills meanwhile, oil companies and corporations are raking in record profits. Our government needs to be for the people and not for corporations. Perhaps, it's time that minimum wage workers stop paying the same taxes as billionaires.

What are your thoughts on safety and security of our elections, specifically Michigan's election integrity, and do you accept the results of the 2020 election?

Wegela (D): The safety and security of our elections is extremely important.

Having faith in the election process is essential to democracy. Spreading dangerous and untrue information to gain a lead in an election is unconscionable. Of course our election results were accurate in the 2020 election.

Thinking of the recent school shootings that killed students in Uvalde and Oxford, what recommendations would you make in your effort to prevent similar tragedies in the future?

Wegela (D): We need to approach this question with how to stop school shootings from happening, not what could make them less deadly. We need to look at this issue from multiple angles: gun reform and school funding. We need to pass universal background checks, mandatory waiting periods, and a licensed procedure to own assault weapons. In both Uvalde and Oxford, the shooters both showed signs of mental distress in school. The reality is that our schools lack the necessary funding for mental health resources and our classroom sizes are way too large to make meaningful connections with every child.

Do you support amending the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to include LGBTQ people? Explain.

Wegela (D): Yes. There isn't much to explain here. All people deserve civil rights protections.

What is an issue facing state government that isn't on Michiganders' radar that should be? What steps would you take to address that issue?

Wegela (D): Flat tax. Michigan is one of 10 states that have a flat income tax rate meaning that all workers pay the same percentage tax rate regardless of income. This has created a system where minimum wage workers, teachers, social workers, tradesmen and auto workers are paying the same tax rate as billionaires. If Michigan were to institute a graduated income tax rate, it could provide billions of dollars of funding for infrastructure, schools and community mental health resources.

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Wayne County home sale prices drop in September; Oakland County homes flat

Mike Stucka and Sean Lahman
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A typical Wayne County home listed for \$149,937 in September, down 3.3% from the previous month's \$155,000, an analysis of data from Realtor.com shows.

The median list home price in September was down about 6.3% from September 2021. Wayne County's median home was 1,248 square feet for a listed price of \$123 per square foot.

The Wayne County market was busy, with a median 43 days on market. A month earlier, homes had a median 38 days on market. The market added 2,696 new home listings in September, compared with the 2,654 added in September 2021. The market ended the month with some 4,130 listings of homes for sale.

The median home prices issued by Realtor.com may exclude much, or even most, of a market's homes. The price and volume represent only homes that are single-family homes, condominiums or townhomes. They include existing homes, but exclude most new construction as well as pending and contingent sales.

Information on your local housing market is available through the USA TODAY Network, with more data from Realtor.com.

Oakland County home prices rise zero percent to \$400,000

Oakland County's home prices rose slightly, to a median \$400,000, from a month earlier. The typical house was on the market for 38 days, from 31 days a month earlier. The typical 1,971-square-foot house had a list price of \$207 per square foot.

Across metro Detroit, median home prices fell to \$263,800, down 3% from a month earlier. The median home had 1,521 square feet, at a list price of \$171 per square foot.

Across all of Michigan, median home prices were \$269,900, falling 1.8% from a month earlier. The median Michigan home for sale had 1,618 square feet at list price of \$163 per square foot.

Across the United States, median home prices were \$427,250, down 1.3% from a month earlier. The median American home for sale had 1,875 square feet, listed at \$220 per square foot.

The median home list price — the midway point of all the houses or units listed over a period of time — is used more often in this report instead of the average home list price because experts say the median offers a more accurate view of what's happening in a market.



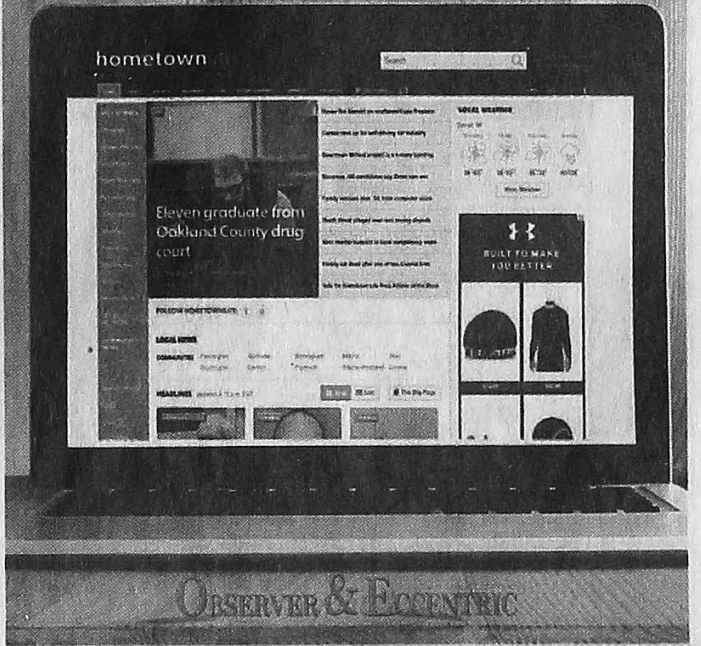
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Wayne County, Oakland County COVID-19 tracker

Mike Stucka
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Michigan reported far fewer coronavirus cases in the week ending Sunday, adding 12,880 new cases. That's down 12.2% from the previous week's tally of 14,678 new cases of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Michigan ranked seventh among the states where coronavirus was spreading the fastest on a per-person basis, a USA TODAY Network analysis of Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the latest week coronavirus cases in the United States decreased 7.7% from the week before, with 298,674 cases reported. With 3% of the country's population, Michigan had 4.31% of the country's cases in the last week. Across the country, 13 states had more cases in the latest week than they did in the week before.

Wayne County reported 2,825 cases and 26 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 3,139 cases and 29 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 490,059 cases and 8,455 deaths.

Oakland County reported 1,765 cases and 13 deaths in the latest week. A week earlier, it had reported 2,095 cases and 14 deaths. Throughout the pandemic it has reported 354,811 cases and 4,142 deaths.

Across Michigan, cases fell in 54 counties, with the best declines in Oakland County, with 1,765 cases from 2,095 a week earlier; in Wayne County, with 2,825 cases from 3,139; and in Ingham County, with 358 cases from 539.

Within Michigan, the worst weekly outbreaks on a per-person basis were in Gogebic County with 286 cases per 100,000 per week; Delta County with 243; and Keweenaw County with 236. The Centers for Disease Control says high levels of community transmission begin at 100 cases per 100,000 per week.

Adding the most new cases overall were Wayne County, with 2,825 cases; Oakland County, with 1,765 cases; and Macomb County, with 1,460. Weekly case counts rose in 27 counties from the

previous week. The worst increases from the prior week's pace were in Jackson, Delta and Saginaw counties.

In Michigan, 143 people were reported dead of COVID-19 in the week ending Sunday. In the week before that, 160 people were reported dead.

A total of 2,849,047 people in Michigan have tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began, and 38,767 people have died from the disease, Johns Hopkins University data shows. In the United States 96,699,237 people have tested positive and 1,062,564 people have died.

Note: In the Johns Hopkins University coronavirus data, cases and deaths for the Michigan Department of Corrections and the Federal Correctional Institution separately from Michigan counties.

Michigan's COVID-19 hospital admissions rising

USA TODAY analyzed federal hospital data as of Sunday, Oct. 9. Likely COVID patients admitted in the state:

- Last week: 1,204
- The week before that: 1,132
- Four weeks ago: 1,199

Likely COVID patients admitted in the nation:

- Last week: 50,835
- The week before that: 49,835
- Four weeks ago: 58,231

Hospitals in 18 states reported more COVID-19 patients than a week earlier, while hospitals in 15 states had more COVID-19 patients in intensive-care beds. Hospitals in 29 states admitted more COVID-19 patients in the latest week than a week prior, the USA TODAY analysis of U.S. Health and Human Services data shows.

