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Candidates answer students' questions

Forum at middle school features five hopefuls

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Eileen Wei is getting prepared to vote in her first election come Nov. 6. She had a first-hand opportunity Oct. 23 to see some of the people vying to representative her in both Lansing and Washington, D.C., during a candidate forum with questions asked by her peers.

"Definitely seeing the different can-

didates, how different they can be, is really new for me," the 18-year-old Novi resident said. "I'm very politically inexperienced and I guess I can see what I like, what I don't like and who I want to vote for."

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The forum, held in the Novi Middle School auditorium, brought several candidates on stage to field questions asked from students in Novi's Adult Education program, as well as students from the Huron Valley Schools district, who posed questions to five separate candidates running for office in southwest Oakland County. All the questions were written and asked by students on a

variety of topics, including campaigning, education, roads and infrastructure.

Candidates running in several area districts were invited, including the U.S. House 11th District, the state Senate 11th and 15th districts and state House 38th and 39th districts. Those who attended included Democrat Haley Stevens of Rochester Hills running for Congress; Democrat Julia Pulver of West Bloomfield, running for the state Senate 15th seat; Novi Democrat Kelly Breen and state Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, who

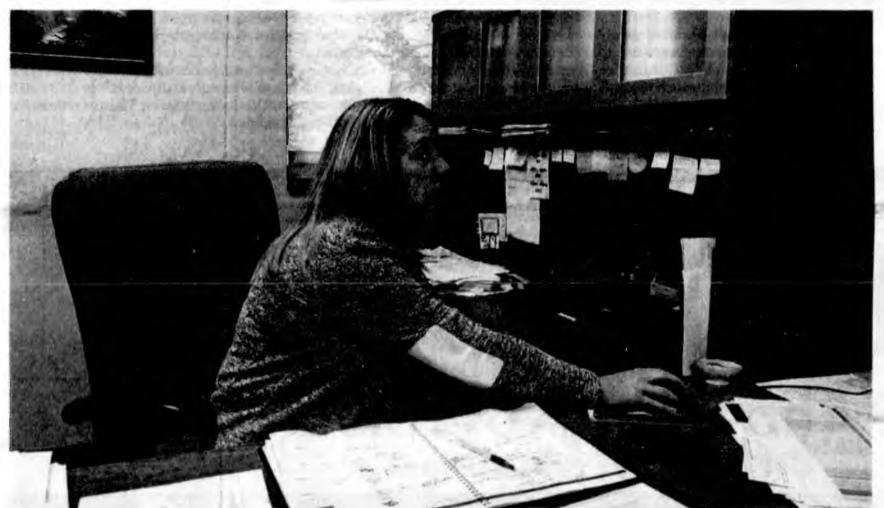
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Students from Novi and Huron Valley schools listen as candidates running for state office answer their questions during a forum Oct. 23 at Novi Middle School.

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Calm before the storm



Farmington Hills City Clerk Pam Smith checks election registration numbers on her office computer. She is expecting a "presidential-size" turnout Nov. 6. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Clerks brace for record turnout Nov. 6

Tim Smith

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The midterm election onslaught is coming. Bring it on, say several city and township clerks.

While polls don't open until bright and early the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 6, Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc and his veteran staff have been in fullon "roll up the sleeves" mode for weeks and months to handle it.

LeBlanc finally has enough precinct workers, trained and ready to go, but he was still looking for anybody with a civic-minded pulse to fill out an election worker form anyway — because one just never knows when extra bodies might be needed, if not this time around, then

certainly in 2019 and beyond. As recently as Oct. 16, LeBlanc emphasized that he "would hire 50 qualified election workers if they made application and participated in the mandatory 90-minute training. We do not have See CLERKS, Page 5A

sufficient numbers of election workers

today, three weeks from election day." "We're encouraging folks" to sign up to work, said LeBlanc, who is expecting a turnout of close to 50 percent, including an estimated 10,600 absentee voters. "They may be here to pay a water bill or to secure a dog license or the neighbor is building and they've got some questions.

"And they see, on our counter, applications to become an election official. I'm confident we've received some feedback and interest that way."

Township candidates share views

Christopher Roosen, a Republican who spent eight years on the Northville Township Board of Trustees (2004-12), is looking to get back on the

Muhammad Aslam, a political newcomer seeking his first elective office. is hoping to grab the same seat in the Nov. 6 general election.

Hometown Life offered the two candidates a chance to share their views on a variety of issues. Here's what they had to say:

Muhammad Aslam

Residence: Northville Township

Party: Democrat Family: Married for 19 years; four

children, two girls and two boys Education: I am a college graduate with a two-year auto-

motive training Prior elected service: Precinct delegate and board member of Northville Democratic Club

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Life: Aslam

With Republicans and Democrats seemingly galvanized within their party, independent voters could be a key constituency in November. Why are you telling the independent voters they should vote for you rather than your opponent?

Aslam: I have a working relationship with Wayne County and I can bring resources for the township. I am involved in the community and I understand their needs, and with my business experience (small business owner of a gas station, convenience

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Forum

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are both running for the state House 38th District; and Libertarian Anthony Croff of West Bloomfield, running in the state House 39th District.

It was one of a series of forums put on by Michigan's Children, a Lansingbased nonprofit that has hosted several forums across the state for young people to ask questions of those seeking election.

Matt Gillard, president and CEO of Michigan's Children, said the forums are in their third election cycle. Such forums are beneficial not only to the students, but to those who attend and the candidates themselves.

"We think these events really are a win-win-win," he said. "It's great for the young people and the people to be in-

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volved to see these elected officials or candidates for office will listen to them."

Candidates talk car insurance rates

In addition to several issues talked about by the students, the question was posed to the candidates about what they would do about car insurance rates, which can be very high for young people.

Crawford said car insurance rates are an issue in the state, especially as companies use "discriminatory factors" such as ZIP Code, gender or age. She said other things can be done to affect rates, including catastrophic claims.

"It's not just auto no-fault that's the problem," she said. "The catastrophic claims fund, in a way, needs to be more transparent and also we need to investigate fraud more thoroughly."

Pulver agreed with Crawford on many points, including the fact that credit scores are sometimes used to determine rates. For many young people, she said, they might not have a credit score or have a poor credit score earlier in life.

"We really do need to stop focusing on setting premiums that have nothing to do with driving record," she said. "Things that have nothing to do with your ability to drive need to be taken out of the equation."

Breen, who sits on the Novi City Council, said applying a fee schedule to medical costs in car insurance is something that could be done to increase savings by the insurance companies.

"One thing people aren't talking about a lot of is the medical costs," she said. "If you start dropping the medical costs dramatically, then you say to the insurance companies ... 'Hey, you're not paying so much, it's time to drop your rates.""

Croff said he believes requiring all drivers to have car insurance is unconstitutional and is the reason companies don't need to have competitive rates. Removing that requirement, he said, would promote choice and provide companies a situation in which rates could be more competitive.

"The rates are high because insurance companies have no initiative to make them low," he said. "As long as we have to do it, the car insurance companies will have no initiative to make it any lower."



Candidates answer questions from adult education students during a forum held Oct.

23 at Novi Middle School. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Novi student Jeremy Atkins asks a question of the candidates during the forum. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Stevens, who arrived on stage later in the night and was the lone congressional candidate answering questions after the state candidates wrapped up, said much of the auto insurance rate issues happen at the state level, something Congress has no control over. But she did say health insurance issues affect car insurance rates as well,

"There are still hundreds of thousands of people in Michigan without access to health care. Our prescription drug costs are through the roof," she said. "We need some sort of stability in our system and I want to work with our state partners to make auto insurance and health insurance more affordable and accessible."

The U.S. House 11th District includes much of southern Oakland County, stretching from Troy to South Lyon, and down into northwest Wayne County, including Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Northville. The state Senate 15th District includes West Bloomfield, Orchard Lake, Commerce Township, White Lake Township, Walled Lake, Wixom, Novi, Novi Township, part of Northville, Lyon Township, South Lyon and Milford Township. The state House 38th District includes Lyon Township, South Lyon, Novi, Novi Township, part of Northville and Walled Lake. The state House 39th District is made up of Commerce Township, Wixom and part of West Bloom-

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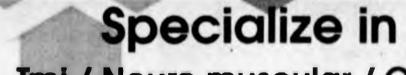
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Northville teacher wins top state honor

Alyssa Marcangelo, a Northville resident and French teacher at Detroit Country Day Lower School, received the Michigan World Language Association Teacher of the Year Award for Excellence in Elementary School World Language Education at MIWLA's annual conference Oct. 18 in Lansing.

The MIWLA Teacher of the Year

Awards honor the accomplishments of exemplary K-12 world language teachers. Each year, one elementary, one middle school and one high school teacher may be recognized with this award.

Marcangelo's nomination received the enthusiastic support of administrators and colleagues who praised her "energy, talent, drive, resourcefulness and compassion." They cited her efforts to reach all students and her innovative use of technology in her nomination, as well as her willingness to share her expertise at 19 state and regional state and regional conferences.

The Michigan World Language Association is a state association for language education professionals from all levels of instruction and representing all languages. MIWLA supports and promotes world language education through innovative opportunities for professional development and networking and seeks to advance world language proficiency for all students. For more information, go to miwla.org.

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store, repair shop, and used car dealership, rental property) I feel that I can solve most of the issues presented to me. This is why I am the best candidate.

Hometown Life: Township Supervisor Bob Nix recently quelled rumors Northville Downs was moving its racing operation to the property of the psychiatric hospital, saying the property will be used for recreation purposes for township residents once the demolition and clean-up is complete. Is this a good use of the property? If you don't think so how would you use it?

Aslam: I believe that after the demolition and clean-up this place should be used to bring more green space and park for the use of the community. If Northville Downs wants to relocate its racing operation, it should be determined by the people of the township.

Hometown Life: What are the three biggest issues in the township, and what would you do about them?

Aslam: 1) Foul smell emitting from local landfill; 2) The poor roads and lights that need repair/resurfacing; 3) The lack of transparency in North-ville Township Government. I will reach out to the two counties, I will reach out to the state and try to stop the expansion of the landfill/dumping ground. I will immediately work with Wayne County to get our roads and lights fixed, and when elected I will work hard to establish policies that will help benefit and resolve the

aforementioned issues. I will also work tirelessly to keep Northville Township a wonderful place to live.

Hometown Life: When the voter asks, 'why I should vote for you" what are you telling them?

Aslam: I would tell them that I am a small business owner, family man, and I understand that everything doesn't run perfectly, but the amount of issues our Township has is unacceptable. I will be accountable and transparent to the people who elect me.

Chris Roosen

Roosen

Party: Republican
Residence: Northville Township
Family: Wife, Karen

Education: Bachelor's degree in electrial engineering and engineering math; master's degree in manufac-

turing systems engineering, UM-Dearborn.

Prior elected service:
Northville Township

Northville Township trustee, 2004-12 Hometown Life: With Republicans and Democrats seemingly galvan-

ized within their party, independent voters could be a key constituency in November. Why are you telling independent voters they should vote for you rather than your opponent?

Roosen: I am a common-sense conservative and a problem solver, not a partisan bomb thrower. I believe that my eight years of experience as township trustee, through both boom years and the Great Recession, position me to hit the ground running as I return to the position. I

believe in strong public safety (I was on the board that added Advanced Life Support and hospital transport), and in partnering with our neighbors to obtain the highest level of service for the lowest cost.

Hometown Life: Township Supervisor Bob Nix recently quelled rumors Northville Downs was moving its racing operation to the property of the former psychiatric hospital, saying the property will be used for recreation purposes for township residents once the demolition and clean-up is complete. Is this a good use of the property? If you don't think so, how would you use it?

would you use it? Roosen: I was on the township board when we surveyed our residents on future use of this land. The residents wanted only passive recreational uses (trails, picnic areas, etc.), and I still believe this is the correct use of the land. Additionally, the meadows can be used for much needed practice fields (not game fields) for youth sports such as soccer and lacrosse. Since the steam tunnels have been left in place under the site, it is of no use for any other purpose, and the township taxpayers simply cannot afford to fund any elaborate use. There are other parks in the township that are State (Maybury Park) and county (Hines Park) owned. This land is owned only by the taxpayers of the township. We are bedroom community and we cannot afford more taxes to build unnecessary amenities on this site.

Hometown Life: What are the three biggest issues in the township, and what would you do about them?

Roosen: The biggest issues facing the Township are public safety, water

rates, and traffic increases combined with poor quality roads. 1.) Residents are happy with our Fire and EMS service, but are concerned about recent break ins, home invasions, and armed robberies. We need to make sure that our Township Police have higher visibility in our neighborhoods and residents have prompt access to information. The recent addition of Nixle and Twitter by township public safety has been a step in the right direction. 2.) Township water rates have increased dramatically. My own water bill has increased 230 percent over the past 15 years, from \$793 (including trash collection fee) in 2003 to \$1,835 in 2017 (not including trash collection fee). Neighboring communities have built additional water storage tanks to actually obtain LOWER rates from GLWA (formerly DWSD). Similar action must be taken here. 3.) Road conditions are unsafe, and increased traffic and distracted/ aggressive drivers haves created unsafe conditions at major intersections. Police presence to encourage better driver behavior at left turns is now required, and left turn lights (or even roundabouts) should be added by the county. The redevelopment of Northville Downs must consider traffic and safety of township roads, as it borders the township.

Hometown Life: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?

Roosen: My experience and common sense approach make be the better candidate in this election. I hope to have the support of the voters and to get to work immediately.



The type of life and death we all desire



After my sister-in-law, Eileen, graduated from college (with a medical technology degree) and seminary (with a master's of religion), she was planning to go to Nigeria as a medical missionary, but there was unrest there and Americans were not being given visas. So instead, she went to Alaska on "temporary assignment." She was sent to a small outpost hospital in the native village of Glenallen, which served the Copper River Valley, about four hours north of Anchorage. She also taught at a very small college there and helped several small churches in the area with their youth

But the thing she will be remembered most for is how she took in two young native girls when their mother died. She helped the two girls and their families so much over the years that she was offiEileen lived a significant life, a life of compassionate action that sprang from her faith in Jesus Christ. And when she died, the people whom she had blessed put it on full display as they grieved at her leaving.

cially "adopted" into the Tshnu clan, within the Athabaskan tribe.

Eileen ended up staying in Alaska for 47 years, until she died last week. When my family (my wife is her younger sister) visited her in June, she was losing weight and did not know why. My wife, who is a physician's assistant at the University of Michigan Hospital, recommended that Eileen see a doctor. She did and we found out that Eileen had pancreatic cancer. Just five short weeks after she was diagnosed, she died at her home, with my wife and daughter next to her. (Consider that: You really can go that quickly. Are you ready?) It makes you ask some serious spiritual ques-

tions. But Eileen had a strong faith in Jesus Christ and she knew what her future

After Eileen died, she had four funerals. The first was at a large church in Anchorage, where 400 people who knew and respected her work came to say goodbye. Then there were memorial services in men's and women's prisons north of Anchorage, where Eileen had ministered. Many of the prisoners were heartbroken at her death. The fourth funeral, and the profoundest in my opinion, was the native Christian funeral held in Glenallen. Many native people stood and spoke of Eileen's generosity and faithfulness to their family.

Then they loaded her wooden casket — not into a hearse, but into someone's minivan — and drove it to a native cemetery outside the town of Copper Center, where men of the family had hand-dug her grave. We sang as they lowered her casket with ropes into the ground and buried it. Then a blue picket fence was placed around the grave, with Eileen's name on it.

Next came the potlach, a kind of community meal for mourning and grieving and healing. I ate more moose and salmon than I ever thought possible and, yes, I got up and danced with the men to the beat of a single drum. Eileen lived a significant life, a life of compassionate action that sprang from her faith in Jesus Christ. And when she died, the people whom she had blessed put it on full display as they grieved at her leaving.

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Halloween: Fun key part of growing up



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Historians have traced the roots of Halloween back to various sources, such as the Celtic rite of celebrating the harvest season by displays of abundance. Others have attributed the role of costumes to the warding off of evil spirits.

For many of us, Halloween takes us back to the childhood memories, which we want our children to have when they grow up. To me, the psychology of Halloween boils down to this: On this holiday, you get to be whatever or whomever you wish (by costume) and you get free candy from your neighbors.

