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#### **PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP**

# It takes a dining room

Christmas village has grown so large over the years the owners keep it up year-round

#### McKenna Ross mross@mlive.com

Nestled in the mountains, a castle overlooks this picturesque village.

Children play in the schoolyard. Further down an evergreen-lined cobblestone road, the church, bakery and haberdashery overlook the bay where the Britannia is heading to shore.

And it's all in one couple's dining room.

For almost 30 years, Plymouth Township residents Arline and John Greacen have developed their Dickens' Village collection. The miniature Christmas decorations have gotten so expansive, detailed and storied that they keep it up year-round.

In some ways, the couple believes the village is a landmark in their neighborhood. Friends bring visiting family members to see it, and Halloween trick-or-treaters will stick their heads inside after they receive a candy bar.

About 100 structures, 300 trees and a display that starts about 8 feet from the wall of the couple's front room make up Arline's Dickens' Village — its official name, according to a sign John carved and hung over the room.

In true holiday spirit, most of the mini structures were gifts.

It started in 1990, when Arline's mother gave her three buildings, all from "A Christmas Carol." The Charles Dickens-inspired village grew from there. The past 10 years, it's been too large to put away. New buildings haven't been added for about three years.

"When I look at it, I remember which buildings Arline's mom gave us to get started," John Greacen said. "I remember there's a building with Santa Claus on the roof that my father gave her. My boss at my last employer gave us a building one time."

The added detail in the village, though, makes Arline's Dickens' Village unique. Cotton flows out of the chimneys mimicking smoke. Arline Greacen created mountains by hot-wire sculpting Styrofoam into bluff shapes and painting five shades of brown. Traditional Dickens' Village figurines were too tall for their houses, so the Greacens sought smaller toys to mill around town.

"There isn't a day where I don't stop and look at it several times because there's so much intricate detail," John Greacen said. "T'm still fascinated by it though we've had it for nearly three decades. You can't absorb the detail

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The Christmas village at the Greacen home in Plymouth Township is large enough to fill the couple's dining room, and it has become so special to them that they keep it up all year long. *Photos by Jacob Hamilton, MLive.com* 

without stopping, and I have a long attention span."

The couple said they couldn't put a price tag on the display; it wasn't something they had previously considered. New collectibles on the Department 56 website, which sells the branded items, range from \$60 to \$220.

The replica village isn't about solely collecting for the Greacens, though. It's about the hard work they have put into its cultivation and the loved ones who cared along the way.

"There's kind of a warm feeling that I get from it," John Greacen said. "If I had gone on eBay and someone had passed away and they were selling the whole kit-and-caboodle, it wouldn't be the same. Arline's enthusiasm when she was building this, it warmed my heart to see her get so

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John Greacen, about his and his wife's Christmas village display

excited about all that."

As far as continuing their Dickens' Village collection, the couple is hesitant to add more. "We'd like to, but ..." Arline Greacen said.

"We're kind of running out of space," John Greacen finished.



SUPPLYING WATER TO THE PUBLIC Rule Set 2019-35 EG

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Arline and John Greacen stand with the Christmas village they collected and built over the past 30 years in their Plymouth Township home.



Above and below, the Greacens' Christmas village is on display Dec. 5 in their home in Plymouth Township.





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# GRCC targets public works, clean energy training

Monica Scott mscott2@mlive.com

After hearing from cities and community organizations, Grand Rapids Community College is starting a training program in 2020 targeting jobs related to water, public works, clean energy and river restoration projects.

Julie Parks, executive director for GRCC Workforce Training, said the college is being responsive to the demand for employees in those focus areas.

She said training will include the repair and maintenance of municipal water and wastewater systems, pipe and green infrastructure, water testing, hazardous materials removal and safety certifications.

GRCC is teaming up with the cities of Grand Rapids and Kentwood, the nonprofit Grand Rapids Whitewater, the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce and the Grand Rapids Downtown Development Authority's Whitewater Project team on the West Michigan Clean Water and Environmental Certifications Program.

"Area water systems depend on maintenance and restoration, but the workforce with these skills is aging, and there's no current pipeline to bring in new talent," Parks said.

JP Morgan Chase provided GRCC a twoyear, \$150,000 grant for the training. Parks said the financial services firm has long been supportive of college initiatives.

Parks said the grant will keep the cost of student training down to \$25. She said training could be 40 hours or as much as 300 hours.

James Hurt, public services director for the city of Grand Rapids, said he and his colleagues in the Midwest branch, Michigan Chapter of the American Public Works Association have been discussing the creation of a talent pipeline for nearly two years.