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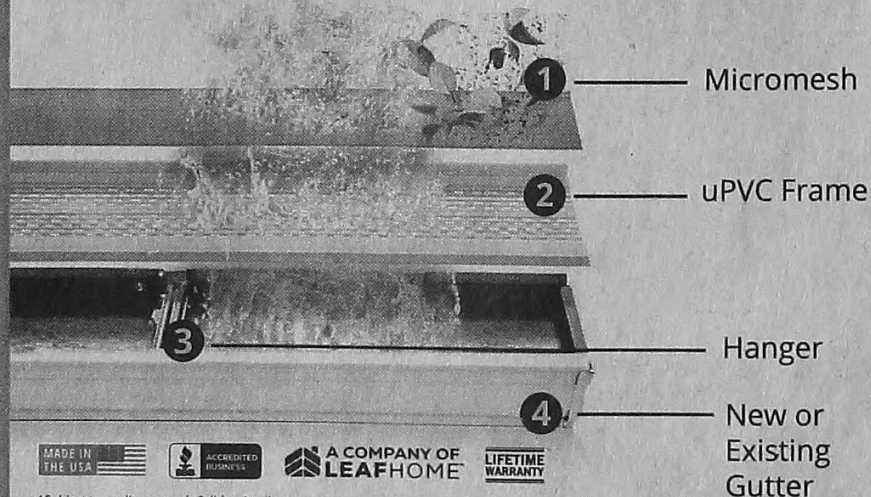
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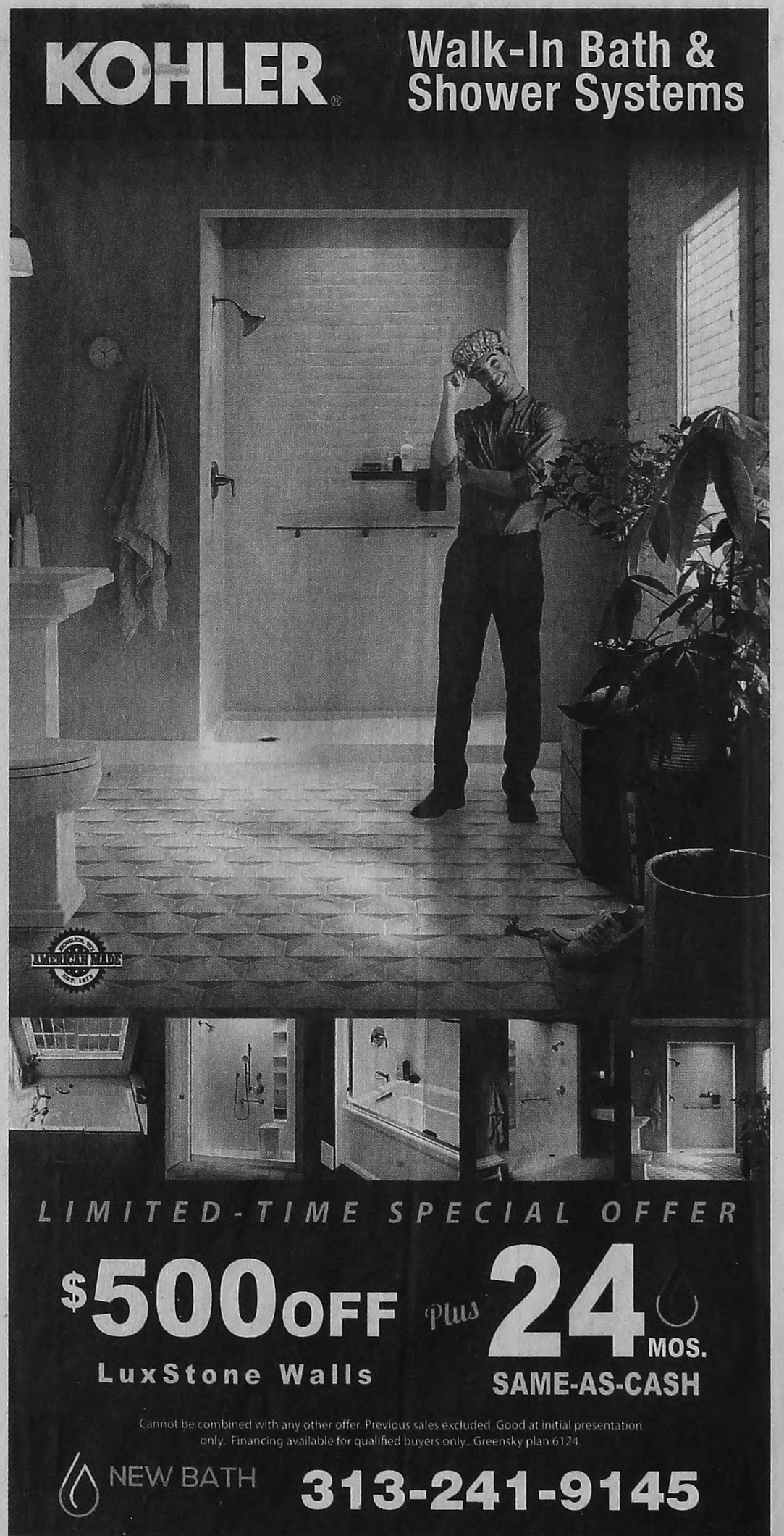
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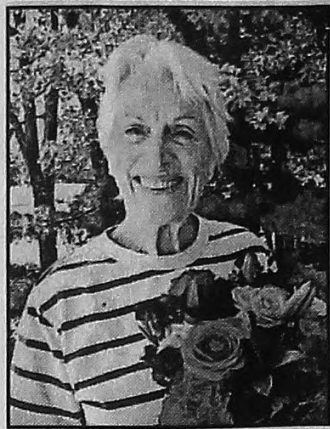
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LaFrenda E. Fitzgerald

BRIGHTON - July 20, 1938 - August 27, 2022
LaFrenda E. Fitzgerald, Age 84, August 27, 2022. Beloved mother of Bronwyn Fitzgerald, Shannon (Dominic) Nicita, Scott (Anne) Fitzgerald, and Sean (Mary Jose) Fitzgerald. Dearest sister of Brenda Welker and Joel (Nanette) Ebbertt and stepbrother John (Karen) Ravenscroft. Also survived by ten grandchildren. Celebration of Life service Saturday, October 15th, noon-3:00pm at Longfellow Woods Clubhouse, 3812 Daisy Hill Drive, in Anderson, Indiana. Memorial contributions to Howell Nature Center, 1005 Triangle Lake Rd. Howell, MI 48843.

David R. Haas

David R. Haas, 76, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 24, 2022.

David was born to Dale and Marian Haas and grew up in Grand Rapids. He lived there until he entered the seminary where he studied for several years.

He changed his focus and went to work at General Motors where he had a career of 30-plus years before retiring. In 1972, he married Katherine Trumpeter and together they had two children, Brian and Amy. Amy predeceased him in 2015.

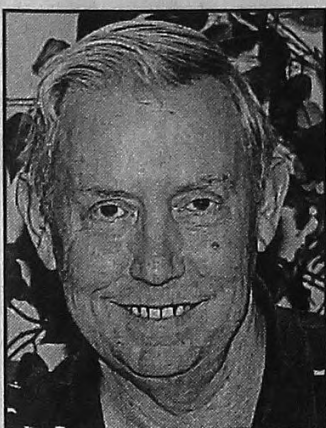
He and Kathy raised their family in Canton, MI, and later purchased a home at Recreation Plantation in Florida, where they have spent the last 20 winters.

David was a professional photographer and received many awards for his work, particularly for his passion -- photographing birds in Michigan and in Florida. He also loved to play golf. He made friends wherever he was and never went on a vacation where he didn't run into one or make several new ones. Most of all, he loved watching his grandson, Ravi, grow up.

He quietly supported a child in the Philippines through Children International until she turned 19, providing her with clothes, toys and other support for her and her family.

David is survived by his wife Kathy; his son and daughter-in-law in Culver City, CA, Brian Haas and Dipti Vaidya; his grandson in California, Ravi Haas, and his sister, Becky Ackerman and her husband, Harold, of Rockford, MI. He is also survived by his half-sister, Suzanne Sonrel Scholl, of Grand Haven, MI, whom he recently joyfully met for the first time.

He will be missed by many.



Arlene Zazula

WESTLAND - Arlene Ann Zazula (Liszewski) was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend who left this world peacefully on October 8, 2022, after a long battle with metastatic lung cancer. It would be wrong to say that Arlene lost her battle because she never stopped fighting. When most people would have been disheartened with their diagnosis, Arlene stayed strong and positive throughout her entire fight. She was determined to live life to the fullest and spend as much time as possible with her family.....her daughters, extended family/friends and her grandson Alex which she loved and adored beyond words. Through her we learned what resilience and perseverance truly meant. Even though Arlene is no longer with us, we will forever live with love and friendship because of how she impacted lives. Arlene Zazula was born to Frank and Angeline Liszewski on June 24, 1944, in Detroit, Michigan. She resided in Westland, Michigan for the majority of her life surrounded by her loving family and wonderful friends. Arlene loved to travel, shop, go to the casino and spend time with her friends and family. She never missed a Neil Diamond concert and listened to Frank Sinatra during holiday dinners which always was cooked with love and care. Arlene was a very giving person who would not hesitate to put another person's needs before her own. Her time on this earth, while too short, made a lasting imprint on so many people for years to come. We take solace in knowing that Arlene is now reunited with her family and friends in heaven. Arlene was predeceased in death by her loving husband Atansius Thomas Zazula. She was the beloved mother of Angela Zazula and Ann Marie Brcka (Zazula), grandmother (Nana) to Alexander Zazula and mother-in-law to Josh Brcka. In addition to loving her family and friends, Arlene had a huge love of all animals including her own dog Taffy that passed years ago. In lieu of flowers, Arlene requests that all donations be directed to the Michigan Humane Society in her honor as a reminder of the numerous animals that need our help. The family will be hosting a local celebration of life ceremony in November and we will be communicating details in the near future once they are finalized. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com.