The spirit of adventure and gratification of wishes are rolled into one. You

are rewarded for trying on a new identities at a stage in life when you are still trying to figure yours out. I think it helps along this important period of development.

I think there may be distinct phases to Halloween, as an experience. There is the anticipation phase, which accompanies the return of autumn and adjustment to a new school year.

Then there is the planning stage. This concerns the costume. Will I be an angel or devil? A witch or beauty queen? Or perhaps an athlete or a scary fiend?

Then the day is finally here. Older kids may be assigned to take their little brothers and sisters out for trick-ortreating. There is concern about whether it will rain or not. It is getting darker earlier than last month. Parents accompany younger ones or supervise teens who have more formal, safe gatherings at structured, costumed parties. Other

communities might limit the event of Halloween to a special party at school. In spite of these modifications, I have never heard of any community banning Halloween entirely.

The experience of Halloween is important to the experience of growing up. A note of thanks goes to the safety promotion people in our community, including the police officers, firefighters, block group leaders, teachers and mindful parents for ensuring yet another fun and safe Halloween for our residents.

One of the funnier, yet touching Halloween stories I have to share goes like this: A then 12-year-old nephew of mine thought he had gotten trick-or-treating down to a science. He would wear one costume and just do his own street, come home, change into another costumer and do his own street again—and then again.

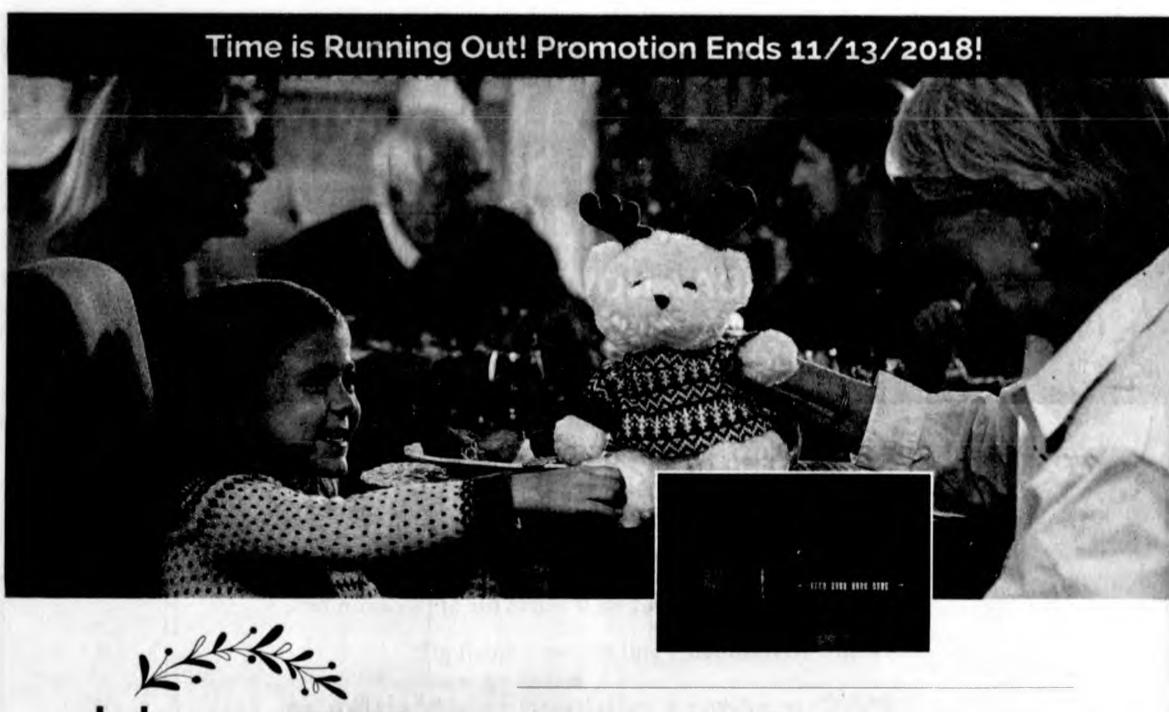
I recall him saying: "Going all over the

neighborhood is for suckers. I am getting older. I'm more interested in sports. I will be a teenager next year. Yeah, this will probably be my last Halloween to go out."

Then, out of a costume, he contributed a couple of bags of his candy to the next-door neighbor who had run out and resorted to giving away frozen TV dinners. My nephew, for various reasons, came home smiling with a frozen salisbury steak and mashed potatoes dinner.

Happy Halloween!

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Pre-election business is brisk in Farmington Hills, Milford Township and Northville, too.

"We're planning on a presidentialsize election. We usually get 72-75 percent for presidential," said Pam Smith, Farmington Hills city clerk. "I'm not sure it's going to be quite that high, but it's going to be higher than our average governor election.

"As far as workers, voting booths, we are planning on presidential size," Smith added. "We have probably between eight and 10 workers at every precinct; we have 27 precincts."

Smith and members of her staff have been shaking the bushes and hitting every corner of the social media world to bring in additional folks with a hankering to learn electronic poll books, set up machines, verify registered voters, distribute ballots and hand out "I Voted" stickers at the end.

"We had notices out for a good month and a half, saying we were looking for election inspectors," said Smith, city clerk since 2011. "We had great feedback from that, pushed it out through Facebook."

According to Holly Brandt, clerk in Milford Township (which also handles the election for smaller Milford village), the turnout there could eclipse the 50-percent mark. There are about 16,700 residents in Milford Township, including about 6,500 in the village.

"We're just trying to get through all the requests for absentee ballots every day that come in the mail and come to our counter," Brandt said. "We get a lot of foot traffic at our counter, requesting absentee ballots."

In Northville, City Clerk Dianne Massa and her staff are preparing for a 75-percent voter turnout (including AV ballets)

"I am still looking for a few more election workers," Massa wrote in an email.

They want to be heard

The Red vs. Blue world of 2018 might be just one of the reasons absentee voter applications are flying out the door and why clerks are making sure they



Another absentee ballot is officially received at Westland City Hall by City Clerk Richard LeBlanc (right) and clerk secretary Donna DeWinter.

TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

have all the precinct help they can get to

deal with the expected onslaught.

"We're in a new era of voting, which is a good thing," Brandt said. "Because people are getting out wanting their voice to be heard. Whereas in previous elections, maybe four, eight, 12 years ago, voters just ... wanted others to make the decision or didn't want to get involved.

"I think the public is engaged, in our community, in our county, in our state and across the nation," Brandt added. "The voting public is definitely engaged. I think younger people are getting more engaged than maybe younger people 10, 20, 25 years ago."

But Brandt said there is an inconvenience connected to such a trend.

With more voters doing their civic duty and with a double-sided ballot chock full of controversial ballot proposals (whether to legalize marijuana, etc.) and bitter state and local races to decide, it would be a good idea to do some pre-midterm homework.

"Since the Michigan Court of Appeals removed the ability to have the one-box or one-party (choice), the ballot is long in our township and it's going to take more time for voters to get through it," Brandt said. "Know exactly what they do or don't want to do."

Concurring are Smith and LeBlanc about the importance of people being more diligent in their pre-election preparations.

"I think we'll issue close to 13,000 ballots, maybe more," Smith said. "We're trying to encourage that, if you're eligible, vote by absentee ballot this election. And particularly with the straight party being removed, I know there's some people saying there won't be longer times. Some are not.

"But from what we're seeing here ... people voting absentee ballots, it's taking a while. It's a long ballot. And the proposals are lengthy. If you are planning to go the polls, know how you are going to vote beforehand. We have really good guides that have been provided by the League of Women Voters."

LeBlanc said there is a lot to chew on in Westland, with several local and school ballot proposals for people to sort out — notably one that would look to approve a \$158 million bond proposal to upgrade facilities in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district. Schoolcraft College and Wayne County Community College also have millage requests on the ballot.

For that reason, many have declined invitations to vote early.

"A number of people I've tried to convince to consider voting absentee say no, they want to go to the precinct," Le-Blanc said. "They want to fill in the oval themselves, put it in the machine themselves. Other clerks, state officials, county officials, newspapers and media, everybody is warning us to expect for a very significant turnout in this election."

Plan ahead

For those not going the early voter route, plan on spending a good chunk of the day at the designated precinct.

"Plan on at least 30 minutes," Brandt said. "If you're coming at a peak time (early morning or post-5:30 p.m.), you should plan on more than that. The best time to vote is mid-morning or mid-afternoon if you don't want a line, 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock."

There is no doubt the contentious nature of 2018 politics also is having an impact on the business of running and handling such a major election.

"I have some people that have worked for us in the past as election officials, that declined in this election," Le-Blanc said. "And I've asked why. I'm not sure it's 20 people, it's a very small handful of people. They are each working for campaigns. They are actively soliciting support for their candidates and cannot do that and still work as an election official. That's interesting to me.

"I've been elected 10 times, I've been a clerk for 2½ years, so some of this is new to me. But the engagement this time, is at a level different than what I've seen in the past."

Part of the puzzle that municipal clerks are facing is how to bring in younger workers to offset the inevitable retirement of older men and women who have, in many cases, toiled for decades.

Smith said National Honor Society students at North Farmington and Farmington Harrison high schools have been recruited to help out.

In Westland, 81-year-old Nancy Sivori Ruby — who worked her first election in 1967, when her neighborhood was part of Nankin Township — is still handling precinct duties, but she has brought in her grandson, 19-year-old Erik Prosser, who will work his first election

Making adjustments

But Smith debunked the idea that older workers are deciding against working elections because today's computerized world is much different than it was in previous decades.

"Honestly, when the electronic poll books first came on, I know a lot of the clerks were a little nervous because of the age of our workers at that time and you don't just throw a laptop and a computer at somebody that maybe isn't comfortable with that," Smith said. "I think they really took to that better than we thought they would have and accepted it more.

"A lot of them, we trained them, of course. Some have come to subsequent training just to keep up on it. But a lot of the people that come in, they're not just the students. We do use the students and they're the ones on the laptops, because they're so comfortable with it.

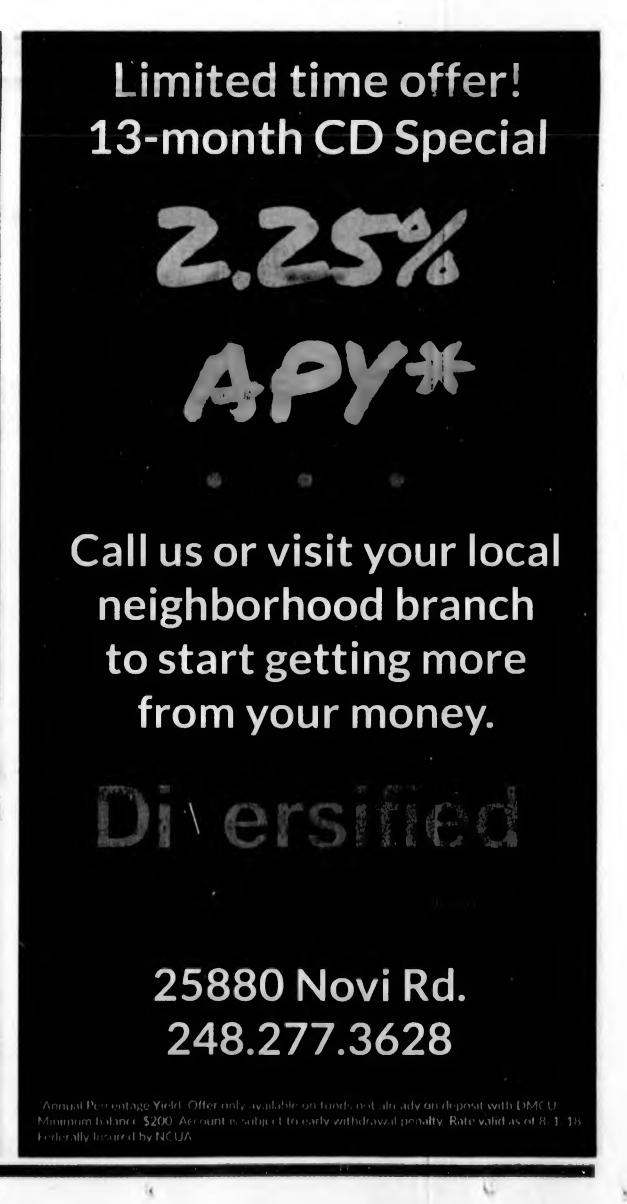
"But we have a lot of our workers, not the younger generation, that are using (computers) and they're very good on it. I think the way society is and the way we're going, everybody's on Facebook and you think it's just the kids doing Snapchat and Twitter, but it's not. I think it's the older generation starting to do that, too."

No matter how fast information travels these days, election workers know they're in for a slow, 16-hour slog of a day, perhaps for \$150 or so.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Words to elect by

As we prepare to go to the polls next week, I think it's good to keep in mind the words of Teddy Roosevelt as quoted by historian Doris Kearns Goodwin: ...it would be "a dreadful misfortune for a man to grow to feel that his whole livelihood and whole happiness depend upon his staying in office. Such a feeling prevents him from being of real service to the people while in office, and always puts him under the heaviest strain to barter his convictions for the sake of holding office."

Larry Matta Northville

Supports John James

Once again we have our perennial pop-up politician running again for Senate So well funded to create ads supporting the currently perceived efforts for the military? Results only speak for themselves.

As a veteran I see the results for veterans done exclusively by the current administration in Washington, D.C., replacing Barack Obama. So my support goes to John James who actually knows something about it. Politicians tend to glom onto anything they feel might remotely appeal. Not for their results. The Senate always too much a rest home for a politician.

Here an ardent supporter of some term limits. More an advocate of real re-

Well past time for a change. Jim Nowka Northville

Runestad best choice

If there's one thing I know about Jim Runestad, it's that he has a heart for helping children. As soon as you meet him you can tell right away that Jim has a heart for helping our most vulnerable.

Jim and his wife Kathy have raised four children right here in western Oakland County. As a foster parent, Jim has opened his home to children who have faced hardship in life. As the son of two teachers, Jim knows how important it is to help our children learn and grow. After getting a degree in education, he personally spent time in classrooms all across the state working with at-risk

This passion for helping kids has carried over into Jim's work as a state Representative. He's sponsored a bill to help foster kids by creating a foster care bill of rights. Jim has voted to increase funding for our public schools. On top of that, he's leading the charge to promote skilled trades and vocational tech training for students.

I'm supporting Runestad because I believe in helping the next generation. A vote for Runestad is a vote for looking out for our most vulnerable. It's a vote for more money in our local schools and more opportunities for young people entering the work force. Jim is running for office to help our kids. I'm right there with him - Run with Runestad for state Senate.

April Guiles Milford

Hanshaw for school board

I'm writing today to recommend reelecting Carrie Hanshaw for South Lyon School Board for the upcoming Nov. 6 election. I met Carrie in 2012 when our daughters, who are both now 13, were placed in the same classroom together at Hardy Elementary and shared the support of the same paraprofessionals. My first full conversation with Carrie came after my daughter became frustrated with a member of the Hardy support staff and in her 7-year-old voice told the staff member she was "fired!" Everyone got quite a chuckle out of it including Carrie until her daughter proceeded to "fire" Carrie every time she gave her an answer to something that she did not like. You can imagine how our first conversations as moms proceeded from there I'm sure. Now, many years later, both Carrie and I laugh at how we were introduced.

Over the years as I've come to know Carrie, I've been amazed at her dedication to her family, her community and South Lyon Schools. She has a very unique perspective on education in the community as a parent of a student who is an athlete and exceptional student and as a parent of a special needs student. I think that is a very rare combination that provides insight into opposite populations of students. Carrie's initial interest in helping the district came as a result of working with her daughter

Amanda who has Down Syndrome. As she began to get more involved, her desire to give back to her community and school district grew and she became a member of the school board.

I cannot think of anyone more dedicated to a job or community then Carrie. She takes every issue and decision facing the board and makes it her highest priority as she carefully reads and analyzes all the information provided to her before reaching a decision. I know this first hand as I've seen the time Carrie puts into studying information that is given to her as a current Board member and in the way she has helped me as her friend and peer. I have had many, many conversations with Carrie regarding my daughter who is also 13 and has Cerebral Palsy.

