

## NOVEMBER/SPORTS

## NOV. 22

**Glads go on**

MCBAIN — Erin Carney found her scoring touch at just the right time for the St. Francis Gladiators.

The 6-foot senior — held to a combined 17 points the last two games — scored 25 Monday to spark the Gladiators to a 50-40 Class C regional basketball win over Marion.

Carney netted 14 of her points in the fourth quarter. All 14 came with under three minutes to go when St. Francis snapped a 34-34 deadlock.

St. Francis (22-2) will now face Lake Michigan Conference rival Harbor Springs in Wednesday's 7 p.m. final.

## NOV. 25

**MHSAA case to court**

HARBOR SPRINGS — The state Supreme Court will hear a lawsuit filed by a local couple who contend the Michigan High School Athletic Association should be considered a public body and subject to the state Freedom of Information Act. Martin Breighner III and his wife, Kathryn, sued the MHSAA after their son, Jordan, then a freshman, was disqualified from the 2001 state high school regional finals ski meet because he allegedly skied in too many non-sanctioned events.

Martin Breighner said when he asked the school for a copy of any rules his son had broken, a school official said it did not have any.

Breighner said he then asked the MHSAA and did not get his question answered. He filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the entity but said he got no response. He then filed a lawsuit against MHSAA, which regulates virtually all public high school athletics.

An Emmet County circuit court judge sided with the Breighners. But the state court of appeals, in a 2-1

decision, overturned that ruling.

The Supreme Court is allowing the Michigan Press Association to file a brief supporting the Breighners' position.

## NOV. 27

**Swimmer takes title**

TRAVERSE CITY — Katie White almost gave up high school swimming this fall.

Now the 15-year-old Traverse City Christian sophomore is glad she didn't.

On Saturday, White won the 50-yard freestyle in the Division II state championships at Oakland University. She placed sixth in the 100-yard freestyle.

"I wasn't planning on (swimming) at all," White said. "I didn't swim in the summer. It was a last-minute decision."

White, third in the 50-yard freestyle as a freshman, had her change of heart in September, nearly a month after most teams started practice.

Even with the limited practice schedule, White won the 50-yard freestyle in 24.37 seconds, beating runner-up Rachel Beardsley of Fenton by three-tenths of a second. That nearly matched her time in Friday's preliminaries when she earned the No. 1 seed with a personal best 24.35.

## NOV. 29

**St. Francis takes trophy**

PONTIAC — It was an emotional rollercoaster that players and fans from Traverse City St. Francis were all too happy to ride.

After nearly letting a 21-0 lead slip away, the Gladiators celebrated their 28-14 victory over Hudson in Saturday's Division 7 state championship football game at the Pontiac Silverdome.

St. Francis trailed in each of its previous two playoff games before rallying to win. The Gladiators held a slim 21-14 lead late in the fourth quarter Saturday when senior Kevin Curtis knocked down a fourth-down pass.

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on M-66 north of McBain at about 5 p.m.

## NOV. 28

**Term limits on way out**

TRAVERSE CITY — The city commission appears ready to end its 4-year-old term limits policy for city advisory boards.

The commission will decide Monday night whether to scrap its often-debated policy, which limits city residents to two terms or six years of service — whichever is shorter — on various city-appointed boards and commissions.

The last time the commission voted on term limits was early 2002, when a 3-3 deadlock kept the policy intact. This month, two supporters of city term limits — former mayor Margaret Dodd and commissioner Ann Rogers — were defeated at city elections and support for the policy now is thin on the

revamped city commission.

## NOV. 29

**New shelter being sought**

TRAVERSE CITY — A new homeless shelter with 77 beds could be built on land owned by Traverse City Area Public Schools.

The school board approved a lease option Monday with Goodwill Industries of Northern Michigan. The agreement gives Goodwill nine months to finalize a 30-year lease of 4.5 acres of school property adjacent to the Coast Guard complex near the Cherry Capital Airport.

Cecil McNally, chief executive officer of Goodwill Industries, said the nonprofit is working out details of building the new shelter, which he hopes to complete in two years.

The 27-acre school property could become a social services campus.

## NOV. 30

**Owner demands damages**

MANCELONA — Sandy Masters, owner of The Fishing Hole restaurant on U.S. 131, suffered thousands of dollars in water damage and lost business after overnight flooding Sept. 28-29.

The Mancelona Area Water and Sewer Authority turned off water in much of the village for about seven hours Sept. 28 to fix a water main break. While the water was off, compressors on the fountain soda-pop machines in Masters' restaurant overheated. Hoses in the machine melted and weakened. They exploded when water was restored, flooding the restaurant.

Masters criticized water authority officials for not contacting area businesses to let them know water would be turned off for an extended period of time.



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