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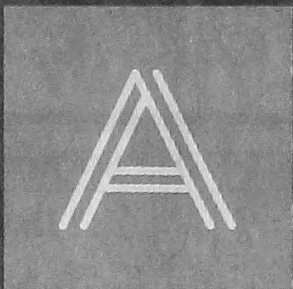
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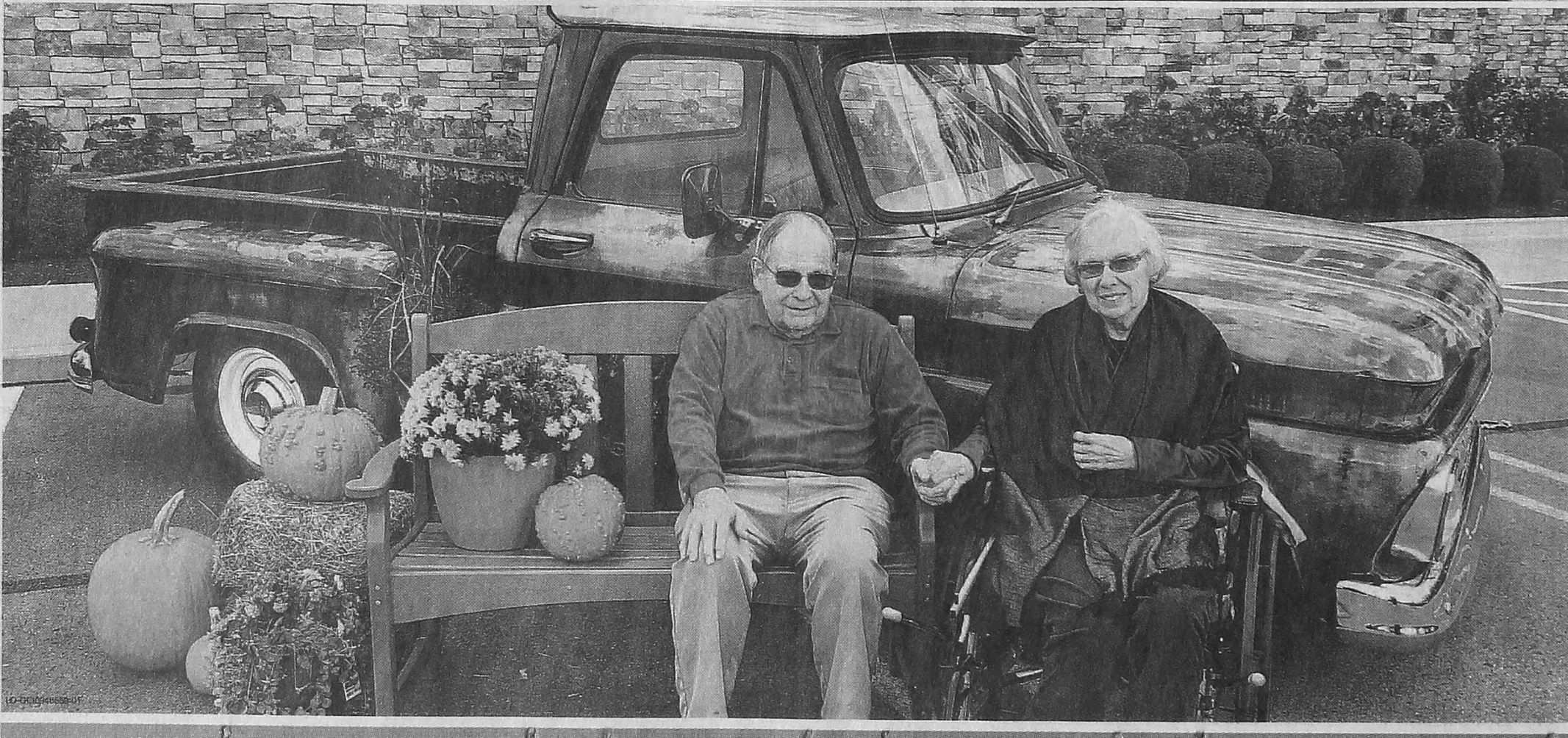
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SPORTS

Former Plymouth coach a #MakeShots trainer

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About 25 middle schoolers surrounded Mike Soukup at halfcourt of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Center as the former Plymouth boys basketball coach got in a shooter's stance and demonstrated a drill.

"I want to see your wrists wrinkled with the ball in your hands," he said back in August. "For a 46-year-old dude like me, that's pretty easy for me to do. All I've got to do is look down at my wrist. But I want you to bend your shooting hand back so that your wrists wrinkle when you're shooting the ball."

This has been Soukup's life since stepping down as the Wildcats' coach in

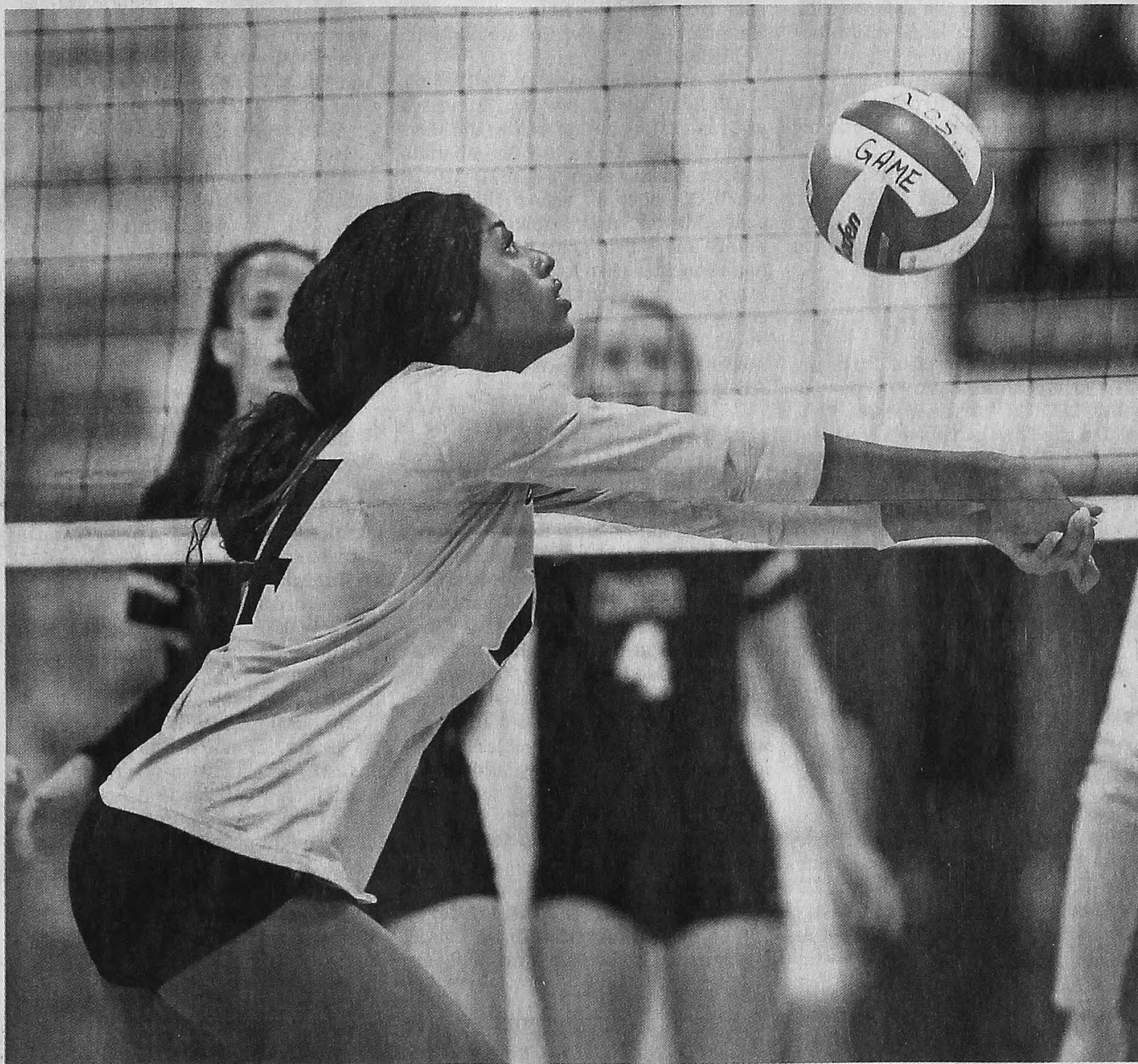
the spring. He gave Plymouth 13 years. Now he's an instructor for #MakeShots Basketball Training.

After an 18-year stint of coaching at both Kent City and Cedar Springs, Andy Secor stepped away from the high school game to create the #MakeShots program in 2018. The program is focused only on making players better shooters. It won't improve your defense.

It won't make you faster or jump higher. It's all about swishing baskets.

And Secor has had success improving the fundamentals of players across the state. From the youth ranks up to college. That includes NAIA teams such as Cornerstone University and Division I schools such as Michigan State.