During the course of these conversations, Carrie has always been sure to present all sides to me in whatever it is that I'm asking about. Very often, she has not said what I wanted to hear. Although this doesn't always make me happy in the heat of the moment, I've come to value Carrie's input into anything I ask her because I know she will help me see the full situation.

These are some of the skills she uses in life that she brings to the school board position. Carrie's background in engineering supports this as she approaches a problem from all sides and adds to that approach her first hand knowledge of the needs of all students...neurotypical and non-neuotypical. This district has an incredible person working hard for it. I ask the people in South Lyon to please consider this amazing wife, mom and current board member for re-election and give Hanshaw the opportunity to finish doing the job she values so much.

Michelle Lickman South Lyon

Likes Dodd

After reading all the recent letters supporting Laura Dodd for State Representative in the 44th District, I decided to write to express my total support for

Obviously, her educational background, BA in organization communication, MA in nonprofit administration, along with her professional experiences in nonprofit management positions, more than quality her for this important tive. Laura will work hard to preserve position for the State of Michigan.

I have known Laura for over 20 years. See LETTERS, Page 7A

I remember working with her when she brought Students Taking a New Direction (STAND is a middle school prevention program believing empowerment of youth is a key in developing drug-free communities) to Muir Middle School. I was impressed with her knowledge and her ability to work with students, staff and parents. Laura has the special ability to communicate with all ages and all backgrounds, listening and learning from all levels. When Laura is involved in a program or project, she is focused and dedicated, working to provide a positive and winning outcome for all.

She is an educated, trustworthy and compassionate person who strives to bring out the best in the people she works with. Most of all, I believe her constituents will be able to share their concerns due to her friendly, kind and positive attitude towards all. All the members of the 44th District would benefit greatly with Dodd representing them at the state Level.

Pat Hinzy

Milford

Dodd for clean lakes

Michigan borders over 20% of the world's fresh water supply, which is crucial to our livelihood, our economy and our health and safety. The current administration favors corporations, giving them unrestricted access to our water supplies and neglecting our state's environment by doing so. In 1953, the Enbridge Lakehead System ran an oil pipeline (Line 5) across Canada, running it under the Straits of Mackinac, endangering our Great Lakes. In 2013, improvements were made to the pumping system to allow more oil to flow through the pipes (at a cost of approximately \$100 million), but no changes were made to the actual aging pipes. In a worst-case scenario, a leak in this area could affect 700 miles of shoreline surrounding the lakes; yet, the current administration has virtually ignored these concerns.

It is our responsibility to preserve our lakes, to keep these big corporations from polluting them, Our lakes and beaches are beautiful and a source of pride for Michiganders. Our state deserves better, which is why I'm electing Laura Dodd for our State Representa-





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our state's most precious resources and will hold the Republicans in Lansing accountable.

Please join me in supporting Laura Dodd by voting for her on Nov. 6 and help the fight to keep our Great Lakes and our environment clean and safe.

Lori Garner Milford

More for Dodd

Laura Dodd's is an exceptional and well qualified candidate for the 44th State Representative position. She is an accomplished executive with 15 years of experience in small and large non-profit organizations, including the Cranbrook Institute of Science, the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Throughout these endeavors she has been responsible for hiring, training and supervising many employees, exhibiting effective managerial skills in dealing with a diverse group of people. Dodd also developed budgets for her organizations and led ongoing community relations, including public speaking, media relations and civic advocacy.

The candidate's background contributed to an awareness and understanding of the importance of thriving small businesses that provide good jobs, community investment and needed resources throughout the area.

She is committed to addressing the issue of public school underfunding and strongly believes in quality public education for all students. Her energy and focus will also be on other important issues of concern, including: the appalling condition of Michigan roads, healthcare inadequacy and the environment. She strongly believes that we must ensure clean water for all Michigan residents. In addition, Laura feels that our state must be at the forefront of alternative energy, recycling and innovative garbage disposal.

Laura has a bachelor's degree in organizational communications from ment than they were. I heard fear and degree in non-profit administration their operating budgets. I heard them from the University of Notre Dame, Mendoza College of Business.

We have lived in western Oakland tion to support business.

County since the 1960s and believe that Dodd is one of the most qualified House of Representative candidates we have ever met. Now is the time to support her election.

Denise and Lyle Tyler Milford

Another for Dodd

I am supporting Laura Dodd to reunite the 44th district so that we can work together to improve the lives of every citizen regardless of party patron-

When I moved to Milford, my neighbors made us feel welcomed and connected. I felt my values of working hard, caring for others and contributing to the larger community were echoed in the actions of those around me. The principal at the public elementary school personally implored me to get involved in the strategic planning and long-term visioning of the district. I was energized to meet other parents and members of the community to bring positive change to our local schools.

When the economic collapse happened at the end of the Bush era, many neighbors lost their jobs, investments and for some, even their homes. I too struggled to hold onto my house as a newly-single mom and head of household. Had it not been for Home Affordable Refinance Program under the Obama Administration and the Earned Income Tax Credit, I would not have been able to hold onto my home as I put myself back to school and struggled to care for 2 young kids while working 3 jobs.

Since that time, recovery has been hard for many. Even though in the eight years that Obama was president, the economy added 11.6 million new jobs, the stock market improved 166 percent, and home values rose by 20 percent, many still felt left behind in the recovery. When I started to talk to people in the community about the upcoming election in fall 2016, I heard my once generous and kind neighbors express real fear that immigrants, people of color, those living below the poverty line and other marginalized communities were getting more from their govern-Western Michigan University, master's distrust in the local schools to manage abandon their environmental values for our rivers and lakes in favor of deregula-

Since the 2016 election, I feel like my community has lost some of the inclusivity and welcoming spirit I experienced in 2002. I see us more divided than ever before. We are afraid to engage with those who we perceive don't share our same fears and we judge them for no longer sharing our same values.

This November, I am voting for Laura Dodd for the 44th District because her campaign has been about reconnecting the community to bridge our differences for the betterment of all. Over these last months of her campaign, I have seen her engage with business owners, senior citizens, parents of school aged kids and residents of our community to genuinely listen to their concerns and to collaborate on common sense solutions to improve day to day life for us all. She has built her campaign around acts of service to inspire all of us to care about those outside of our echo chambers.

Christine Quane Milford

Nod to Dodd

My family moved to Milford Village in 2017. I cringed every time I drove into my new home town. Long before the political season even started large political conspiracy signs prominently placed on Milford Road made us wonder if we might have moved to the wrong town.

Imagine our delight to meet candidate and Milford resident Laura Dodd. Bright and terrifically smart Dodd talked to us about the importance of concentrating on issues like quality public education and clean Michigan water, air and roads. Laura made sure we knew that Michigan families and the future of all our children is what is important. All without demonizing her sign-crazy opponent. Laura maintains her integrity every day by following basic rules of decency and civil discourse without conspiracy story-telling and fear-mongering. How refreshing.

And she respects the "unspoken" yard sign law: political signs shouldn't be displayed two years in advance. She's getting all the votes in my family.

Constance Lippert

Supports health care

Milford

One of the most pressing issues I am currently concerned about is health care. At the moment, my husband and I

are fortunate enough to have good insurance, and we're covered for most issues. However, it has recently come to my attention that House Republicans voted to take away the health care I need to survive. I have several health issues that would qualify as pre-existing conditions. Without coverage for these conditions. I would most likely not survive or, at the very least, lead any kind of healthy, productive life.

One of my adult children also has a pre-existing condition that will be an issue for the rest of his life. He doesn't have the great insurance my husband and I currently have, but thanks to a great program, he is getting the treatment he needs to stay well. If this program is cut, his life could also be in jeop-

Also worrisome to me is the cost, not only for health care and insurance, but also for prescription drugs, all of which I need to stay healthy (and alive!). We shouldn't have to put our health and lives at risk just so the big pharmaceutical companies can make huge profits!. Unlike the Republicans in Lansing, Laura Dodd has been fighting rising drug prices and will continue to work for us to make sure constituents like me and my son are getting the treatment they need without causing undue financial hardship.

It is for these reasons (along with other topics of concern, such as clean water, safe roads, quality education, to name a few) that I am voting for Dodd in the upcoming election. Laura and her fellow Democrats will fight for us to expand access to affordable health care, not take it away. My and my son's lives depend on them. The people of Michigan deserve better and Laura and other Democrats will make sure we get it.

Lori Garner

Dodd for education

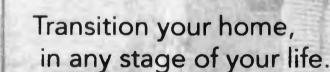
Milford

I am excited to support Laura Dodd to represent all members of the 44th district. She knows what it takes for educators and their students to succeed. Laura's mother was a public school teacher for 30 years and she is well aware of the personal cost for necessary school supplies paid out of pocket. Did you know that as many as 94 per cent of teachers have to do that to provide materials and

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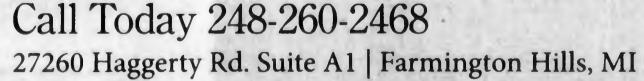




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supplies for their classroom? The average is over \$1,000 per year. When was the last time you heard of an auto worker, plumber, electrician, or restaurant worker paying out of pocket for supplies to do their jobs?

In Lansing, Laura will support our public schools. Michigan has more for profit charter schools than ever before. They are generally performing at or below the level of existing public schools. We cannot afford two separate school systems.

It is critical that to public employees and public schools that we change the makeup of our state government so that it is more balanced and tuned into the needs of people. Laura Dodd is the candidate to do that. Her campaign is grass roots, with 85% funded by individual personal donations. She has the education and working experience to successfully represent the 44th District in Lan-

Geri Ryan Milford

Last one for Dodd

We are writing to encourage people to vote for Laura Dodd for State Representative, 44th District. Laura is a wonderful example of living her motto, "people before politics." She is a moderate who is willing to listen to each side and to have a real conversation. She will represent all of us, not a party, not special interest groups. She will work to pass commonsense legislation and do what is best for this district. Laura has run her campaign reflecting her values and compassion. She and her group of volunteers (The Dodd Squad) regularly gives back to our community.

Laura doesn't need to be brash, boastful or condescending. She has a willingness to serve her constituents and have a meaningful dialogue, not a thirty second sound bite. Laura is educated, genuine and most of all, she has integrity. She is willing to roll up her sleeves and help people.

Laura understands the very complex school funding structures that are in place. She understands that Michigan schools are broken by the current state funding model. She knows that invest-

ments in our schools translate into investment in our future. Education is not just for the wealthy, the poor, the bright students, the struggling students. It is for all students. Education is not just being "college ready," it is about engaging all students for a successful future.

We can all look forward to a promising future if you make Dodd your choice for State Representative this election

Jay and Denise Pistana Highland

Smear campaign disappoints

I am very angry about insulting right wing political computer pop up ads targeting Novi Council Member Kelly Breen as she runs for a State House position. The ads claim that Breen wants "Chaos in government." That is just a smearing

Breen is a dedicated and respected attorney who has responsibly served the Novi community as member of the Novi City Council. She has always listened carefully to community members who contact her, and she has done her best for all citizens as she has served on the Council. She would make an outstanding member of the Michigan House of Representatives for Novi.

John A. Kuenzel

Support road millage

The first mile of concrete road was built along Woodward Avenue from Six Mile to Seven Mile in 1919 by the Wayne County Road Commission. Improvements to methods for constructing roads would continue through time but the method for paying for their maintenance and repair has lagged. The state of our roads gives evidence to their lack of consistent upkeep.

The Michigan Transportation Fund set up through Public Act 1951 only gives 21% of gas tax revenue back to local communities for street repairs. With the increase of fuel-efficient vehicles this source of funding has gone down compounded by the fact that the cost of repairs has increased through time. Vehicle registration fees and an increase in the gas tax in 1997 has not addressed the growing need to repair an aging infrastructure. Local communities must look for ways to address the upkeep of their

The City of Northville commissioned an engineering study of the condition of our roads so as to prioritize the repair schedule with our limited resources. It has become clear that our roads are deteriorating faster than our financial resources can fix.

Being proactive the city once again launched a study to strategize how we can fund road repair and improve maintenance. In a review of our funding options, the recommended cost-effective way to get the job done is to pass a road bond for 10 years to rebuild failing roads and increase annual maintenance. The estimated savings is close to \$2 million over the 10 years due to consistent maintenance and complete repair of failed road sections instead of a bandaid approach. That is why I support the Neighbors for Better Street initiative.

Nancy Darga Northville City Council mayor pro

Vote for Jaafar

As a longtime Northville resident, I know that through the years, there has been one constant in our community, and that is the strength of our public schools. This November, someone I respect greatly is running to preserve the quality of our neighborhoods by maintaining the excellence of our schools. Angela Jaafar has deeply vested interest in Northville's success.

Through all of my interactions with Angela, she has shown the greatest concern and resolve when faced with issues involving our neighbors. She has an amazing response time to resolve issues with in the community. She is a local business owner and a mom, and she takes these roles very seriously. This is why I know Angela will our serve our community well on the Northville School Board.

Schools and the students they produce ensure the continued growth and prosperity for which Northville is known. Angela Jaafar is the most qualified, prepared and dedicated person for the job, so I urge you to support her for the Northville Public School Board on Nov. 6.

Bill and Pat Barent Northville

Northville schools support

viduals who are candidates for trustees of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education: James Mazurek and Suzanne Lynn. I encourage members of the Northville community to vote for each of these candidates in the coming election.

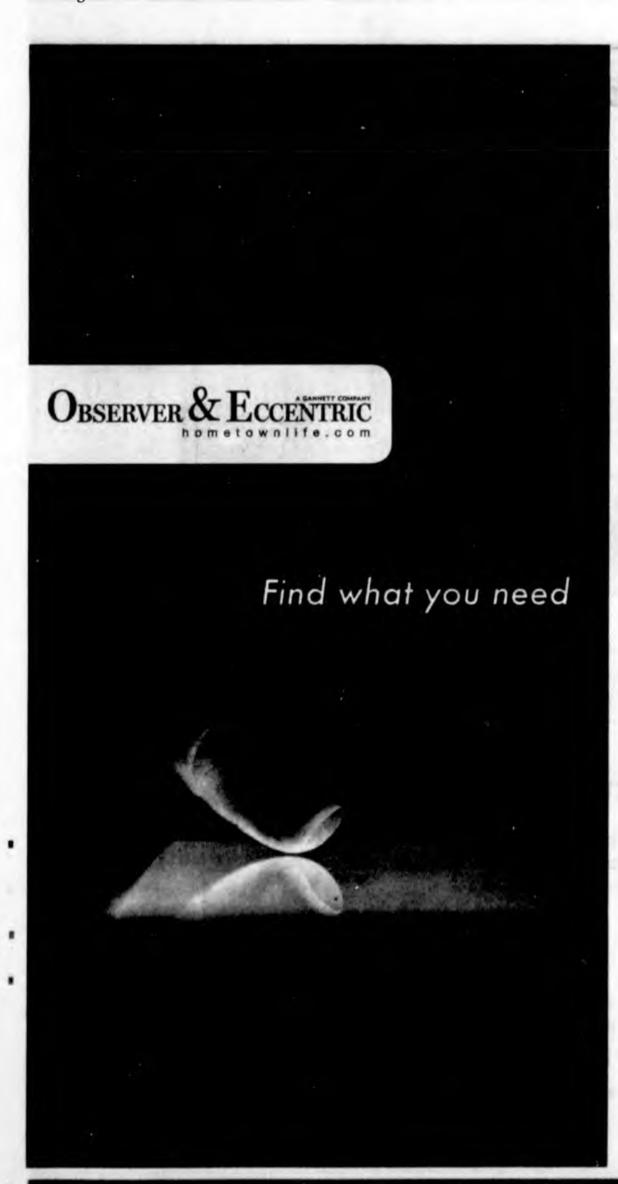
In the years that I have known Jim Mazurek, he has been an ardent supporter of our public schools. Jim has been a resident in the district for 25 years and is parent to one Northville graduate and one NHS sophomore. He has served with distinction on the Board of Education as its president, vice president and secretary. Jim is a business executive who has also served the PTA, the Northville Advisory Committee and the Northville Parks and Recreation Committee. He has devoted much of his time and has employed his wealth of knowledge, talent and experience for the benefit of our school children. The schools have achieved much during his tenure. Budget and bond funds have been managed responsibly, resulting in positive educational outcomes for our children. As a father in the district, I am grateful for his prior service and I am pleased that he continues to offer his service to the District. Simply put, Jim has proven himself, and I encourage the community to continue to support him in the coming election.