He said they have worked with GRCC on training through its Public Works Academy and hope to recruit more students through the new training program.

Hurt said the city is looking for people new to public works and existing employees interested in learning new skills.

"Fifty percent of employees will be eligible to retire in the next five to 10 years," he said.

"It will be a drain on our institutional knowledge. We are looking to find qualified individuals.'

Parks said the training can be pathway to a career with a good salary and benefits. She

**"GRCC has strong** partnerships with area municipalities' workforce development work. This grant will help that collaboration grow, preparing the region for the changes planned for the Grand **River, and the continued** importance of prepared workforce to meet these needs." GRCC President Bill Pink

said hourly wages in the various categories generally range from \$15 to \$18 per hour to start out.

For example, Hurt said an entry level maintenance assistant earns \$16.03 per hour.

"GRCC has strong partnerships with area municipalities' workforce development work," GRCC President Bill Pink said. "This grant will help that collaboration grow, preparing the region for the changes planned for the Grand River, and the continued importance of prepared workforce to meet these needs.'

An employer advisory team will help GRCC develop a curriculum, which will incorporate national credentials for stormwater and green infrastructure training.

Neighborhood and nonprofit groups such as the Urban League of Greater Grand Rapids and the West Michigan Hispanic Center will help connect unemployed or underemployed residents to the program to help ensure a diverse pool of students.

Those interested in learning more, should email workforcetraining@grcc.edu or call 616-234-3800.

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Family of volcano victim Hayden Marshall-Inman, walks from a meeting with Police Minister Stuart Nash and officials in Whakatane, New Zealand, today. The volcano on White Island has continued venting steam and mud, delaying plans by authorities to recover the bodies of victims from the volcano site. Authorities believe there are eight bodies that remain on the island following Monday's eruption. (AP photo)

# Team to try to retrieve bodies despite the risk

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of burned skin doesn't have

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Additionally, in patients with

an infection, creating a new

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skin is too risky, Paniatowski

Authorities say 24 Aus-

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New Zealanders, four Ger-

mans, two Britons, two Chi-

nese and a Malaysian were

visiting the island at the time

of the eruption. Many were

from a Royal Caribbean

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Scott Morrison said 10 Aus-

tralians were presumed

among the dead. Twelve of

the injured Australians were

being medically evacuated to

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New Zealand hospital, he

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WHAKATANE, New Zealand (AP) - A team of eight New Zealand military specialists will land on a small volcanic island just after first light Friday to attempt to retrieve the bodies of eight victims of an eruption that claimed eight other lives.

New Zealand police said today the recovery attempt will go ahead even though scientists believe another eruption is possible on White Island. Steam and mud are emitting from its active vents and volcanic tremors are rising, volcanologists said.

Police, military, volcano experts and others will monitor the recovery attempt from the HMNZS Wellington, which will be stationed nearby, authorities said.

Police Deputy Commissioner Mike Clement told reporters the recovery operation is "not without risk.

"They will go onto the island and they will make every effort to recover all of the bodies," Clement said at a news conference.

The continuing volcanic activity has delayed the recovery of the last victims since Monday's deadly eruption, which occurred as  $\hat{47}$ tourists were exploring the island. In addition to the bodies left on the island, eight other people were killed and dozens were severely burned by the blast of scalding steam

and ash. Police have cited the need to preserve evidence that would help identify the victims as a reason to take a methodical approach, but the decision to commit to a faster recovery attempt appeared to have been partly motivated by weather forecasts. Rain mixing with the heavy volcanic ash lying on the island could encase the bodies in a cement-like substance, making recovery more difficult. "My concerns remain the weather, the direction of the wind, the sea state because they all bring risk and add complexity," Clement said. New Zealand medical staff were working around the clock to treat the injured survivors in hospital burn units. The enormity of the task was clear when Dr. Peter Watson, a chief medical officer, said at a news conference that extra skin has been ordered from American skin banks. Hospital personnel anticipated needing an extra 120 square meters (1,300 square feet) of skin for grafting onto the patients, Watson

# Judiciary panel takes first steps toward impeachment vote WASHINGTON (AP) -

The House Judiciary Com-mittee has taken the first steps toward

voting on articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump, beginning

marathon two-day NADLER session to

consider the historic charges with a lively prime-time hearing at the Capitol.

Democrats and Republicans used the otherwise procedural meeting Wednesday evening to deliver sharp, poignant and, at times, personal arguments for and against impeachment. Both sides appealed to Americans' sense of history

The committee is considering two articles of impeachintroduced ment by Democrats. They charge Trump with abuse of power for asking Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden while withholding aid as leverage, and obstruction of Congress for stonewalling the House's investigation.