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Detroit Country Day's Laurece Abraham bumps the ball against Novi on Oct. 6. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Miss Volleyball nominee battling back into lineup

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Novi's serve went up. Detroit Country Day's Olivia Grenadier got the dig to setter Paige Elliott, who went behind her back with the perfect touch pass to Laurece Abraham. The senior slammed one down from

the right side. Novi's Sarah Vellucci and Izzy Earley tried blocking it. But the kill had too much oomph behind it. The ball ultimately trickled to the floor, giving the second-ranked Yellowjackets the match point during the deciding fifth set of their 3-2 comeback win over the Wildcats.

You'd expect that kind of play from Abraham. The 6-foot-1 Yale commit is

the sixth-best player in the state, according to PrepDig. She led her team to a state quarterfinal appearance in 2021. And she was recently named one of 10 finalists for the Michigan Miss Volleyball award.

But it's unlikely she'll win it. Abraham fractured her right ankle

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Three takeaways from Northville volleyball's 3-1 win over Novi

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A 3-1 victory in Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West play gave the Northville volleyball team a one-game lead in the standings over Novi and sole possession of first place.

Sports reporter Brandon Folsom points out three observations he made during the rivalry match.

Delay of game on the referees

It's a good thing Don Wachowski was running the public-address system.

Novi's second-year athletic director played "Paradise City" by Guns N' Roses, an almost seven-minute song, and "Black Betty" by Ram Jam to stave off the crowd's boredom.

That's how long it took the referees to sort out their mistake.

Early in the opening set, with Northville leading Novi just 11-8, the referees lost track of the Wildcats' rotation. Northville coach Sarah Lindstrom contested it. And it took 12 minutes before the issue was resolved.

Thanks to some shoddy record keeping, plus some great back-and-forth play, that set lasted 48 minutes in all.

"It worked itself out, but I've never had (a 12-minute delay) in the history of my coaching," Lindstrom said.

The Wildcats stormed back to knot the score at 19. And then the two tied the score four more times before Sarah Vellucci tallied a point on a tip and Northville sailed the match point out of bounds, giving Novi the 26-24 win.

"I think that, honestly, the delay was ridiculous," Novi coach Kaycie Byron said. "It's frustrating when we've been running the slide all season. I've been coaching for almost a decade. I know the lineups I put out there. I know how to put my girls out there. To say we were out of rotation was false."

"I think that delay was too long for both teams. It could have hurt us, and it could have hurt Northville. I think we should have sped that up a little bit

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Top performers in Week 7 high school football

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Week 7 of the Michigan high school football season is in the books.

Let's take a look at the stat leaders in the Hometown Life coverage area.

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Catholic League

Detroit Catholic Central 31, Orchard Lake St. Mary's 17 (CHSL-Central)

The Shamrocks improved to 5-2 overall and 2-1 in the division.

Walled Lake Central 45, Cranbrook 0

The Cranes fell to 2-5 overall and are 1-2 in the CHSL-Intersectional 1.

Brother Rice (Open Date)

The Warriors remained 2-4 overall and 1-2 in the CHSL-Central.

Independent

Detroit Country Day 22, Detroit U-D Jesuit 13

The Yellowjackets improved to 5-1 overall.

Livonia Clarenceville 42, Pottersville 7

The Trojans improved to 5-2 overall.

Kensington Lakes Activities Association

Novi 28, Howell 21 (KLAA-West)

QB Caleb Walker was 21 of 28 passing for 239 yards and one TD for the Wildcats (5-2, 5-1). Cole Shires rushed 11 times for 51 yards and two TDs, while Martez Langford carried 12 times for 41 yards and Walker had a rushing TD. Andrew Kummer caught six passes for 85 yards and one TD, Boden Fernsler had five catches for 76 yards and Luke Aurilia pulled down eight passes for 55 yards. Antonio Cappella made a 33-yard field goal. Colin Masterson led the defense with nine tackles, followed by Niko Krall with six and Shires with five (one for loss).

Northville 28,

Hartland 21 (KLAA-West)

QB Luca Prior iced the win with a 5-yard rushing TD for the Mustangs (6-1, 5-1). Caleb Moore had a 45-yard rushing TD. Evan Deak pulled down a game-ending interception.

Canton 52, Salem 17 (KLAA-West)

RB Devon Pettus rushed 15 times for 169 yards and two TDs for the Chiefs (2-5, 2-4). Caleb Williams added six rushes for 145 yards and three scores, while Joseph Najduk had five rushes for 130 yards and two scores. Canton rushed for 452 yards as a team.

QB Robert Ahlgren was 15 of 23 passing for 126 yards and one interception for the Rocks (0-7, 0-6). Robert Jones carried 27 times for 186 yards and two TDs, and Nick Mullin caught nine passes for 86 yards. Jaywan Thomas led the defense with seven tackles, followed by William Beaty and Zach Passmore with six apiece.

Brighton 35, Plymouth 7 (KLAA-West)

RB Nathan Gillick rushed 24 times for 121 yards and a 10-yard TD for the Wildcats (1-6, 1-5). Sam Plencner added 34 yards rushing. Luc Damiani led the defense with seven tackles (six solo, two for loss) and Cam Witt had six tackles (five solo) and one interception.

Livonia Churchill 69,

Wayne Memorial 28 (KLAA-East)

The Chargers (2-5, 1-5) snapped a five-game losing streak thanks to Jonathan Lytle-Montgomery rushing 27 times for 423 yards and four TDs. QB Evan Snead was 2 of 3 passing for 92 yards and two TDs and scored a rushing TD. David Amerson rushed eight times for 52 yards and two TDs, John Pallozzi caught a 62-yard TD pass and Jayden Allen made a 30-yard TD grab. Peyton Sitarski led the defense with six tackles (0.5 for loss), while Jacob Koziel had four tackles (one for loss) and Allen pulled down an interception.

RB Darnell Johnson rushed 16 times for 178 yards and one TD for the Zebras (0-7, 0-6). QB Demarus Bird was 10 of 19 passing for 246 yards and two TDs, while Dwayne Jones caught six passes for 205 yards and two scores. Jones totaled seven tackles (five solo) and recovered a fumble.

Livonia Franklin 22,

Dearborn Fordson 14 (KLAA-East)

RB Cordell Mabins Jr. rushed 33 times for 301 yards and three TDs for the Patriots (7-0, 6-0). QB JD Bates was 14 of 16 passing for 148 yards, and Tyler Garrett caught eight passes for 97 yards. Domanic Lemon led the defense with three tackles (one for loss), while Garrett had an interception.

Belleville 49,

Livonia Stevenson 10 (KLAA-East)

QB Zach Benaske was 8 of 11 passing for 71 yards and one 13-yard TD pass to Quinn Carrigan for the Spartans (3-4, 3-3). Jack Johnson rushed for 18 yards, Alex Bowser added 15 and ArJon Thompson had 13. Luke Alvarado caught two passes for 17 yards.

Dearborn 27,

Westland John Glenn 14 (KLAA-East)

QB Nick Wetmore was 9 of 17 passing for 75 yards and a 19-yard TD pass to Connor LeCourt for the Rockets (2-5, 2-4). Damon Powers rushed 14 times for 47 yards and a 2-yard TD, Elliot Flake added 18 yards rushing and LeCourt finished with six receptions for 77 yards receiving. Powers and Caden Ingram led the defense with four tackles apiece, Tyler Radley, Rickey Smith, LeCourt and Dougie Wicker had three apiece and Wicker pulled down an interception.

Lakes Valley Conference

South Lyon 48,

Walled Lake Northern 14 (LVC)

QB Braden Fracassi was 6 of 6 passing for 108 yards and three TDs for the Lions (6-1, 5-1). Tommy Donovan rushed six times for 104 yards and a TD, while Simeon Mardossian and Fracassi each scored TDs on the ground. Catching TD passes were Alex Stoyanovich, Ben Radley and Donovan. Luke Weaver and Wyatt Douglass led the defense with



White Lake Lakeland's Mike Mahaney III breaks a tackle against South Lyon East on Oct. 7. White Lake Lakeland won, 21-10. BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

four tackles apiece, while Weaver also had a sack and Ryan Henderson nabbed an interception.

White Lake Lakeland 21, South Lyon East 10 (LVC)

The Eagles (4-3, 4-3) blocked two punts, including Maxwell Thompson falling on one of them in the end zone. Mike Mahaney III rushed for a 1-yard TD, while Braxton Godin scored his first career TD on a 13-yard reverse play. Grant Glosinger secured a game-ending interception.

QB Dominic Giovannini threw a 19-yard TD pass to Jordan Newbill, while the Cougars (5-2, 4-2) got a 25-yard field goal from Manake Watanabe. Carter Hamilton pulled down an interception.

Milford 38,

Waterford Kettering 12 (LVC)

QB Ryan Allen threw two TD passes and rushed for another two for the Mavericks (4-3, 3-3). Peyton Chamberlain and Josh Tobias each caught TD passes, while Chamberlain also rushed for a score. Mason Stislicki made five extra points and a field goal, Wyatt Lesnew had 10 tackles (two for loss) and Owen Stark and Josh Parker each had interceptions.