I have, also, had the privilege of knowing and working with Suzanne Lynn. Suzanne's experience as a public school teacher, Deputy Superintendent of Talent in Detroit Public Schools, executive director of three non-profits for children, Northville Youth Assistance Commissioner, Northville Educational Foundation Board Member and business owner, have prepared her for the Board of Education office that she seeks. Suzanne was instrumental in organizing the appeal for Northville's recent, and successful, bond millage. She is passionate, exceptionally well informed and very insightful with respect to our public schools and the needs of our educators and students. Suzanne's dedication, experience and abilities would be a great asset on the Northville Board of Education. I am confident that the district, and most importantly, our children, will benefit if Suzanne is elected as a Board Trustee.

George S. Fekaris

Northville

I write in support of two worthy indi- See LETTERS, Page 11A





LAURA DOCUMENTO

for State Representative, 44th District

In 2017, Michigan's 21st Century Education Commission said: "The urgency could not be greater. While it is difficult to face: Michigan children are falling behind."

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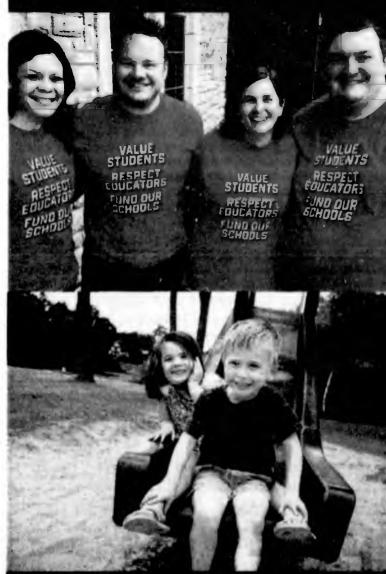
children before politics and invest in their education.



Laura Dodd will do the work to invest in proven, evidence-based improvements - not the same partisan schemes to score points with for-profit special interests.

Laura is proud to be endorsed by the Michigan Education Association whose mission is to ensure the education of our students and working environment for staff are of the highest quality.

Visit Dodd2018.com or call (616) 824-2980 to learn more about Laura Dodd's campaign for the Michigan House.



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Novi teacher receives state award

Joyce Campbell, a Novi resident and French teacher and chair of the World Languages Department at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, received the Michigan World Language Association's Barbara Ort Smith Award at MIWLA's annual conference Oct. 18 in Lansing.

The Barbara Ort Smith Award is the most prestigious award a professional in the field of world lan-

guages can receive in the state of Michigan. The award honors those who have shown a strong commitment to the profession, manifesting itself in leadership and the promotion of excellence in world language educa-

Campbell was recognized for creating innovative programs that integrate language and culture and promoting immersion experiences

abroad. She has worked closely with the American Council on International Studies to coordinate trips for students and adults to France and other Francophone countries and to design and implement a unique summer immersion program for Americans students to study French in Paris.

Campbell's leadership in the profession includes affiliations with the American Council of

Teachers of Foreign Languages, the American Association of Teachers of French, the Oakland World Language Advisory Council, the French Institute Alliance Française of Michigan and the Michigan World Language Association. She was awarded the MIWLA Teacher of the Year Award in 1995 and the Intercultural Student Experiences Language Matters Award in 2009.

The Michigan World Language Association is a state association for language education professionals from all levels of instruction and representing all languages. MIWLA supports and promotes world language education through innovative opportunities for professional development and networking and seeks to advance world language proficiency for all students. For more information, go miwla.org.

mation on the website. **Donations:** Archives donations accepted from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

Archives: The archives are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Office: The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millrac enorthville.org.

NYA looking for holiday assistance

The holiday season is just around the corner. Once again. Novi Youth **Assistance** has partnered with the Novi Goodfellows to coordinate efforts in hope to serve as many families as possible. On behalf of Youth Assistance, it would greatly appreciate your support in adopting a family for this holiday season.

Novi Community Education is partnering with Novi Youth Assistance provide Adopt-a-Family program. If you organization would like to adopt a family this holiday season, contact Tanya Vuichard at 248-375-3424.

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical **Upcoming events**

Village is located at 215 Griswold, north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Buildings are open 1-4 p.m. each Sunday through Oct. 14. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation; go to www.millracenorthville. org for details.

Children's Christmas workshop registration: Nov. 2, 218 W. Dunlap, 6 p.m. for members, 6:30 p.m for non-members of

the Northville Historical

Society.

Christmas in the Village: Noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 18. Free to the public.

Victorian Christmas Cream Tea: 12:30-3 p.m. Nov. 18. Drop-in. Small fee for entry.

Children's Christmas Workshop: 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Dec. 1. **Greek Christmas Tea:** 1-3:30 p.m. Dec. 8. Sold

General info

Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.

help with our fundraising

Building rentals and school and private tours available: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or church for a wedding or party. You may also schedule a school tour or a private tour. Many dates are available. You may find more infor-

Choralaires hire new artistic director

singing group has announced Dr. Yongmin Kim as its new artistic director. He replaces Liz Wolber, who relocated with her family to Albuquerque, N.M. In addition to his work with the

The Novi Choralaires worship and music director at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Detroit and a member of the Voice Faculty at Eastern Michigan University.

Kim began his career at a young age in his fa-Choralaires, Kim is the ther's church in Seoul,

South Korea, and has studied music in both South Korea and Michigan. He earned his doctorate of musical arts in voice performance from the University of Michigan in 2018. As a music educator, he studied with renowned conduct-

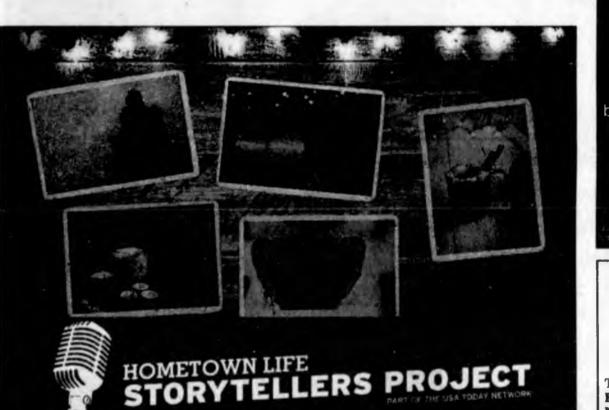
ing teachers Jerry Blackstone, Kenneth Kiesler and William Weinert. Kim brings to the Choralaires experience in conducting, voice and piano.

His experience in-

cludes working with students at the MPS Music Institute in Myanmar and at Interlochen in Traverse City. He resides in Novi with his wife and twin daughters.

The Novi Choralaires

has been Novi's community choir for more than 40 years. It has been accompanied by Trenda Baldridge for more than 20 years. The choir will perform two Holidays from the Heart concerts. Sunday, Dec. 2, it will be at Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi. The following Sunday, Dec. 9. it will perform at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, in Farmington Hills. Both concerts will begin at 4 p.m. Tickets (\$12 adults, \$10 children and seniors) will be available at the door.





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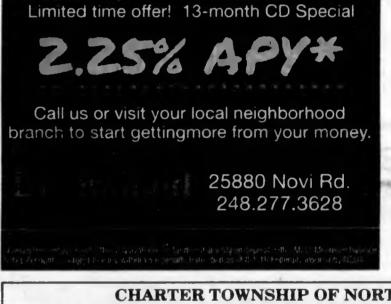
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 30 DAY REVIEW OF 5 YEAR RECREATION PLAN

AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

November 28, 2018 The Northville Parks and Recreation Commission is providing a draft version of the 5 Year Recreation Plan for public review for a 30-day period. The document is available for review at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48168 and at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 during regular business hours between the dates of November 1 and November 30, 2018, as well as on the Parks and Recreation Department website at www.northvilleparksandrec.org. Comments on the plan can be provided at this location or by contacting the Northville Parks and Recreation office at 700 W. Baseline Rd., Northville, MI 48167 or by calling 248-305-2880 or email at Recreation@twp.northville.mi.us.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48168. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit comments on the 5 Year Recreation Plan. This is the final comment opportunity before adoption and submittal to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources All interested residents are invited to attend.

> Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Charter Township of Northville

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Sheriff's office to gather Treats for Troops

For parents looking for an alternative to their children consuming excessive amounts of candy at Halloween while engaging in a service project with their children, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office is accepting Halloween candy as part of its ninth annual Treats for Troops collection to send thanks, encouragement and sweets to our troops

overseas. Sheriff Michael Bouchard also encourages parents and children wishing to participate to include notes (thank you, holiday, etc.) to the troops with the donation.

"Treats for Troops is a great way parents can participate in a community service project with their kids while showing our troops we support them back home," Bouchard said.

Schools wishing to do candy collection with students may do so. Designate one volunteer to bring collected candy to sheriff's headquarters in Pontiac no later than 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5.

Halloween candy (individually wrapped, no chocolate) may be dropped off at any of the sheriff's office substations listed below:

■ Headquarters, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 38E, Pontiac

■ Commerce Substation, 2401 Glengary, Commerce Twp

■ Highland Substation, 165 N. John Street, Highland

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Supports Mazurek

I am supporting James Mazurek for reelection to Northville School Board Trustee. He has served the district well for the past 8 years since 2010, serving as an officer six of those eight years.

Mazurek wants to see the district remain one of the top in the state from both a financial and academic perspective. He wants to assure the funds approved by the community in November 2017 are spent responsibly. James will continue to listen and communicate to our community to deliver on the promises to bring the 21st century and facilities to Northville.

Please join me in voting for Mazurek on Nov. 6.

Martha Nield

Former Northville School Board president

Likes Lynn

Seldom do we meet someone that we immediately feel is a perfect fit for public service!

I first met Suzanne Lynn at a fundraiser for the Northville Educational Foundation three or four years ago. I was immediately struck with her level of interest and curiosity for the Northville school community. With a strong background in education (teacher, leadership, consulting), she seemed more than just interested in our school system. Having a rather long history with Northville Public Schools myself

(Board of Education, PTA leadership, Athletic Boosters, NEF Director, let alone alumni and parent of three graduates), I was thrilled to talk about our

district with her. I have since gotten to know Suzanne quite well serving with her on both the Northville Youth Assistance Commission and NEF Board of Directors. Suzanne's interest is truly a passion. Her professional background is in education, giving her a voice at the table that is of great value. But more than that, she is personable, approachable and a great listener. She is a contributor at all levels. Lynn gets what makes a great school district.

Running for the school board isn't a popularity contest. The people who sit in those seats have the ability to directly impact your child's education as well as direct the long-term vision for our ever changing school district and ultimately, our property values. Don't take the decision lightly who to vote for.

We are fortunate that Lynn stepped up to serve our district. Northville would be lucky to have her as part of our school board.

Please consider a vote for Lynn, along with incumbents Jim Mazurek and Roland Hwang on Nov. 6.

Libby Dietrich Smith

Northville

Nod for Jaafer

Angela Jaafer would be a wonderful asset to The Northville School Board. Another for Jaafer As a mother of three boys all in Northville Public Schools, I want a person like Angela representing my values and expectations in making my children's educational experience the

best, and safest that Northville is capable of providing.

I have been a friend of Angela's for many years, and she is someone that makes an impression. Angela carries an energy about her that is unique in that it is both positive and powerful. Angela feels passionate about the community she lives in, and she and her family are deeply woven into the beauty that makes Northville; a loving mother, a hard working professional, married to a law enforcement professional, and therefore, has a strong knowledge of what is needed to keep our children safe in schools.

Angela is also a small business owner, a trustworthy and dear friend to all who know her, a good listener, and is active in PTA, NEF, and local charity foundations. Angela has a special gift in that she can be a leader with a strong presence, while also knowing when it is time to take a step back and be a good listener. Angela cares about being a voice for the parents of a community that she not only loves but is invested in deeply as she is a parent of children in the Northville Public School system.

I endorse Jaafer for Northville School Board, she would bring a needed presence to an already good group of people dedicated to make our schools continue in their reputation for excellence in education.

Adrienne Kersey Northville

Northville community, I welcome this opportunity to state my support for Angela Jaafar as a candidate for the

Northville School Board.

I'm pleased to say that I know Angela and her family personally; our children have played together. She is a terrific mother, one whose care and affection have nourished a large family. She has raised her children with love and with discipline. She brings that care and love into her work for the schools.

For many years in Northville, Angela has been a force for good taking an active part in running our schools would offer her and us a great chance.

Angela, of course, has children at Northville High School, Hillside Middle School and at Silver Springs Elementary, so she has a firsthand understanding of the issues that affect our educational institutions. She is already an active PTA member and parent volunteer at their schools.

Equally important is the fact that Angela, as a Remax owner, hometown Realtor and entrepreneur, is an experienced administrator and can actively assist the school system with issues like managing bond finance, effectively managing the school properties and buildings, reducing class sizes, and safety and security. Her husband, a long-time law enforcement official in our community, is well-placed to advise on the latter issues.

Angela is deeply concerned with the school system's investment in technology and wants to shape it in order to prepare our children to compete in global labor markets.

She is also concerned with the effect our school system has on local real estate values and intends to take ac-As an attorney involved with the tion to make our schools valued assets for us all.

Esther Acosta Northville







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Spaghetti dinner

The Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic Street, will host its next spaghetti dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2. Cost is \$7 and proceeds benefit the Milford Senior Center. Menu includes meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. For more information, call 248-685-9008.

A Night to Remember

Shopping, pampering, gaming and silent auction bidding are the big attractions at the 18th annual A Night to Remember at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, in Commerce All proceeds, including a \$5 admission, help financially-strapped Michigan cancer patients through the nonprofit charity Five Points of Hope. The event is open to the public and welcomes walk-ins at the door.

Attendees who bring two non-expired, non-perishable food items to be donated to the Community Sharing Outreach Center of Highland will receive a ticket for a special raffle drawing. Community Sharing provides food, clothing and emergency financial assistance to families within the Huron Valley School District.

The first 150 guests at the event will receive goodie bags with a collection of giveaways from charity sponsors and vendors. Radio personality Allyson Martinek, cohost of the WNIC-FM (100.3) morning show, will make a celebrity appearance.

For more information or to donate directly to the charity, go to www.fivepointsofhope.com.

New exhibit at HVCA

Four award-winning photographers are featured in Huron Valley Council for the Arts' last exhibit of the year in the gallery exhibition and sale, H20: An Exhibition of Fine Art Photography. An opening reception will take place 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at HVCA, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland. There is no admission fee for the event.

Featured artists are Jerold Hale, Sylvia Ford, Lucinda Huff and Amy Lockard. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, through Dec. 22. For more information, go to www.huronvalleyarts.org or call 248-889-8660.

Northville Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host an exhibit titled TransFORM: Contemporary Artworks in Ceramics, Glass and Metal, featuring the innovated expressions of metro Detroit artists Herb Babcock, John Beckman, Pamela Day, Ray Katz, John Albert Murphy and Ann Smith, from Nov. 2 through Dec. 15...

TransFORM opens with a free public reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2. The exhibition is open during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. The Art House will be closed Wednesday through Saturday, Nov. 21-24, for Thanksgiving.

For more information, go to www.northvilleart house.org.

Square dancing at VFW

The VFW Hall, 125 E. McHattie, in South Lyon will host a traditional American square dance 7-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2,. The event is open to the public, no experience necessary. Couples, singles or families (kids ages 9 and up with parents). All dances taught first.

Entrance fee is a \$5 per person donation to the VFW. For more information, go to http://square dancemichigan.tripod.com/southlyon.html.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, November 12, 2018, in observance of Veterans Day. The offices will re-open at 8:00 am on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

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Singles barn dance

Three Cedars Farm, 7897 Six Mile Road, in Northville will host a singles barn dance 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. The schedule includes Sloppy Joes, cider and doughnuts available, plus a corn maze and hay rides 2-5 p.m.; square dancing, line dancing, big circle mixers and other dances 5-8 p.m.; then a bonfire 8-10 p.m.

This event is open to the general public ages 21 and over. Admission is \$15 in advance (through Oct. 30) or \$20 at the door. To buy advance tickets, register at www.oakpointe.churchcenter.com/registrations/events.