Today, the committee will likely vote to send the articles to the full House, which is expected to vote next week.

Democrats are unified. They have agreed to the language, which spans only nine pages and says that Trump acted "corruptly" and "betrayed the nation" when he asked Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden and the 2016 U.S. election.

Hamstrung in the minority, Republicans wouldn't have the votes to make changes without support from at least some Democrats.

The Wednesday evening session of the 41-member panel lasted more than three hours.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler opened the hearing by making a final argument for impeachment and urging his Republican colleagues to reconsider.

He said the committee should consider whether the evidence shows that Trump committed these acts, if they rise to the level of impeachable high crimes and misdemeanors and what the consequences are if they fail to act. "When his time has passed, when his grip on our politics is gone, when our country returns, as surely it will, to calmer times and stronger leadership, history will look back on our actions here today," Nadler said. "How would you be remembered?"

# Michigan is poised to legalize sports, online gambling

#### By DAVID EGGERT Associated Press

LANSING - Michigan's Legislature voted Wednesday to legalize sports betting and internet gambling, expanding options for gamblers in a state with three commercial casinos in Detroit and two-dozen tribal casinos elsewhere.

The bills reflect a compromise with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer after lawmakers agreed to a higher tax on i-gambling than was initially proposed. Michigan will become the 20th state to authorize sports wagers and the fifth to allow casino-style games to be played online.

#### A look at the development: WHEN MAY SPORTS **BETTING BEGIN?**

It is unclear. Casinos will need a license from state regulators who will be writing rules. Some lawmakers had hoped sports wagering could start by the Super Bowl, in early February. Sen. Curtis Hertel Jr., an East Lansing Democrat, doubted it could begin by then but said the NCAA basketball tournament, which starts in mid-March, is a realistic goal. It may take longer to set up mobile sports betting and online games. A spokeswoman for the Michigan Gaming Control Board declined to comment until the bills are on the governor's desk.

WHY ALLOW IT?

Supporters said gamblers already are betting on sports and gambling online through illegal bookies or non-U.S. websites. "Frankly you don't even know if you're getting your money back if you win," Hertel said. Legalizing sports and i-gambling will protect consumers and generate new tax revenue for local and state governments, they said. "Providing a legal and safe and regulated option that actually brings in money for the state is a good thing. I trust people to make decisions with their own lives," Hertel said.

## **HOW MUCH REVENUE?**

Casinos that open physical or online sports books will pay an 8.4% tax on receipts after winnings are paid out. Those offering online games like poker will pay a tax of between 20% and 28%, depending on their amount of adjusted gross receipts. Projecting i-gambling revenues is difficult because of the potential "substitution effect" – people who play the Lottery online migrating to poker and other internet games offered by the casinos - and a range of other complicating factors. The nonpartisan Senate Fiscal Agency projects that if gambling activity rises by 5%, it would generate nearly \$18 million in new taxes or similar tribal payments.

WHO BENEFITS?

Much of that money, up to \$14 million,



Michael Hernandez uses a kiosk to place sports wagers at Ameristar Casino in East Chicago, Ind.. Sept. 1. (Kale Wilk/The Times via AP)

would go to the state's school aid fund, which covers public schools. That would equate to nearly \$10 per student. Some revenue, \$4 million a year, would be earmarked to a state fund that compensates first responders for lost wages and medical benefits if they get cancer from fighting fires.

#### CRITICISM

While the main bills won overwhelming approval on Wednesday, 35-3 in the Senate and 96-12 and 100-8 in the House, there were some detractors. Sen. Ed McBroom, a Vulcan Republican, said gambling is a vice that "preys on the most vulnerable in our society by promising something for nothing. ... The purpose of legalized and organized gambling is the industrialized mass extraction of people's money.'

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Only those age 21 and older could participate

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Michigan will allow in-game sports bets the outcome of a drive in football, what the next hitter will do in baseball - not just wagers placed before an athletic game starts. Inplay wagers would be based on official data supplied by sports leagues, unless a casino can show regulators that a sports governing body will not provide a feed on "commercially reasonable terms." Rep. Brandt Iden, an Oshtemo Township Republican, called the in-game option a "key part" of the legislation.

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White Island remained volatile." "highly The GeoNet seismic monitoring agency has maintained the island's volcanic alert level at 2, noting there's been no eruption since Monday. On the scale, 2 signifies unrest while 5 signifies a major eruption.

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