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Lutheran Westland 42,

Dearborn Advanced Tech 0

QB Noah Etnyre was 4 of 4 passing for 52 yards and two TDs and added seven rushes for 64 yards for the Warriors (5-2, 3-1). Nathan Klann and Aiden Sexton each caught TD passes. Micah Lavigne rushed five times for 20 yards and two TDs, Ben Wright rushed six times for 38 yards and a score and Mark McCormick added a rushing TD. McCormick led the defense with six tackles (one for loss), one sack and a fumble, while Tyler Scott had six tackles (one for loss) and James Bigelow added five tackles (one for loss).

Oakland Activities Association

Harper Woods 55,

Bloomfield Hills 14 (OAA-White)

The Black Hawks fell to 1-6 overall and finished 1-4 overall in the division.

Rochester 10, Birmingham Groves 6 (OAA-White)

DB Christopher Little pulled down two interceptions, while Jackson Crane recovered a fumble for the Falcons (4-3, 3-2). QB Cayden Hardy rushed for a 15-yard TD.

Birmingham Seaholm 56, Berkley 0

QB Colton Kinnie rushed for a TD and threw another to Sean Emerson for the Maples (7-0, 3-0). Emerson, Kyle Robbins, Jack Hulgrave, Will Rotger, Joey Lewand and Alex Smith each rushed for TDs. Emerson, Hulgrave and Grant Welch each pulled down interceptions.

Farmington 34, Ferndale 20

QB Dominic Pesci threw for 257 yards and two TDs for the Falcons (5-2, 2-1). Owen Matteson caught a 65-yard TD and Luke Donehue had a 33-yarder. Cam Pettaway rushed for three TDs.

Auburn Hills Avondale 27,

North Farmington 24

RB PJ Gardner rushed for two TDs, including a 40-yarder, for the Raiders (2-5, 2-2). Ryan Shelby threw a TD pass to Daemon Eubanks.

Western Wayne Athletic Conference

Garden City 22, Dearborn Heights Annapolis 16 (WWAC)

Kaden Williams, Owen McGraw and Nathan Wasil each rushed for TDs for the Cougars (4-3, 4-2). Charlie Mitton pulled down an interception and kicked a pair of extra points, while Emanuel James recovered a fumble.

Romulus 2,

Redford Thurston 0 (forfeit) (WWAC)

The Eagles fell to 0-7 overall and 0-6 in the league.

Redford Union 40,

Melvindale 6 (WWAC)

QB Cory Chavis was 16 of 25 passing for 247 yards and two TDs for the Panthers (7-0, 6-0). Chavis also scored one TD on the ground. Jamel Belcher II caught eight passes for 144 yards, Jeremiah Alston caught two passes for 54 yards and one TD and Kyren Ware had four receptions for 27 yards and one TD. Ware also returned a punt for a score.

#MakeShots

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It has gotten so popular that he's had to expand his staff so he can coach more clients.

Soukup joined #MakeShots not too long after stepping down from Plymouth to give Secor a metro Detroit presence.

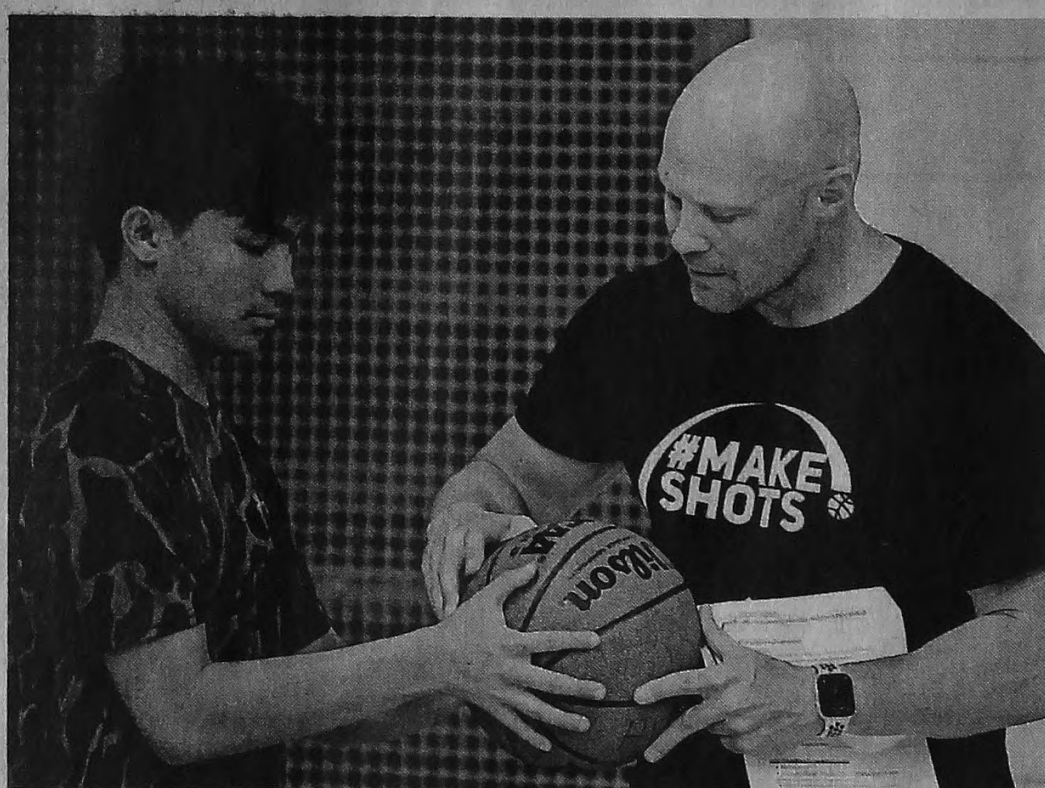
"I've watched more shots in the last 3 months than I have in my last 13 years of coaching basketball," Soukup said. "We're looking at the film of players constantly. We're sharing clients' films and giving our opinions about what's good or what needs work. We do constant professional development between the four of us (Secor and his three instructors, Soukup, Denny Krynicki and Trevor Chalmers). Maybe 2-3 times a day we're talking and sharing film."

So how does it work?

Instructors run you through fundamental drills, whether it's 1-on-1 private training, a group setting or even a team-based consult.

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Mike Soukup, right, teaches Ethan Velez during his #MakeShots training session in August at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Center.

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ball Coaches Association of Michigan's) list of top shooters, we've worked with many of them smattered all over their top free-throw and 3-pointer shooters lists."

Plymouth girls basketball coach Ryan Ballard once had Secor lead a training at the high school. Soukup stopped by to see if he could learn anything new about improving his own players' shots.

Soukup and Secor soon developed a friendship.

"He was the guy in the gym asking all the questions that day," Secor said. "He saw shooting in a different light in that camp. He asked me to look at one of his players and sent me a follow-up email and texts and was super inquisitive about it. Once he became serious enough, I said to him, 'Come and see it.

Come see what a training session looks like.'

"On his own dime, he drove across the state (to west Michigan) about 5-6 times to sit down with me and watch training sessions. I talked to others about his reputation and what he stood for. He aggressively pursued (joining #MakeShots) because it was a new way to connect with players."

Soukup has already worked with youth players, local high schoolers he's known for a while and college players. He's even instructed future D-I players.

"It's pretty neat to be able to work with such a wide range of players," he said. "It's been really cool to see the amount of dedication the kids who do come to see me bring with them."

Added Secor: "I'm super impressed with how he's dove in. He sees players get better, and that can be addictive. ...

"We want our players to achieve their dreams. For some, that's becoming a better shooter. Mike's taken that to heart. He's done a ton of professional development. He's taking it seriously. He's a grinder and wants to work."

Soukup's next #MakeShots clinic is Oct. 23 at Macomb Community College in Roseville. The cost is \$80 per participant. A session for middle school boys and girls goes noon to 2:30 p.m., while a session for high school boys and girls goes from 3-5:30 p.m.

To learn how you or your young shooter can get lessons from #MakeShots, visit andygsecor.wixsite.com/make-shots.

Nominee

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in July, which sidelined her for most of the summer.

She played sparingly when the Yellowjackets' season began in August.

Coach Kim Lockhart only let Abraham play one or two rotations at first, mostly in serving and passing roles against smaller opponents. And then Abraham was slowly eased into additional rotations.

As of this writing, Abraham has played only seven games in the front row. She's traditionally a middle blocker. That's what she has played for Legacy Volleyball Club, and it's what she will play when she's in college. But the wear and tear of the position can be too much for someone recovering from a broken ankle.