Northville Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 5, at the Cady Inn, 215 Griswold Street, for a pine cone and bow workshop. Members will be wiring pine cones and making bows to adorn wreaths for the annual greens mart. Guests are always welcome. For more information, call Suemarie Klimek at 734-459-8327.

Capernaum Health Clinic

Capernaum Health Clinic will provide a free health care through a coalition of area churches for those without adequate insurance Monday through Friday, Nov. 5-9, at First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette, in South Lyon. Services that may be available include medical, dental, vision, audiology, podiatry and mammograms.

Appointments are necessary for most services. Call 248-225-4581 or email capernaumhealthclinic@gmail.com for appointments and information.

Piano Project

The Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum invites veterans, their families and the general public to a presentation about The Victory Vertical (Piano) Project 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the Steinway Gallery of Detroit, 2700 E. West Maple Road, in Commerce.

Dr. Garik Pedersen, professor of piano at Eastern Michigan University, will tell in words and music the story about these pianos, a.k.a. Olive Drab Government Issue, built during World War II. The Victory Verticals were shipped in the field supplying soldiers with sheet music to improve morale and strengthen resolve.

Admission is free. For more information, call 734-634-2650.

Country Garden Club

The Country Garden Club of Northville will hold its next meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road. Guest speaker Julie Stoneman will discuss protecting natural habitats.

Guests are welcome and light snacks are provided. For more information, call 248-202-1518.

Toligate Farm class

MSU Tollgate Farm, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi will host a fall garden class titled Cultivating Your Green Thumb – Indoors!, with Lisa Steinkopf, is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 8.

Advance registration is requested. The cost of each class is \$20 and supports further adult education programming at MSU Tollgate. For more information and to register, go to https://events.anr.msu.edu/evenings2018fall/.

Hollywood Nights fundraiser

Emagine Theatre and Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan will host its 19th annual Hollywood Nights 24-hour fundraising event. It will take place Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10, at Emagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, in Novi.

Film enthusiasts and supporters of CLF can enjoy a great movie watching experience while raising money and awareness to benefit children and adults affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other blood-related cancers.

There are various packages and ticket prices, including 24 hours of movies, as well as lunch and dinner, unlimited snacks and a raffle. For more information, contact Kristen King at 248-530-3002 or kking@leukemiamichigan.org.

Community Reads title, author visit

The Neighborhood Library Association has announced the selection of its ninth annual Community Reads book, "The Poisoned City" by Anna Clark. It recounts the gripping story of Flint's poisoned water through the people who caused it, suffered from it and exposed it.

Each of the six NLA libraries will host book discussions

and book-related events, culminating in an author visit at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail.

To learn more about the book and for a complete schedule of 2018 Community Reads events, dates and times, go to http://nlacommunityreads.weebly.com.

War Dog Memorial ceremony

The Michigan War Dog Memorial, 25805 Milford Road, in South Lyon will be hold an interment for K-9 Moose of the Novi Police Department at noon Saturday, Nov. 10. Come to support his handler, Officer Shawn Penzak, and say a final goodbye to this K-9 hero.

For more information, contact Phil Weitlauf at 248-685-8307 or mwdmk9@gmail.com.

Harvest dinner

Milford Baptist Church, 133 Detroit Street, will host a harvest dinner at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. II. It will include a free turkey dinner with all the trimmings, followed by a participation service at 6 p.m.

'Comedy of Tenors' at Tipping Point

Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, in Northville is producing Ken Ludwig's "A Comedy of Tenors" Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 15-18, 23-25 (no show Thanksgiving Day), Nov. 29 through Dec. 2, Dec. 6-9, 13-16 and 20-23. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. There are also performances scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 and Dec.

Tickets for Nov. 15-16 are \$26 and include a post-show discussion with producing artistic director James R. Kuhl and director Angie Ferrante.

In addition, the performance Nov. 25 will benefit American Association of Women – Northville Novi. Tickets are \$45 with a reception that includes food and beverage. AAUWNN is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to support equity and education for women and girls, providing scholarships and educational programs for local women and children.

For more information, go to https://www.tippingpointtheatre.com/tenors.

Young artist art fair

The Northville Art House will present its third annual Young Artist Juried Art Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street. More than 30 artists, in grades 2-12, will showcase their talents and be selling their original artwork. Featured work will include: acrylic, watercolor, illustrations, jewelry, mixed media, fiber art, photography and much more.

The Northville Strings Students will open the art fair with a performance 10:30-11:15 a.m. Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase to support the First Presbyterian Youth Group's Mission trip to Puerto Rico this July. Suggested donation of \$3 at the door to the Young Artist Juried Art Fair. Kids under age 12 get in free.

Closing the event is musical guest Neil Woodward, Michigan's troubadour. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 14 and under. All proceeds go toward the Northville Art House outreach programs and events.

For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to http://northvillearthouse.org/young-artist-art-fair-2018/.

South Lyon Area Historical Society

The South Lyon Area Historical Society will host its ninth annual dulcimer concerts Sunday, Nov. 25, in the Little Village Chapel, 300 Dorothy Street. The Village String Dulcimer group will be performing at two seatings 4 p.m. and another at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at Bakman Florist, Parkside Cleaners and Java House.

VFAA exhibit at library

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, exhibits its member artwork in the library Community Room. Through the end of November, the exhibit will feature pastel and oil paintings by multi-award winning artist Patricia Bombach.

This free exhibit will be displayed during regular library hours (9:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday) unless the room is hosting another event. For more information, go to www.milfordvfaa.org.









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Fraternal Order of Police president Alex McLellan and Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David E. Molloy honored six members of the Novi Police Department with a 2018 Heroism Award from the Stanley Clark Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 128 in a ceremony Oct. 18. Officers honored were Sgt. Jason Meier, Jason Bergtold, Matt Chylaszek, Tim Hartland, Dan Jenkinson and Alex Marchionem who were all recognized for their efforts in locating, containing and subsequently arresting a heavily armed man who was waiting to ambush a person he threatened to kill. Their actions -putting themselves between the subject and his intended victim — are indicative of their dedication to the community they serve, as well as the professionalism and dedication they have to the Novi Police Department. **CURTIS DROGMILLER**

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

The Northville District Library is at Made in Michigan 212 W. Cady Street. Call 248-348-5001 or go to northvillelibrary.org for more information.

NaNoWriMo Support Group

When: Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 Details: Join us at the library to get the start to your NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) experience. Interested in getting to work on the next great American novel or in stretching your literary muscles between other projects? Snacks, writing prompts, and a quiet spot to knock out a few hundred words provided. Register.

'Folktales & Legends of the Middle West'

When: 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5 Details: Meet the author and join us for an hour-long family friendly program of lively storytelling and fantastic folk music based on the book "Folktales & Legends of the Middle West." Book sale and signing will take place directly after the program. Register.

When: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8 Details: Meet a variety of live animals bred in Michigan — unique breeds of dwarf goats, chickens and ducks - and more in this fun farm program for all ages. 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk five minutes prior to the event. Tickets not available in advance.

Drop-In Thanksgiving Crafts for

When: 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 and 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14

Details: Kids of all ages get creative making a fun Indian corn magnet for Thanksgiving. No registration required, just drop in.

Minute-To-Win It

When: 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13 **Details:** Compete for prizes in a series of 60-second challenges based on the popular NBC-TV game show. Limit of 30 attendees. For ages 9-12.

Drop-In Morning Storytime

When: 10:15-10:45 a.m. each Thursday through Nov. 1

When: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15

Details: Learn all about polar bears at

this fun after-school program for students in

grades 1-3 featuring stories, games and

How to Avoid Getting Scammed

When: 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19

Details: Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset

Management will discuss all the various fi-

nancial scams that people should be aware of

and provide tips on how to avoid being

Details: Enjoy stories, music and more in this fun storytime for toddlers and preschoolers with a caregiver. No registration required.

Fall TOT Storytime

scammed. Register.

Kidz Time

Details: For ages 2-3 with caregiver. Develop your toddler's early literacy skills and preschool readiness in this fun, interactive, small group experience. Please bring only children who are registered for this storytime. Registration begins Wednesday, Sept.

5, for Northville residents; open to non-residents next day. See library website for dates and times.

Fall Storytime

Details: For ages 4-5. Enjoy stories, music and creative activities in this fun, interactive, small group experience. Children must attend independent of a caregiver and should also have basic cutting skills with craft scissors. Registration begins for Northville residents Tuesday, Sept. 11; open to nonresidents next day. See library website for dates and times.

One-on-one tech help

When: 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. each Tuesday; 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. each Thursday

Details: Free one-hour session with our Digital Services librarian to help you navigate our downloading services, help with email, Facebook, DropBox and more. Not for computer repair or configuration questions. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020.

ESL Conversation Group

When: 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday Details: Join us for informal conversation to help improve your English. Just drop

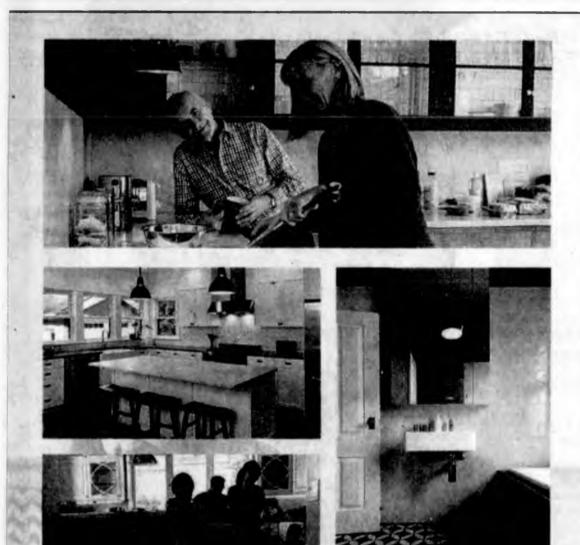
PUBLIC NOTICE

Published in accordance with Public Act 331 (1966), as amended.

Schoolcraft College announces that the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, has been completed by Plante & Moran, LLP, Southfield, Michigan. It has been presented to the College Board of Trustees and has been accepted by them.

Notice is hereby given that the audit is available for public inspection in the Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in the Jeffress Center, Room 406, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, on weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. The financial statements are also available on our website at http://www.schoolcraft.edu/budget/budgetand-transparency.

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City of Novi **Public Hearing Notice**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on November 20, 2018 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ18-0046 (Scott Pernia) 22556 Montebello Ct, West of Novi Road and North of Nine Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-27-453-037. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance Section 4.19.1.E.i. to allow an additional 635 square feet for a proposed 1411 square foot accessary building (attached garage) with 611 square feet of attic storage space, 850 square feet allowed. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-3).

PZ18-0047 (Coy Construction Inc) 44682 Dunbarton Dr, East of Taft Road and North of Nine Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-27-376-013. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 to allow a 10 foot rear yard variance for a proposed 25 foot setback for a proposed screened in porch, 35 feet minimum required by ordinance. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-3).

PZ18-0050 (Jack Shiklanian/Gabriana Jewelers) 31196 Beck Rd, East of Beck Road and South of W Pontiac Trail, Parcel # 50-22-04-100-038. The applicant is requesting from the Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(b),(1). For the installation of 33.8 square foot wall sign, 27.5 feet allowed. This property is zoned General Business (B-3).

PZ18-0052 (Brian Adams/Adams Sports Medicine) 46001 Grand River Ave, West of Taft Road and South of Grand River Ave, Parcel # 50-22-16-451-054. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinances Section 28-5(a) for one additional proposed 10 square foot wall sign. One 65 square feet max wall sign allowed by right and has been installed. This property is zoned Light Industrial (I-1).

PZ18-0054 (David Dismondy) 1181 West Lake Dr, East of West Park Dr and South of W Pontiac Trail # 50-22-03-204-003. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a proposed 20 feet 10 inches side yard aggregate setback, 25 feet required; 6 feet side yard setback, 10 feet required; 24 feet 7 inches rear yard setback, 35 feet required and a lot coverage of 31%, 25% maximum allowed. Section 19.2(A). Also section 4.19 for the construction of a proposed 686 square feet addition on existing legal non-conforming garage locate in the front setback for a total of 1536 square feet, 850 allowed. Section 7.10, to allow two years to start project, one year allowed. An existing home is being demolished and the parcels combined to accommodate the addition. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ18-0055 (Chris Ketzler/Toll Brothers) 20857 Dunhill Dr. West of Beck Road and North of Eight Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-32-402-004. The applicant is requesting a 2% variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.2 to allow the 27% proposed lot coverage for a new home, 25% allowed. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-1)...

SYNOPSIS October 18, 2018 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - Approved

DATE: Thursday, October 18, 2018 TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: PRESENT:

Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer

Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Richard Allen, Trustee Symantha Heath, Trustee Mindy Herrmann, Trustee Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Agendas:

2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements: None

Public Hearing for Proposed 2019 Budget - Opened and Conducted

Brief Public Comments: None New Business:

2018 Millage Rates - Approved 2019 Budget - Approved

Budget Amendment 2018-5 - Approved

Budget Amendment 2018-6 - Approved Heritage Park - Stormwater Maintenance Agreement - Approved Heritage Park - Non-Motorized Path Maint. Agreement - Approved Dues - Conference of Western Wayne - Approved

Unfinished Business: None Ordinances: None

Check Registry:

In the amount of \$ 3,835,362.57 for the period of 9/9/18 to 10/5/18 -Approved

Board Communication A Reports:

Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Richard Allen, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None 10.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: bert R. Nix II. Supervisor Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Publish: November 1, 2018

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The Many Facets of Holiday Wines

Wine is very versatile. You can pair it with your favorite holiday meal, give it as a gift, or celebrate a special occasion with it. And, the variety! Where do you begin?

Well, Joe's Produce Gourmet Market's wine steward, Paul, has just the right suggestions. Joe's has a wide selection of wines from all around the world and many choices from Michigan. So whatever the occasion, they have a bottle of wine to fit every palate and pocketbook.

Paul suggests starting your holiday dinner off with a little bubbly. A few choices of sparkling wines are Cava from Spain, Prosecco from Italy, and the quintessential celebratory wine, Champagne from France. Just toast the holiday and dive into those appetizers!

Paul's Tip #1: Try serving the bubbly in a white wine glass. It allows it to breathe better than using a fluted glass.

A successful pairing is when the wine makes the food taste better, and vice versa.

Is it Time for Dinner Yet?

If you're like most people, you'll be serving turkey for the holidays, and Joe's Meat and Seafood Market has the freshest turkeys available. You'll have to order ahead of time because once they're gone, they're gone.

Paul's Tip #2: You don't have to serve red wine with red meat or white wine with fish, seafood, or white meat.

Turkey is a versatile bird with great texture. Some great choices of wine would be Beaujolais Nouveau, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Chablis, Zinfandel, Sauvignon Blanc, Gertzweiner, and since you have that bottle of bubbly already, you can serve it as well!

Joe's suggests having one white and one red at meals for your guests to choose their favorite. The best that could happen is that you will introduce them to a new wine selection.

Are you thinking of grilling a beef tenderloin, roasting a standing rib roast, baking a leg of lamb, or perhaps slow-cooking a brisket? The folks over at Joe's have the freshest USDA Prime and choice meats. They also have the largest meat counter in the area. It's 60' long — so there are more meat and seafood options to choose from and enjoy!

Paul's Tip #3: Match the weight and texture of the wine to the texture of your meat.

When you're talking about matching wines with meat, Cabernet Sauvignon is the most popular suggestion, but you don't have to stick to that selection, do you? Now's the opportunity to impress, surprise, or delight your guests' palates with something new or similar to their favorites. You've got this!

Joe Maiorana, the owner of Joe's Produce Gourmet Market, suggests Marauder Dark Arts to accompany any hearty meat. It's a bold, dark, and brawny beauty produced from a blend of Syrah and Petite Sirah. It's one of his favorites and stands equal to the richness of the meat.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Cybul leads pack as Northville rolls

Salem is runner-up; Plymouth also headed to MIS for first time

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Northville had another runner break through the 18-minute barrier Saturday at New Boston's soggy Willow Metropark as the Mustangs galloped to their seventh straight MHSAA Division Igirls

cross country regional title. This time it was senior Nicole Cybul who took individual honors with a 5.000-meter time of 17 minutes, 57.5 seconds as Northville scored 41 points to advance to the state finals Saturday (Nov. 3) at Michigan International Speedway.