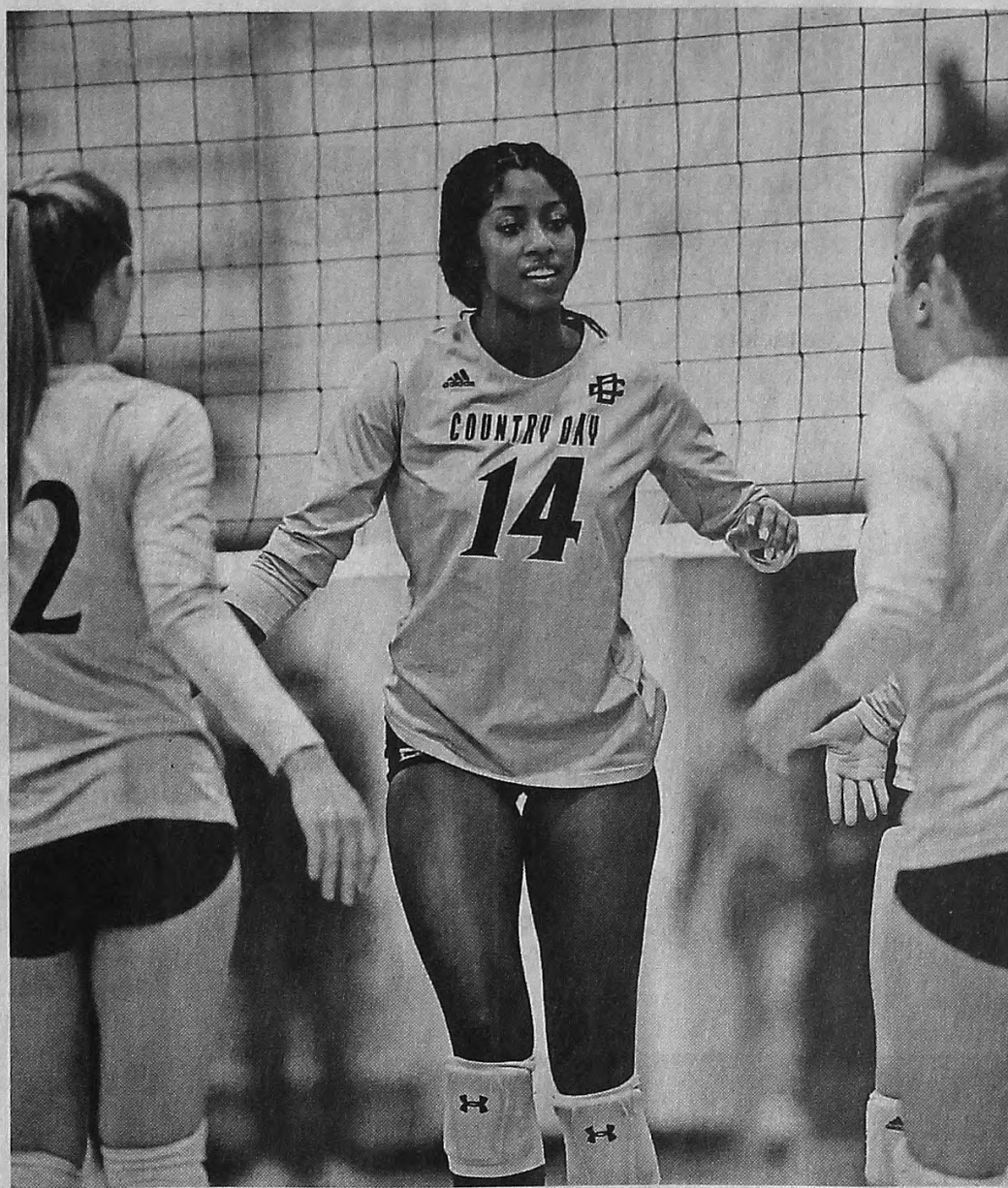
To continue easing Abraham back into action, Lockhart will keep using her at the outside and right side positions.

So far that's been paying off for the Yellowjackets.

Abraham was on the right side when she smoked the match point vs. Novi, which rosters a pair of her old Legacy teammates in Miss Volleyball nominee Vellucci (Long Beach State commit) and Ohio State commit Kaitlyn Hoffman. Yes, that's not her traditional position, but having her there certainly helps her team score points, especially against bigger schools.

"She's just so dynamic," said Lockhart, a ninth-year coach. "Since she had an injury at the beginning of the season, she's just kind of transferred back into the front row. We're keeping her on the pin right now. But we know that we can play her in the middle, or on the right. Eventually, our goal is to get her in the back row here before the season is over. Obviously, her blocking is phenomenal as well. She's probably one of the best blockers in the state, absolutely.

"But, to be honest with you, we might just be leaving her out there on the pin. We're going to use her everywhere."



Detroit Country Day's Laurece Abraham celebrates a point against Novi.

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While playing at full strength a year ago, Abraham totaled 44 aces, 100 blocks, 103 digs and 273 kills. She owns the school record for both the most kills and most blocks in a single season, and she also owns the school record for most aces in one match (11).

She won't be posting anywhere close to those numbers in her fourth year on Country Day's varsity. So that might hurt her case to win Miss Volleyball. But she's still capable of leading the Yellow-

jackets to a D-2 state title, especially when she's fully healthy again.

"I'm slowly coming back," Abraham said. "It was a smooth transition back into the high school season. I feel like I started off just playing back row three rotations. Now I'm playing as if I were to be a middle, but I'm actually on the outside for three rotations. Once my ankle gets stronger, I'll be going a full rotation just like last year. It sucked being injured at first, especially all the summer

games I had to sit and watch and cheer on my team."

Lockhart said Abraham has been a consummate leader, both on and off the court. Abraham is always encouraging to her teammates, which was evident against Novi. She cheered from the bench when her front-row rotations were over. And the Yellowjackets wound up fighting back from a 2-1 deficit to upset the Wildcats.

But Lockhart is also thankful for Abraham's ability to block and hit balls. The senior has a tremendous wing span, which allows her to cover a lot of the net on defense. And she has the strength to smash undiggable balls over the net at any time.

"She's just so athletic and dynamic. She can swing with the best of them," Lockhart said. "She's been on the team since she was a freshman. I was feeling like I was the luckiest person in the world to have her go to this school, you know what I mean? Just her athleticism and her attitude just goes hand in hand. Everybody likes playing with her."

Following the injury, Abraham hasn't been taking her senior season for granted, even when it comes to the day-to-day monotony of practices and drills. She knows it's all helping the Yellowjackets reach their No. 1 goal of winning a state championship.

"I feel like I just want to give it my all and just leave this school with something to remember as both an athlete and a student," she said. "I just want to us become closer as a team as we go through the motions of all these tough matches. I feel like we've been scrapping way more than normal. We all want the outcome that we're all hoping for. It just starts off with playing teams like (Novi). Starting off competitive. Continuously trying to control our side and not worrying about our opponent.

"I feel like when we focus on the fundamentals and all the things we've been working on in practice, it allows us to just execute in the games."

Brandon Folsom covers high school sports for *Hometown Life*. Follow him on Twitter @folsombrandonj.

City of Plymouth Zoning Board of Appeals Notice Thursday, November 3, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. Located at Plymouth City Hall

201 S. Main Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170
Website: www.plymouthmi.gov Phone: (734) 453-1234 ext. 232

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall to consider the following:

Z 22-13 Non-Use Variance Request for 693 Maple
Front Yard Fence Height
Zoned: O-1, Office Service District
Applicant: Hans Nicholzen

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Public Logic & Accuracy Test for the electronic voting equipment to be used in all precincts in the City of Plymouth for the GENERAL ELECTION to be held Tuesday November 8, 2022, is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM at: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Public Test is conducted to demonstrate that computer programming used to tabulate votes cast at the election meets requirements of Michigan election law and anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Election Source of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been contracted by the City of Plymouth for testing to assure the equipment has been programmed appropriately.

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Maureen A. Brodie, City of Plymouth City Clerk

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- Canton Charter Academy - 12/7/2022 at 10 am
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- Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy - 12/7/2022 at 1 pm
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faster. At the end of the day, you have to play through that stuff. Sometimes it goes your way and sometimes it doesn't go your way."

There was no hate in this rivalry game

The rivalry between Northville (26-2, 6-0) and Novi (13-8, 6-1) is one of the best in the sport.

Not only do both crowds and student sections show up in droves but oftentimes the winner goes on to do something special in the KLAA tournament or play-offs.

Sure, the students in the stands can say some unruly things. And their posts on social media can poke the bear.