Joining the Mustangs in Brooklyn will be regional runner-up Salem (64) and first-time state qualifier Plymouth

Cybul outkicked Plymouth freshman Lauren Kiley (17:59.6) during the final 150 meters to earn first-place honors.

"I was really motivated at the end," Cybul said. "Being in front the whole race. I really wanted to pull off my first regional win, so that's kind of why I was so motivated at the end to give it my all. I've been really confident with all my training, having good sessions and just really working hard every day. I think that has definitely translated into my time today."

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Northville girls cross country team won its seventh straight **Division 1** regional title Oct. 27 at Willow Metropark.

PREP FOOTBALL

CC ousts Canton



Nate Anderson catches a TD pass during the first half against Canton. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Shamrocks roll to 49-28 triumph despite Walker's 268 yards rushing for Chiefs

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It was still very much a game late in the first half, with Novi Detroit Catholic Central leading Canton 14-7, when the Chiefs decided to go for it on fourthand-one at the Shamrocks' 31.

And it was no secret that Steven Walker's name would be called, because the senior running back came into the game with more than 2,000 yards rushing in nine regular-season games.

The 5-foot-9, 170-pound Walker got stopped by the CC defense short of the See OPENER, Page 3B

first-down marker and the ball popped loose. There to pick it up was Shamrocks sophomore defensive back Jonathan Brewer, who made a game-turning 70-yard scoop and score fumble recovery return for a TD with 3:02 remaining in the first half.

The play figured prominently in CC's 49-28 Division 1 pre-district triumph Friday over the visiting Chiefs.

"I don't know, (Walker) just put the

5 TO WATCH

District finalists hope to stay alive in playoffs

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And now there are 10.

That's all that remains among Hometownlife.com area football teams following the opening pre-district week of the Michigan High School Athletic Association playoffs.

That list will be pared down to at least seven by week's end and here's a closer look at this weekend's action, all for district championships.

5 to watch

(all 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2) **Novi Detroit Catholic Central (7-3)** at West Bloomfield (8-2): This is a gigantic match-up for the District 1 regional crown. West Bloomfield, last year's state runner-up, is coming off a 49-14 pre-district win over Plymouth as C.J. Harris threw five touchdown passes, including three to Michigan State commit Tre Mosley, who finished

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South Lyon's Ian Goins (right) sheds **Dexter tackler Noah Mitchell.** TOM BEAUDOIN



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Plymouth repeats as regional champion

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With Carter Solomon setting the pace, Plymouth remains right on course in its quest for an MHSAA Division 1 boys cross country state championship.

The Wildcats, placing five in the top II, scored 29 points Saturday at New Boston's soggy Willow Metropark to repeat as regional champions.

Meanwhile, runner-up Salem (79) and third-place Northville (83) also punched their tickets to Michigan International Speedway for Saturday's (Nov. 3) state finals.

Solomon, a junior, broke the 15-minute barrier for the second time this season, clocking a 5,000-meter time of 14 minutes, 59.4 seconds. Novi Detroit Catholic Central junior Luke Perell was runner-up in 15:35.8.

"I think it's awesome, we've been talking about it, we did it once and we said have to do it again before states to have a shot to do it again at states." Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said of Solomon. "I think there have only been three D-1 runners in the history of the state meet ever break it (15 minutes) at state, so that's the goal we're focusing on."

The Wildcats' other four scorers were sophomore Patrick Byrnes, third (15:41.4); senior Brandon Boyd, fourth (15:56.3); senior Jarrett Warner, 10th (16:08.6); and junior Tyler Mussen, 11th (16:10.6).

Plymouth's non-scorers were Bassil Syed (36th, 16:57.5) and Conner Davis (69th, 17:56.2).

After their strong regional showing, the Wildcats appear poised to be make a run at the state title that eluded them by just three points a year ago against Ann Arbor Pioneer.



The Plymouth boys cross country team holds the Division 1 regional trophy at Willow Metropark.

"They're not necessarily happy how the race went today, but I am," Mikosz said. "And our goal is to just get through here, stay healthy, be ready to go. We're right where we need to be, so we've just got to keep it going for one more week and hope for the best."

Rounding out the 14-school field were Novi Detroit Catholic Central (99), Ann Arbor Huron (118), Novi (147), Canton (198), Livonia Stevenson (202), Livonia Churchill (203), Livonia Franklin (256), Oak Park (310), Berkley (366), University of Detroit-Jesuit (385) and Garden City (451).

Senior Luke Haran paced Salem's effort with a fifth-place finish in 15:57.7. Other scorers for the Rocks were sophomore Hezekiah Williams, 12th (16:20.5); sophomore Talha Syed, 14th (16:22.1); senior Christo Jeffers, 17th (16:33.6); senior Shane McKimmy, 31st (16:49.5).

"Christo Jeffers was our No. 4 and came through big time," Salem coach Steve Aspinall said. "He had a season best by nearly 20 seconds, so he ran a great race. He was the one who tilted it in a good way for us. We knew it would be close between us and Northville for second and third, but at that point you're top three and you're just happy to be there and get one more race as a

Salem's non-scorers were Evan Wheeler (52nd, 17:15.5) and Bryce Paine (64th, 17:36.9).

"Always fun to qualify. We're one of the best regionals in the state of Michigan with six or seven teams that are really solid," Aspinall said. "You've got to run well on race day. Outside of Plymouth, there was nobody constant going in that was going to be one of those three teams. We had four guys in the top 20, so when we saw that, I was confident that we were going to be at least top three."

The Rocks hope to improve upon last year's 20th-place finish at the Division 1 state finals.

"Next week, the goal at the state finals is to go out and compete like we did today," Aspinall said. "We could probably be anywhere from eighth to 12th or 13th if we run well. Luke Haran is our No. 1. His goal a couple of years ago was to be top 30. Top 30 is all-state and he can be right in that conversation. Then a couple of sophomores behind him who ran low 16:20s today who were close to the top 10 could have a great day next Saturday."

Northville was paced by returning all-stater Nicholas Couyoumijian, a sen-

ior, who placed sixth (16:04.08). He was followed by sophomore Sean McKee, 15th (16:22.5); senior Raymond Jiang, 19th (16:35.3); senior Alex Flegal, 20th (16:35.5); and junior Josh Morissey, 23rd (16:37.9).

The Mustangs non-scorers were junior Ben Steinig (34th, 16:55.7) and Josh Hardy (49th, 17:12.7).

"There would be a couple of teams shooting for second and third place today and whoever ran the fastest was going to move on to the state finals and I'm just happy how our seven kids competed today," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "We had two kids step up in senior Alex Flegal and junior Josh Morrisey, who ran huge career (bests) to be our fourth and fifth guys. The other stat was our fourth runner (Flegal) was in 20th place, so four in the top 20 locked the door for you there."

It turned out to be a happy day for Northville, which was disqualified last year from going to the state finals because of an MHSAA uniform rules violation at the regional.

"The goal next week is to go in and compete," Dalton said. "I believe we're a top 10 team in the state and just happy to get those seven kids there. We talk all the time that if you're not having fun in the sport, we're doing something wrong. so go out, compete and have fun and good things will happen."

Other additional individual state qualifiers in addition to Perelli headed to MIS by virtue of a top-15 regional finish were Matt Whyte (Novi), seventh (16:06.6); Karsin Dass (Ann Arbor Huron), eighth (16:07.8); Alexander Dugas (Detroit CC), ninth (16:08.2); and Joseph Michalak (Canton), 13th (16:21.8).

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Northville

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Northville coach Nancy Smith believed Cybul was capable of breaking the 18:00 barrier.

"Nicole has had a great few weeks of practice, we talked about trying to get her time under 18:00," Smith said. "I've never seen her look stronger."

The other Northville runner to break 18:00 this season, sophomore Yasmine Mansi, placed third overall in 18:01.5. The Mustangs' three other scorers were sophomore Emily Gordon, ninth (18:49.1); freshman Gina Couyoumjian, 13th (19:08.2); and sophomore Keira Courtney, 15th (19:10.0).

Northville's non-scorers were senior Olivia Harp (21st, 19:46.2) and freshman Emma Munro (40th, 20:43.5).

"Overall, I thought we ran exactly like we wanted to," Smith said. "We ran as a team. We've been working on that all week in practice and talking about being accountable for each other, stepping up and helping each other out. They worked beautiful. They went through the mile super-fast and I think they were a little awestruck, but they continued to work hard and pull together.

er state title. That's our goal."

Salem was led by sophomores Raegan Justice and Olivia Millen, who placed fourth and fifth, respectively with times of 18:17.5 and 18:34.1.

The Rocks' next three scorers were senior Bridget Nelson, 16th (19:14.8); sophomore Kiersten McBride, 19th (19:32.9); and freshman Marissa Henry, 20th (19:45.5).

"I was extremely proud of the girls' effort," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "In the second half of the race, it was amazing how these girls started competing and passing people. Reagan and Olivia — race of their lives. Reagan running an 18:17, coming in fourth in a regional with this kind of firepower, is truly amazing. And she deserves it with all

the hard work she's put in." Salem's non-scorers were seniors Hallie Younglas (22nd, 19:46.7) and Gabrielle Mancini (27th, 20:06.8).

"We took care of business today. We knew coming in that Northville is, obviously, the favorite being ranked No. 1, but we wanted to go after them a little bit and solidify our placing second as a team," said Gerlach, whose team qualified for the D-1 finals for the seventh

So we bring home our seventh regional straight year. "The big thing was going and we're on to the state finals and, out as a unit and competing together. hopefully, finish and bring home anoth- Times don't matter in these kind of meets. It's all about competition and going out there and doing the best you

> Afterward, Plymouth coach Alice Ahearn wasn't sure her team had qualified, but the Wildcats tucked in comfortably in third place, 47 points ahead of fourth-place Berkley (138).

> In addition to Kiley's runner-up finish, the Wildcats also got scoring from sophomore Londyn Swenson, sixth (18:37.9); sophomore Paige Cristea, 17th (19:27.3); senior Ana White, 29th (20:13.5); and sophomore Lindsay Ripple, 37th (20:35.6).

Plymouth's non-scorers were freshman Sasha Fox (45th, 21:00.7) and junior Laura Bonds (51st, 21:28.6).

"They ran a great race," Ahearn said. They put in all the work. They were ready to go. It was their spot to lose. When we saw how well we could do with that dynamic duo, who I call the 'Double-L' advantage with Lauren (Kiley) and Londyn (Swenson) ... they give them that push. I now have nine under 21 (minutes), which is great ... they've put in a lot of hard work this season."

Rounding out the 13-school field were Canton (158), Novi (170), Livonia Franklin (183), Livonia Stevenson (204), Ann Arbor Huron (213), Livonia Churchill (232), Oak Park (299), Detroit Renaissance (223) and Detroit King (387).

There were six additional individual state qualifiers who earned places in the top 15, including Canton freshman Thea Schley, seventh (18:41.6); Novi senior Katherine Ray, eighth (18:43.3); Franklin senior Erin Seibert, 10th (18:58.4); Berkley senior Emma Murray, 11th (19:04.8); Berkley senior Kenna Childrss, 12th (19:05.3) and Huron senior Callie Hastie, 14th (19:08.7).

But the day belonged to Cybul, who hopes to help propel the top-ranked Mustangs to their second state title in school history at MIS. Last year, the Mustangs came close, finishing just five points behind Troy.

"I'm super-excited about next week," Cybul said. "This is definitely our chance to show the state how hard we're working and I think my whole team is really motivated and we just want to go out and do our best and, hopefully, that will lead to a good result."

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Playoffs

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with nine catches for 190 yards. CC, meanwhile, overcame the 268-yard rushing performance by Canton's Steven Walker in a 49-28 pre-district win. The Shamrocks' QB Marco Genrich was 10-of-13 passing for 189 yards. These two teams have never met. Picks: Emons (CC), Budner (CC), Smith (CC).

Birmingham Brother Rice (7-3) at Birmingham Groves (8-2): Rice, sparked by the running of James Donaldson and the throwing of Greg Piscopink, got a big Division 2 district win on the road last week against favored Livonia Churchill, 27-13. Groves toppled rival Birmingham Seaholm for the second straight week, 35-14, as Damontè McCurdy had a monster game with 256 yards on 20 carries and four TDs. Rice leads the series, 9-3, winning two of the last three, including a 24-21 triumph last year Picks: Emons (Rice), Budner (Groves), Smith (Rice)

Walled Lake Western (7-3) at South Lyon (10-0): These two Lakes Valley Conference foes met earlier in the season, with South Lyon winning, 29-19. The Lions, who lead the series 10-4, nearly saw their undefeated season go down the drain in the Division 2 district stubborn Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

opener against upset-minded and underdog Dexter before prevailing in overtime, 31-24, thanks to a Jake Newman interception in the end zone. Western, getting 176 yards passing from Boston College commit Sam Johnson, is coming off a 24-9 pre-district win over Fenton and is looking for revenge in the rematch. South Lyon's "Jungle" should be rocking. Picks: Emons (Western), Budner (South Lyon), Smith (South Lyon).

South Lyon East (6-4) at Farmington (7-3): After stumbling down the stretch, losing its last two regular season games, Farmington regrouped to win its Division 3 district opener against Auburn Hills Avondale, 42-9, as Kendall Williams ran for 165 yards and six touchdowns, including one on a fumble recovery return. East, making only its second playoff appearance in its brief playoff history, is already enjoying its best season ever following a 22-15 pre-district win on the road at Ortonville Brandon, thanks to the clutch passing of Ayden Oliver. These teams have never met. Picks: Emons (East), Budner (East), Smith (East).

Farmington Harrison (7-3) at Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (7-2): This is for a Division 4 district championship. The last time these two teams met was 2001 and Harrison has owned the series, 6-0. Harrison overcame a



Catholic Central's Nate Anderson (right) tries to receover a fumble before Canton's Conner Meadows (left) and Caden Domzalski do.

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squad in the pre-district, 24-10, as Northwestern commit Roderick Heard scored a pair of TDs, including a 90-yard kickoff return. Country Day's Ahlon Mitchell threw three TD passes, while Darrin King returned a punt 50 yards for a TD and caught another TD pass in a 42-6 pre-district romp over Center Line. Harrison doesn't want this to be its last game ever under the state's winningest coach John Herrington. Picks: Emons (Harrison), Budner (Harrison), Smith (Country Day).

Bonus games

White Lake Lakeland (7-3) at Clark- on Twitter: @BradEmonsl.

ston (8-2): The series between the two teams stands at 1-1. The last meetings were 1975 and 1974. Clarkston, the twotime defending Division 1 state champ, took care of business last week with a 30-7 win over Lake Orion. Lakeland, meanwhile, got three TD runs and a two-point conversion play from Robbie Tracy to pull off a stunning 23-20 overtime victory over Rochester Adams. Picks: Emons (Clarkston), Budner (Clarkston), Smith (Clarkston).

Temperance Bedford (6-4) at Livonia Franklin (6-4): This is only the second meeting in history between the two at-large teams, with the Patriots getting to host based on a slightly higher playoff point total. Franklin, last year's Division 2 runner-up, went on the road to whip Wyandotte Roosevelt, 38-14, in the district opener as junior quarterback Jake Kelbert ran for a TD and passed for another. Bedford, which features a toughto-defend mid-line veer offense, also rolled in the pre-district with a 55-21 road triumph over WWAC champion Dearborn Heights Crestwood. Bedford has won the only meeting between the two teams, 39-22, in 2016. Picks: Emons (Franklin), Budner (Franklin), Smith (Bedford).

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Harrison survives scare from Cranbrook, 24-10

Marty Budner hometownlife com **USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN**

Once Farmington Harrison gets into the playoffs, the Hawks are a virtual first-round lock to win.

This is Harrison's 34th time playing postseason football in its storied 49year history. Incredibly, the Hawks have won 31 opening games, including Saturday's tougher-than-expected 24-10 thumping of Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

Harrison, proud owners of 13 state championships under the direction of the state's winningest head coach in John Herrington, needed three secondhalf touchdowns to finally corral the Cranes in a Division 4 pre-district game that wasn't the mismatch everyone had anticipated.

"I told the kids the first game of the playoffs is always difficult and everybody comes and gives you their best," said Herrington, whose team hiked its record to 7-3. "We did have our problems with them. There's no question.

"Cranbrook was tougher than anticipated, really," he added. "They did a good job. They were physical and they were good."