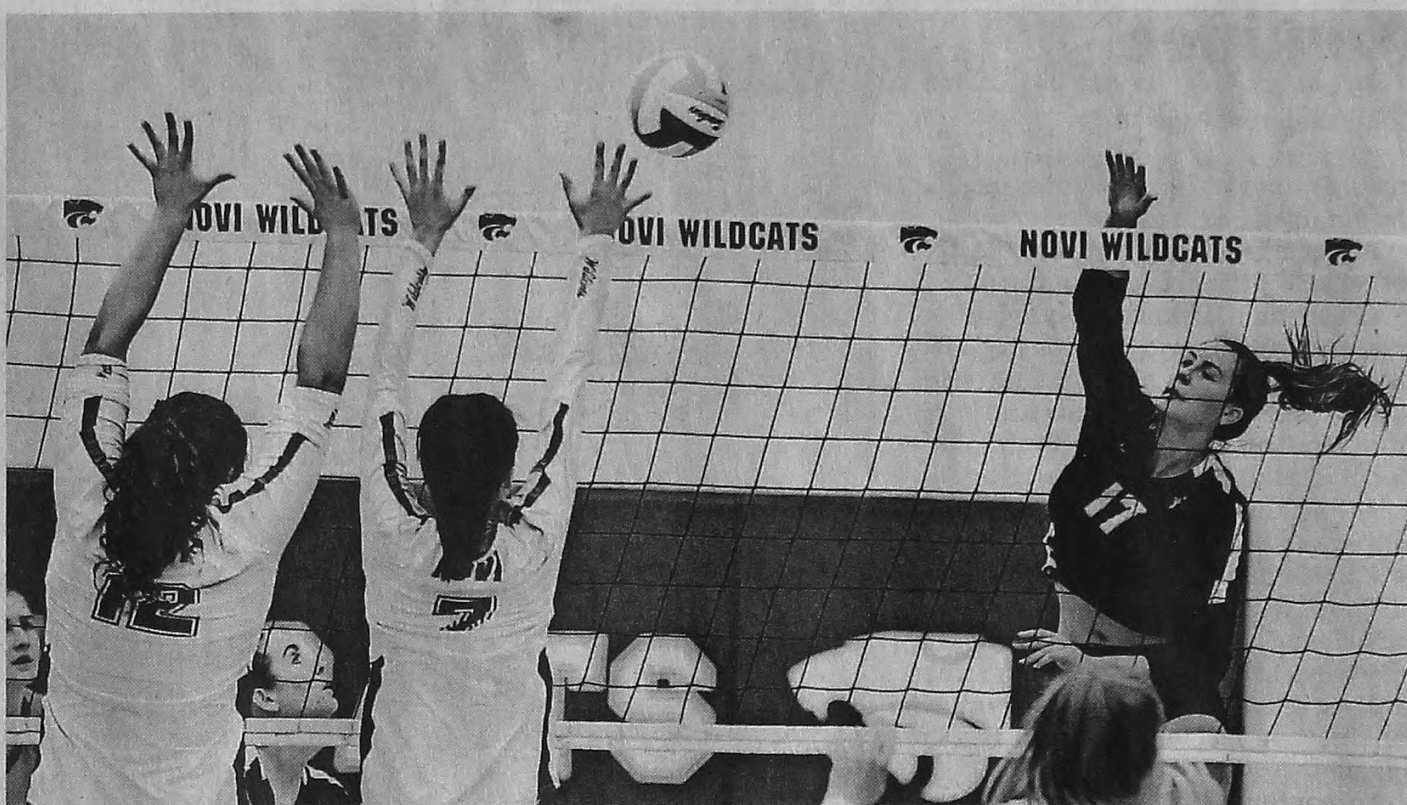
But there's no hate in this matchup.

Why?

That's because many of these players are teammates the other nine months of the year.

Both Lindstrom and Byron are coaches at Legacy Volleyball Club. And several girls from both teams have played for the two coaches at the club level. That includes Michigan Miss Volleyball nominees Northville senior Abby Reck and Novi's star senior hitter, Vellucci.

"It's just awesome for our clubs," Byron said. "It's



Northville's Abby Reck, right, goes for a kill against Novi on Oct. 4. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

really exciting for me when you play against athletes that are in your club. When they show up and show out, it's a good feeling. Obviously, you want to win ev-

ery game when you're on the other side of the net. But it's cool to see them doing their own thing. And you know them. You know their strengths. You know their weaknesses."

According to Prep Dig, Reck (Northeastern commit) and Vellucci (Long Beach State) are the fourth- and fifth-best players in Michigan, respectively.

At 6-foot-3, not too many girls can swing as hard as Reck, which she put on display when she wailed home the match point during the deciding 25-22 fourth set.

But Vellucci is a great player, too. She's a defensive specialist on the club circuit, and that's what she'll play in college. But because she's 6 feet tall, she plays outside hitter for the Wildcats. Her height is too valuable to Byron when it comes to blocking and hitting. So she's always playing out of position.

"I've been around (Vellucci) a long time, and that kid is a libero in club," Lindstrom said. "She doesn't even hit in the front row. She's just one of the smartest players, and she's one of the most controlled players I've coached against and watched play. She's a really good kid."

This match is just the first meeting

You'd like to think Northville taking care of Novi means it's all downhill for the Mustangs when it comes to sewing up the KLAA-West and winning a league title.

But it's not.

They beat the Wildcats in last year's division matchup but wound up losing to Novi in the KLAA tournament.

There's a good chance these two squads will meet twice more: Once in the league tournament and again in the Division 1 district final.

"It's hard to beat a team three times," Byron said. "They got tonight, but it's going to be a lot harder for them here on out. I wouldn't be surprised if we came back swinging in the KLAA tournament like we did last time.

"I think tonight's matchup showed us that we are very similar teams. It showed, hopefully, to all of the people watching that Novi volleyball is no one to sleep on."

Fortunately for the Mustangs, they're hosting the district tournament. If Novi wants to make it back to regionals, it has to beat Northville on its own turf.

"Being able to push through this environment said a lot about us tonight," Lindstrom said. "We're going to be home for districts, which will be great. But I also think there is no team my team looks past.

"That first set (loss to Novi) was not because we came out cocky. That first set happened because Novi played well, and we couldn't handle them. But that gives us confidence knowing that this is a rivalry matchup, and that changes everything, but we learned we can handle it."

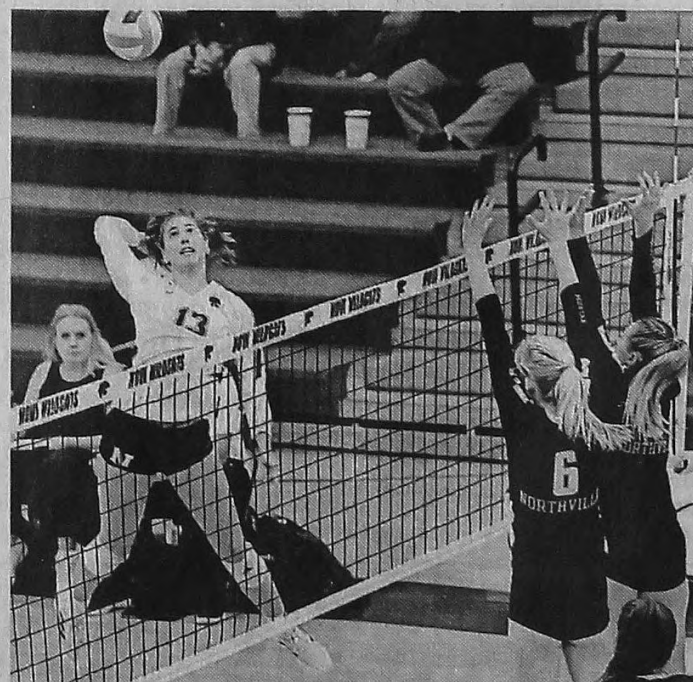
But the KLAA tournament and districts are weeks away.

Northville is just happy it snuck out of Novi with the win.

"The scariest team is a rivalry team that has a lot of hope and energy, and Kaycie is a friend of mine," Lindstrom said. "She always brings that in her kids, and you just saw them play some of their best volleyball, so I think those matchups are the hardest to get comfortable in. I think we knew on paper we are probably the better team. But we also know the best team doesn't always win. They put us all out of sorts.

"They did a really great job against us, and I'm just proud of our girls for hanging in there and not letting it get to their heads. They stayed calm and just played our game."

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Novi's Sarah Vellucci, left, goes up for a kill against Northville on Oct. 4.