Cranbook Kingswood entered this year's postseason on the heels of its longest playoff run ever last year, when it advanced to the regional final before falling to River Rouge by a touchdown. The Cranes registered a school-record 10 victories in 2017.

However, while they gave the seasoned Hawks a scare on a chilly, drizzly afternoon at Buller Field inside the John Herrington Athletic Complex, their season ended with the 14-point loss.

"Obviously, the history. You're going against a team that has multiple state championships," first-year CK head coach Scott Steward said about Harrison. "So we knew that that would be a challenge. But we also felt like last year we played good teams and that (Harrison) was a good team and we were capable of playing with them and potentially beating them.

"And I think, most importantly, our kids believe that," he added. "And I think that goes to our assistant coaches and our preparation. We feel so prepared and ready that we have a belief that we can play with anybody."

The scoring plays

Cranbrook held a 3-0 halftime lead on David Hiser's 31-yard first-quarter field goal.

The Hawks went ahead 10-0 on a 4yard run by Rod Heard, who finished with 98 yards rushing, early in the third quarter. Cranbrook followed with its lone touchdown on its next possession, when quarterback Jack Fairman hit Torrell Williams with a 22-yard scoring pass.

The play of the game took place on the ensuing kickoff, when Heard returned the ball 90 yards for a touchdown to make it 17-7. Harrison quarterback Keel Watson scored the final Hawks touchdown on a 13-yard run midway through the final quarter, much to the delight of the home fans.

Cranes kicker Chase Paulus completed the scoring by connecting on a 41-yard field goal with 2:32 left.

"They played really good defense on us. They mixed up their defense between a 40 and a 50 and we couldn't get Rod loose," Herrington said. "It was tough and our passing game was not really clicking.

"Their coaching staff did a great job getting ready for us. They had Rod pretty much stopped," he added. "Our defense did a good job and our pass rush was good at the end."

Hawks buzz on to 'Jackets

Harrison will continue its final playoff run this week in Beverly Hills at Shaw Stadium against Detroit Country Day, another well-established postseason football team.

Country Day (7-2) easily defeated Center Line, 42-6, in its opening playoff game Friday. The last time the teams met was in 2001, with Harrison posting a 42-0 victory.

The Yellowjackets have three state championships to their credit in eight state title game appearances. They own a 52-23 overall playoff record under former head coach Joe D'Angelo

and current head coach Dan MacLean. This marks DCD's 26th playoff appearance — its 12th in the past 13 years. Country Day missed the playoffs last year with a 4-5 mark for its first losing record in 11 seasons.

"Country Day looked real good to me. I watched them last night and they killed Center Line," Herrington said. "They have a lot of good athletes. They don't have much depth, like all of us teams in (Division 4) playing with 25 players or so, it seems like. But they have good players and it's going to be a tough game."

First time in D-4

Prior to this season, Harrison has played postseason football in five different divisions/classes over the years. This year marks the sixth.

Harrison has played and won state championships in Class A, Class B, Class BB, Division 2 and Division 3. This was its first Division 4 playoff game and it came during its last season, as Harrison will close its doors following the current academic year.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Tough-running Brother Rice grinds out 27-14 win

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Livonia Churchill's postseason dreams were snuffed out by Birmingham Brother Rice's relentless ground game, as the visiting Warriors dom-

inated in the second half Friday for a 27-14 victory.

The Division 2 football pre-district contest was deadlocked 7-7 at halftime, but the Warriors scored on each of their first two drives of the second half to open up a 20-7 advantage. The Chargers (7-3) could only muster one more touchdown, on a 12-yard pass from senior quarterback Drew Alsobrooks to senior Joel Forgacs.

"It took its toll in the second half," Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo said. "A lot of the times, it's because we didn't execute and have any consistency on offense. So we left our defense on the field for quite a while tonight.

"And against a big, physical team like that, letting them stay on the field, you get worn down a little bit in the second half."

Brother Rice (7-3), a strong-running Catholic League powerhouse, was spearheaded by senior running backs James Donaldson (23 carries, 177 yards) and Daniel Jordan, along with the running and throwing of junior quarterback Greg Piscopink (15-of-19 passing, 143 yards, two TDs).

"When we went into halftime, we knew we had to make some adjustments, just to be able to punch another ball in the end zone and take the lead in the game," Piscopink said. "But when we came into the second half, we knew we just had to keep scoring.

"Because if you look at Livonia Churchill's offense for the whole year, they're a team that puts up a lot of points. So we knew even if something fell through with our defense, we just had to keep putting up points."

Donaldson keyed his team's 80yard, eight-play drive to open up the second half and put the Warriors in front, 13-7. On third-and-six, he blasted through the line for a 13-yard pickup. On the next snap, he took it to the house for a 43-yard TD.

The Warriors made it 20-7 later in the third on a 22-yard touchdown strike from Piscopink to senior receiver DaRon Gilbert (four catches, 54 yards).

"Our O-line is killing it," Donaldson said. "We talked about grinding it out and that's what our O-line is built off of. So you get those guys rolling you get me rolling and get Greg Piscopink our quarterback rolling and it's just tough to stop. We're moving and I couldn't be happier for our guys."

Here are several other takeaways:

TIPPED AND PICKED

Piscopink already had his team up



Churchill tight end Joel Forgacs (right) somehow came down with the ball for a TD over Brother Rice defender Rocco Milla. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

7-0 and was on the move again early in the second quarter when bad luck struck. His pass near midfield was tipped and then intercepted by his Churchill counterpart, Alsobrooks.

That interception turned the tables and ultimately led to the tying touchdown with 3:15 remaining in the first

AVERY ON THE SPOT

Avery Grenier not only had two interceptions in the first half, he retrieved an errant snap on a 21-yard field-goal try by Alsobrooks and ran it in for the equaliz-

The ball bounced right to Grenier and he completed what was called a 4-yard touchdown run.

"Avery had three interceptions, made a couple big catches for us," DeFillippo said. "But he's been doing that for the last two years. He ended up picking up the bad snap and making a good pump fake and getting it in for a touchdown.

"That was huge to keep us in it. Our kids fought hard, I'm proud of them, we just couldn't find much consistency on offense tonight and ended up on the short end to a good team."

CHIPPING IN

Other Brother Rice contributors included junior Patrick O'Hara (nine catches, 77 yards), senior tailback Jordan (4-yard TD run for Warriors' final score of the game) and senior tight end Brendan Holt, with a 10-yard touchdown catch.

NICE TO MEET YOU

The playoff match-up between Brother Rice and Churchill was the first in the long, storied histories of the schools.

HALLOWEEN CAME EARLY

Before the opening kickoff, the Chargers marching band members wore Halloween costumes while they played music to entertain the fans. All told, it was a pretty sweet performance.

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Opener

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ball in my hands, I just ran down the field and scored," Brewer said. "Just the ball came out and it went right in my hands. Just got caught in the moment, really."

Brewer admitted he wasn't looking toward the goal line.

"Just a little bit of dance class I've been doing that kept me in," Brewer said. "I don't have much to say, to be honest. The Lord is with us every day ... we come out here and do the work.

Walker, who may go down as the best running back in Canton history, had 199 yards on 15 carries, along with a 57-yard kickoff return, in the first half alone. He finished the night with 268 yards on 24 attempts and scored all four Canton

Despite going down 21-7, Walker made amends for his fourth-down fumble with an 81-yard TD run to cut the deficit to 21-14 just 17 seconds later.

But the Shamrocks used back-toback passes of 10 and 56 yards from Marco Genrich to Nate Anderson to go back up by two scores, 28-14, with 1:19 left when Cole Price, who scored four TDs himself, barreled in from 2 yards out. (On the second reception, Anderson fumbled at the Canton 10, but was able to wrestle the ball back from Canton defender Caden Domzalski to keep possession.)

The Chiefs, who did not utilize their final two timeouts on their final possession of the half, nearly scored again

before being forced out of bounds as time expired at the CC 5.

"You go back to one play here, one play there, but that was big momentum one," Canton coach Andy LaFata said of the Brewer scoop and score. "I felt like we never got it back. Right before halftime, we get down there. Didn't expect it to pop like that, but it did, and it popped down to the 5-yard line. (Brewer) made one there from the back side. I don't know how fast that kid is, but he runs Steve Walker down from the other side

of the field ... impressive." It was all CC in the second half.

After deferring on the coin toss to open the game, CC got the ball to start the second half and scored in 10 plays, getting a 5-yard TD pass from Genrich to tight end Mike Harding with 7:54 left in

the third quarter. After CC stuffed Walker again on a fourth-and-one at the Chiefs' 36, CC officially made it a rout with Price scoring his third TD of the game on a 4-yard run with 5:42 to go in the same quarter for a

42-14 advantage. And with 3:55 to go in the third, Price's 16-yard TD run, set up by Parker Bohland's interception, increased the

CC advantage to 49-14. Walker scored a pair TDs in the final quarter, but it was too little, too late for

the Chiefs. "I played against him when I was younger in little league," Brewer said. "I wanted to seek revenge; just a great

player overall." After CC's Owen Finnerty unloaded for a 61-yard punt down to the Canton 5, the Chiefs drove 95 yards in 10 plays for their first TD as Walker busted up the



Canton's Steve Walker (left) sheds CC tackler Nazem Beydoun for a 17-yard first-quarter touchdown.

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the first quarter for a 7-0 lead.

On its second possession, CC got a 4yard TD run by Cole Price with 9:14 left in the second quarter, followed by a 35yard TD pass from Genrich to Nate Anderson with 5:41 left in the half.

That was only the start of CC exposing Canton's secondary as Genrich, a senior, connected on 10-of-13 passes for

'We just noticed they weren't playing any safeties and we felt like our receivers were good one-on-one against their corners and it paid off for us," CC coach Dan Anderson said. "Nathan caught it and Marco put the ball on the money."

Walker accounted for much of the Canton offense, which also included a 57-yard kickoff return during the first

"He's a heck of a player, we knew that coming in," Anderson said. "We knew we had to try and stop him, but I don't think you can. We didn't see anybody on when Walker ripped off a 48-yard run middle for a 17-yard score with 1:17 left in film that could stop him and, obviously, on Twitter: @BradEmons1.

we didn't stop him. With a team like that that runs that offense, you got to try and get up on them. And so that's what we were trying to do, get up, score two on them and try to maintain the ball as much as we can, keep it out of their hands."

Walker finished his senior year with 2,318 yards rushing with 26 touchdowns. He averaged 231 yards per game.

"So proud of Steve, he battled time and time again," LaFata said. "The whole defense knows he has the ball, everybody is keying on him and he still busted out there. I can't say enough good things. I hope the state recognizes it and sees the talent he's bringing out here and see how special he really is."

Canton ended its season 6-4, while Catholic Central (7-3) travels Friday to face West Bloomfield (8-2) for the district title.

"(CC) made plays all over the field, credit to them," LaFata said. "That's a damn good football team. They got behind us, they're talented and they're tough to cover out there and they had a few of those."

The emergence of Brewer had Dan Anderson beaming afterward.

"He's come into his own and I guess he's no longer a sophomore," the CC coach said. "He's played a whole season. I was very impressed with him on that scoop and score and how he danced down the sideline. That's just incredible, but he's a heck of an athlete and we look forward to big things to come from

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Franklin, Groves, South Lyon East, Farmington, Country Day post first-round playoff triumphs

The playoffs are here and it started with some exciting action on the football field. Here's how Hometown Life area teams fared on the gridiron.

Division 1

Region 2-District 2

Clarkston 30, Lake Orion 7
White Lake Lakeland 23, Rochester Adams 20 (OT): Senior running back Robbie Tracy scored three touchdowns and ran for a two-pointer as the Eagles (7-3) got a road victory over the Highlanders. Tracy scored on runs of 3, 24 and 10 yards (the game-winner in OT) and added a two-point conversion to tie the game at 17-17.

Region 3-District 1 West Bloomfield 49, Plymouth 14: Quarterback C.J. Harris was 17-of-25 passing for 265 yards and five touchdowns leading the Lakers (8-2) to a pre-district win over the Wilcats (6-4). Michigan State commit Tre Mosley caught nine balls for 190 yards, including TD catches of 65, 13 and 18 yards. Harris also connected with Lydell Shepard (15 yards) and Lance Dixon (16 yards) on touchdown passes. Dixon added a 6-yard TD run, while JaQuan Wiggens contributed a 12-yard TD run. Plymouth, which trailed 21-7 at halftime, got a 51-yard TD pass from Nick Downs to Carson Miller in the second quarter. Miller added a 6-yard TD run in the final quarter. Miller was the Wildcats' leading rusher with 63 yards on 14 carries. Downs was 10-of-19 passing for 138 yards. Plymouth was outgained 474-224 in total offense and lost three fumbles. Top tacklers for the Wildcats included Alec Beshears (six solo, five assists) and Nathan Janke (four solo, four assists).

Novi Detroit Catholic Central 49, Canton 28

Division 2

Region 2-District 2 South Lyon 31, Dexter 24, OT Walled Lake Western 24, Fenton 9



Franklin's Connor Linton (left) comes up with the sack against Wyandotte. He led the Patriots with seven tackles in a 38-14 Division 2 pre-district win.

NANCY ERWIN

Region 4-District 1

Birmingham Brother Rice 27, Livonia Churchill 14

Birmingham Groves 35, Birmingham Seaholm 14: Just like in Week 9, it was close early but Groves gradually took control to earn this Division 2 pre-district game Friday night at Maple Field. Groves defeated Seaholm last week in the regular-season finale, 26-9. In the rematch, Damonte McCurdy again carried the load for Groves with 20 carries for 256 yards and four rushing touchdowns (8, 64, 74 and 51 yards). He also had seven tackles on defense. Harvard-bound senior Khalil Dawsey finished with two receptions for 23 yards. Eli Turner (four catches for 85 yards), Tyriq Heard (two tackles) and Joel Mitchell (six tackles) also had strong efforts for Groves. Seaholm quarterback Gray Kinnie completed 8-of-12 passes for 78 yards and rushed for one touchdown. Chase Mentag gained 100 yards on 20 carries. Seaholm, the undefeated (6-0) OAA Blue Division champion, finished with a 7-3 overall record. Groves (8-2), which has

won eight straight games, next plays at 7 p.m. Friday at home against Brother Rice.

Region 4-District 2

Temperance Bedford 55, Dearborn Heights Crestwood 21

Livonia Franklin 38, Wyandotte Roosevelt 14: The Patriots (6-4) jumped out to a 21-0 lead after three quarters and never looked back in a pre-district triumph over the host Bears (6-4). Franklin QB Jake Kelbert threw a 25-yard TD pass to James Carpener and added an 8-yard TD run. The junior was 11-of-17 passing for 89 vards and ran for 50 vards on 12 attempts. Other Franklin TD runs came from Marino DiPonio (2 yards), Fredrick Biles (85-yard kickoff return) and Dayvion Smettler (7 yards). Connor McIntosh added a 35-yard field goal. Carpenter was Franklin's leading ground gainer with 69 yards on six carries. He also caught four passes for 45 yards. Defensively, Franklin held Wyandotte to 178 total yards, including just 74 on the ground. Connor Linton was in on seven tackles and added a sack along with Erick Reaves, Jake Swirple and Evan Pittenger.

Division 3

Region 3-District 2

South Lyon East 22, Ortonville
Brandon 15: Quarterback Ayden Oliver
threw a pair of touchdown passes,
including a 28-yard strike to Brendan
DeWitt and the game-winning 9-yarder to Donovan Wright as the Cougars
(6-4) notched their first postseason
playoff win in school history on the
road against the Flint Metro League
co-champion Blackhawks (8-2). Matt
Gilbert also scored on a 2-yard run for
East and kicker Dom Angelosanto successfully ran in for a two-pointer on a
faked extra point.

Farmington 42, Auburn Hills
Avondale 9: Farmington opened the
playoffs with this easy 33-point victory
over Avondale Friday. The host Falcons, who also defeated the Yellow-

jackets earlier this season in OAA Blue Division action, were led by Kendall Williams who finished with five touchdowns while rushing for 165 yards on 20 carries. He returned a fumble 51 yards for a TD. Teammate Delmon Sewell gained 150 yards on 22 carries. Farmington (7-3) will host South Lyon East (6-4) in the district championship game on Friday.