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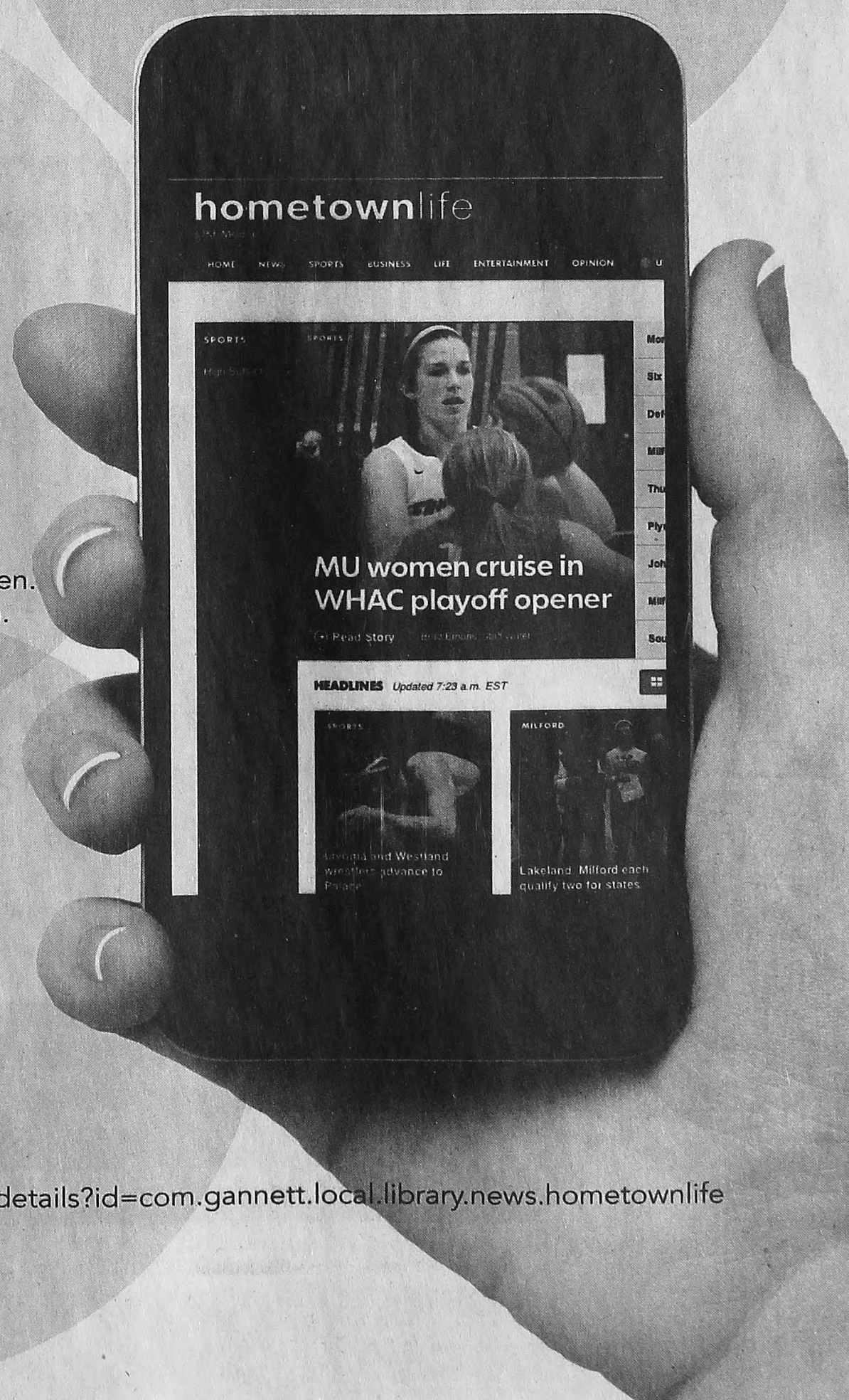
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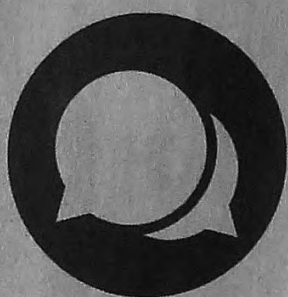
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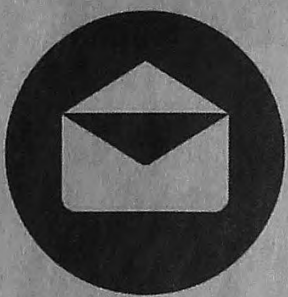
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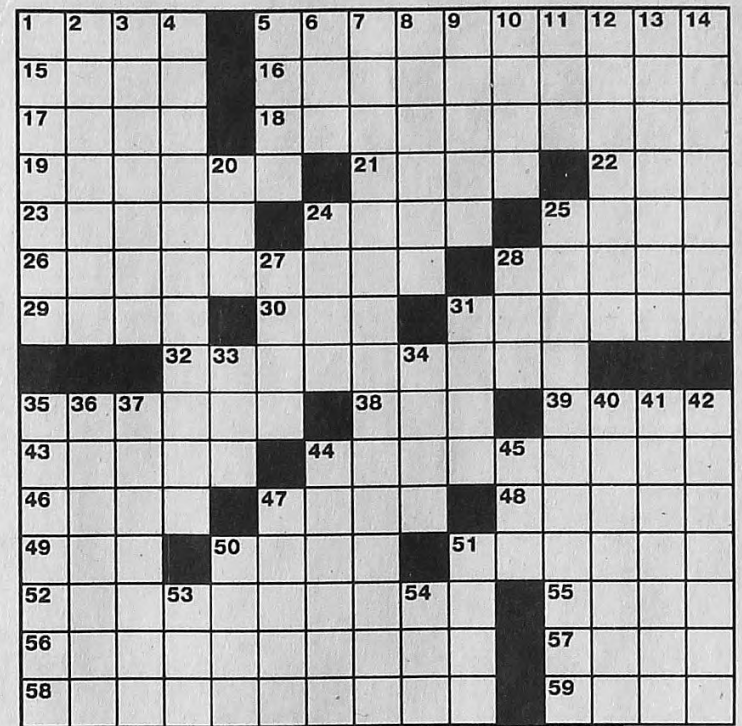
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- Agcy. supervising elections
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- Top and bottom of the feudal food chain
- Where the Cyclopes forged thunderbolts
- Nickname dropping "-el" or "-anna"
- Not to be questioned
- Trash
- Don't abstain
- Chg. descriptor
- In St. Peter's it's 46 meters high
- Early rival of Atari (and still at it)
- Blokes who supported Dutch-born William III
- Bit of salty talk
- Bayer's headquarters
- Off-puttingly strong

- It may keep you up at night
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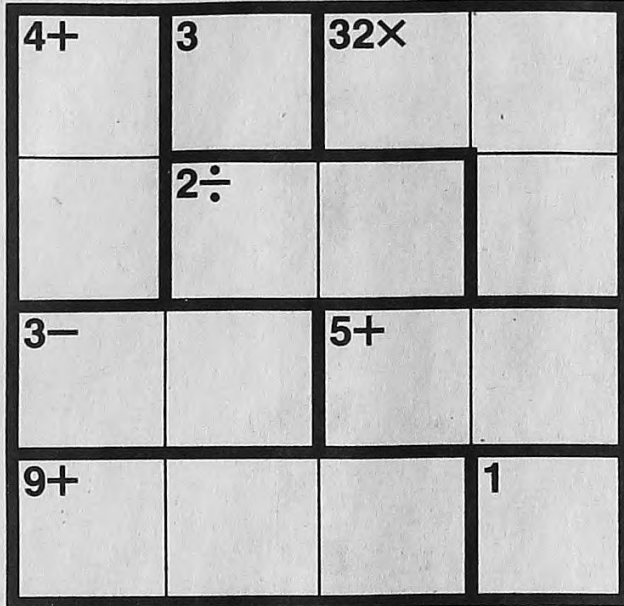
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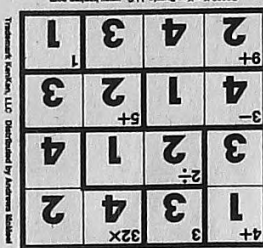
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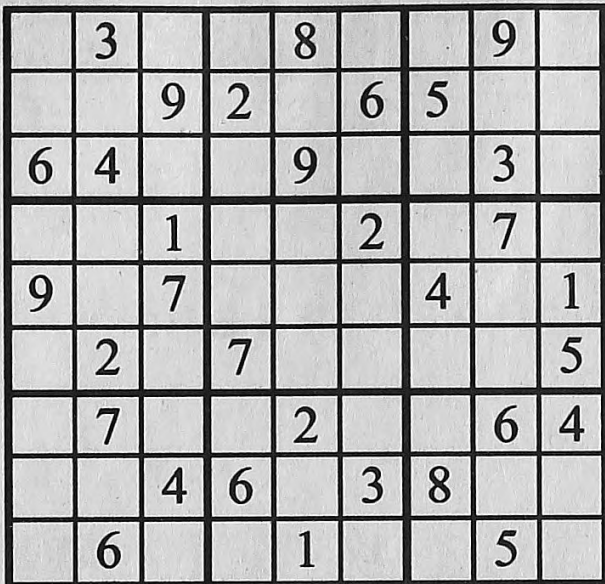
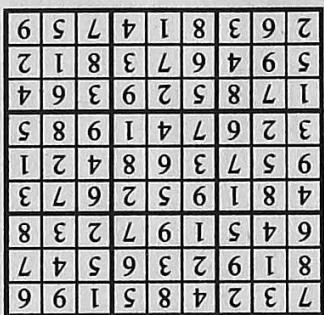


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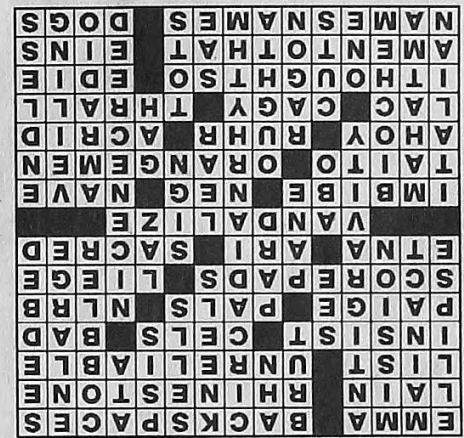
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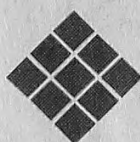
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