Region 4-District 1

Warren Woods Tower 47, Garden City 7: Matt Bills rushed for 255 yards and three touchdowns as the host Titans (9-1) cruised to a victory over the Cougars (6-4).

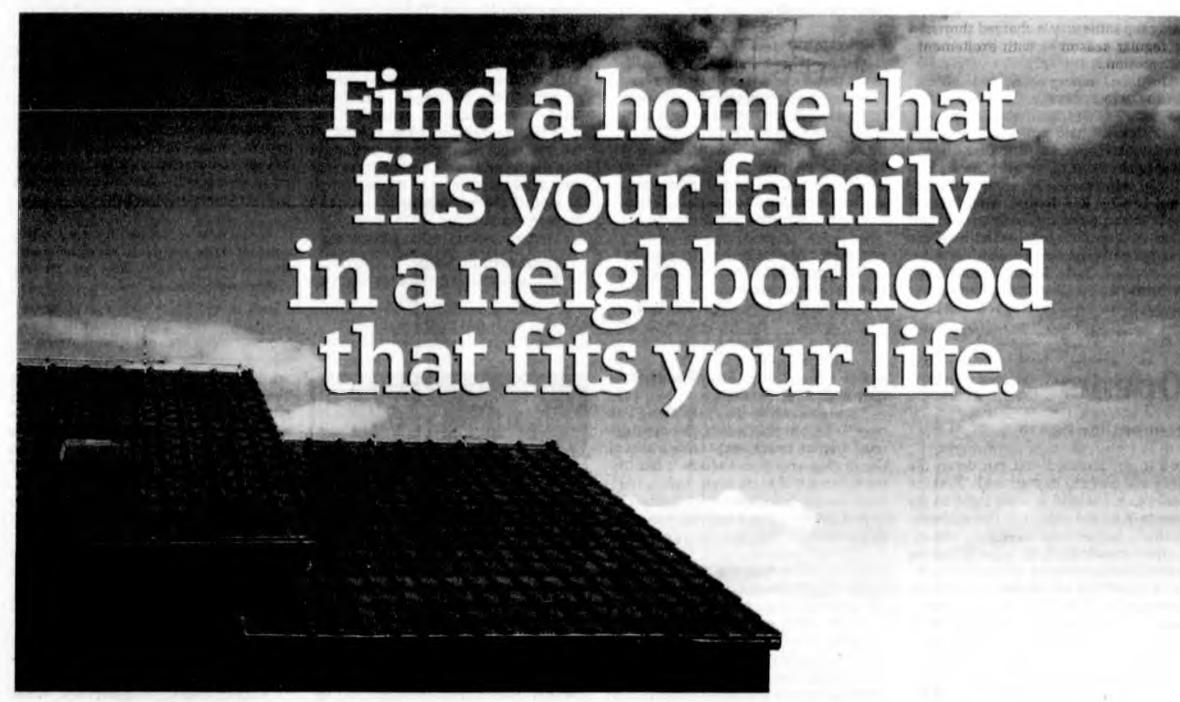
Division 4

Region 4-District 1

Birmingham Detroit Country Day 42, Center Line 6: Detroit Country Day was sparked by senior Darren King's 50-yard punt return early in the game and went on to this 36-point victory over the MAC Bronze Division champion Panthers. Junior quarterback Ahlon Mitchell three three touchdown passes — one each to Demetriess Champion (3 yards), King (78 yards) and Josh Winowich (5 yards). Mitchell completed 6-of-9 passes for 120 yards. Anthony Ammori (14 yards) and Winowich (5 yards) also had touchdowns for host Country Day. Defensively, Anthony Toma had five tackles with one sack and Mitchell Rits had three tackles and two caused fumbles. Champion recovered two fumbles and Dan MacLean recovered another. Country Day (7-2) will host Farmington Harrison in next week's district championship game.

Farmington Hills Harrison 24, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 10

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Junior defender Jake Newman (middle) is mobbed by teammates after intercepting a Dexter pass in overtime to secure South Lyon's first playoff victory in seven years. TOM BEADOUIN

The thrills just keep coming for South Lyon

Marty Budner

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South Lyon opened postseason play Friday the same way it charged through the regular season — with excitement and emotion.

The Lions remained perfect with a thrilling 31-24 overtime victory over Dexter in a chilly Division 2 pre-district game played at The Jungle.

It was undefeated South Lyon's 10th straight victory — seventh by 10 points or less — in this amazing turnaround season after having won just one game last fall.

It marks the first time since 1995 that the Lions won their first 10 games. That was the year former head coach Bob Scheloske, who was on the sidelines for Friday's OT classic, took South Lyon to the Class A state championship game, where it lost to Lapeer West.

"Bob Scheloske is sitting in the end zone — I call him the Godfather of South Lyon football — and this is exciting," said head coach Jeff Henson, who had 24 returning players this season. "South Lyon is a great football town. This is a blast. I said that a few weeks ago. We have a blast in practice. It's a lot of fun."

South Lyon junior defensive back Jake Newman ended the game by intercepting a Dexter pass in the end zone, causing a stirring victory celebration and giving the Lions and their faithful fans another week of football.

"That was an awesome feeling and it felt so great to see all of my teammates and everyone just coming up to me," Newman said about the interception. "We just fought the whole game and never gave up and that's what we've been doing the whole season. That's why we've been so successful."

Henson was relieved after Newman's big play.

When I saw that interception, my thought was, 'Thank you.' It was nice to see Jake make that play there," he said. "We were able to pressure the quarterback and he made a play there he probably didn't want to. Relief was another emotion."

Overtime heroics

South Lyon had the ball first in overtime and took three plays to score.

Junior quarterback Connor Fracassi hit senior Ron Menard on an 8-yard, third-down touchdown pass for what proved the game-winning score. Conner Harris, who booted the extra point for the 31-24 lead, was hit by a Dexter defender on the play. As a result of the



South Lyon senior receiver Ron Menard caught three touchdown passes during Friday's win over Dexter, including the game-winner in overtime. TOM BEAUDOIN

to start their series from the 15-yard line instead of the 10.

Dexter quarterback Colin Parachek, only a sophomore, missed his first two pass attempts. On third down, Parachek threw the ball into the end zone, only to be picked off by Newman. It was Newman's second interception of the game and fourth of the season.

"I was just reading my keys, just as I was taught," Newman said. "I was just reading the quarterback. He rolled out and I rolled out with him and I just highpointed the ball and made a play on it."

Four action-packed quarters

It was a classic battle, with both teams owning leads at one time or another.

South Lyon led after one quarter, 7-0, but the teams were tied 14-14 at the half. They went through a scoreless third quarter before each team registered a field goal and touchdown in the final quarter to account for the 24-24 tie.

Fracassi tossed four touchdown passes — three to Menard (22, Il and 8 yards) and another to James Haddock (52 yards). Harris kicked a 37-yard penalty, the Dreadnaughts were forced fourth-quarter field goal and just touched into the end zone to complete

missed on a 35-yard attempt with 16 seconds left that would have put the Lions up, 27-24.

"We've been (in close games) like this all year, but a credit to (Dexter). They came out here and executed and had us on our heels. They really did," Henson said. "You don't know what to expect when you have limited film and you're playing an opponent you don't have any history with. But a lot of credit to (Dexter head coach) Phil (Jacobs) and his gang. Fortunately, we were able to get out of here with a win."

Dexter's big-play scores

Dexter, in its first ever playoff game in the program's 68-year history, certainly gave Lakes Valley Conference champion South Lyon all it could handle.

The Dreadnaughts scored two second-quarter passing touchdowns.

The first was a 21-yard quick hitter from Parachek to Antwan Ficklen.

The second came on a fortunate bounce, when Parachek's pass downfield hit a player's helmet, caromed high into the air and landed in the arms of senior Zach Koone, who raced unthe wild 72-yard play.

Dexter's Andy Durand, following Harris's field goal, returned the kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown to take a 21-17 lead. The Dreadnaughts later got a 27yard field goal by Karl Kerska to account for their final scoring.

The loss ended Dexter's historic season with a 6-4 record.

"Miserable. My heart is aching for this group of kids and this group seniors," Jacobs said. "We had our opportunities and we made some big plays to stay in it. But (South Lyon) is a good football team. They might have been the best team we played this year. Our guys fought to the very end."

Injuries to the Lions

South Lyon was forced to play a good portion of the game without tailbacks Ian Goins and Dominick Santoni, who both suffered apparent leg injuries but were able to walk off the field on their own accord, for a good portion of the

Junior Mitch Komorous ran the ball most of the fourth quarter.

"We were struggling here. We had two starters who went down last week, which really hurt us," Henson said. "But it's next man up. It's this part of the season. Everybody goes through it. Everybody's beat up a little bit.

"We're fortunate our kids were able to execute," he added. "Connor, on that last play in overtime, bought time and Ronnie was able to sneak into the end zone. That was really nice."

Lions in Western rematch

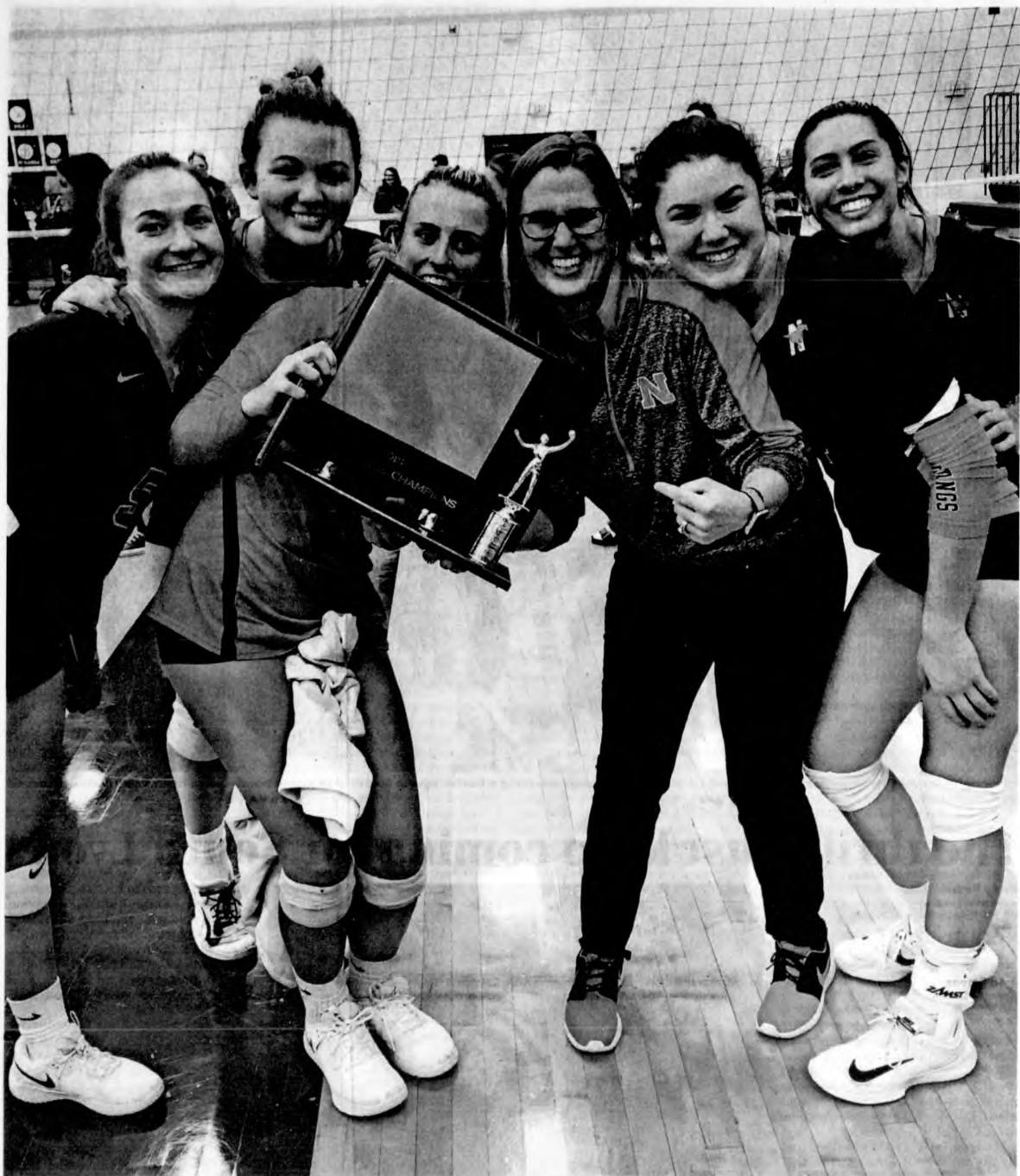
South Lyon's season continues at 7 p.m. Friday at The Jungle against LVC rival Walled Lake Western in the Division 2 district championship game. The Lions defeated the Warriors, 29-19, in the second-last game of the regular season.

With the win over Dexter, South Lyon registered its first playoff win since 2011, when it defeated Holly in the playoff opener, only to lose to Western in the district final. Western owns a 5-2 overall series advantage against South Lyon.

"Just like last week and all year. We knew we were going to be better this year," Henson said. "Credit to our kids. They believe in themselves and believe in what we do. I don't know what to say to it. They are just a great group of kids and, obviously, they just keep getting it done."

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The Northville volleyball team celebrates after winning the KLAA tournament Oct. 20 at Novi.

KLAA champ Northville tested in tourney

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Being the odds-on favorite to win the Kensington Lakes Activities Association volleyball tournament, stateranked Northville was able to pass the litmus test.

But it wasn't easy.

On Oct. 20, the No. 8-rated team in Division 1 ended Novi's seven-year run of KLAA tourney titles with a 28-26, 23-25, 15-11 in the championship over the host Wildcats.

The tournament featured the top four finishers from the KLAA West and East divisions, with Northville (42-6-1) going 6-0 on the day.

"We were quite excited to get our (KLAA West) division trophy, the first time we've had it in five years," Northville coach Julie Fisette said. "Going into the conference, we knew that another piece of hardware, the conference champ, was at stake. Fortunately, all the girls were mentally prepared. We knew we were going to be with people in our pool, which we had beaten before. Going into every game, it was kind of the same lineup and same concept that we need to get the job done. We need to play our game on our side of the net and everything will take care of itself. And I think

we did that pretty well in pool play." Northville, which captured the Black pool, got contributions from many different players, led by junior Clare McNamara, who finished the day with 32 kills, seven aces, 37 digs and five solo blocks.

Michigan State commit Hannah Grant, a senior libero, paced the defense with 70 total digs to go along with 17 ace serves. Senior setter Gabi Fisette collected 80 total assist-to-kills and nine aces.

Other Northville contributors included Jenna Boksha (38 kills), Eleanor Knight (21 kills), Michael VanAcker (20 kills), Emma Stiles (39 assist, 17 digs) and Nyia Setla (38 digs).

"We've got 16 (players) and that's a pretty big number for a varsity team and, as the season has gone on, we've had to rely on some girls more than others, but we've definitely gone to our bench in times that we've needed to and those girls have stepped up and right up into the positions," Fisette said. "I think we've got really strong kids where we're able to set three hitters across the front row in two rotations. We play a 6-2 (alignment) and we put two setters in. And part of that reason is because we have so many hitters that are so productive when they get on the court."

After breezing past Hartland (25-11, 25-15), Livonia Franklin (25-12, 25-6), Livonia Stevenson (25-10, 25-12) and Franklin again (25-10, 25-12), Northville found itself in a tight, three-set semifinal battle against Churchill before prevailing, 23-25, 25-13, 15-8.

'That was the first time we saw Churchill," Fisette said. "They've got a really strong team and really great players. I think after the first set, we changed our game plan a little bit. What was happening was our hitters were being blocked a lot and that was causing a lot of angst. We went back to the drawing table and Megha Gondi (21 kills) and Caleigh Rob-

we told our setters get the ball in the air because we were really confident our hitters could get high above those girls and then determine where they were going to hit the ball. And I think it gave them a little more energy and we got the momentum back when they started to get the ball up and those girls the oppor-

tunity to hit over that block." Novi (33-8-1), the three-time defending MHSAA Class A state champion, captured the Gold pool with straight-set wins against Brighton (25-13, 25-7), Livonia Churchill (25-21) and Belleville (25-13, 25-7).

The Wildcats also posted elimination-round wins over Brighton (25-22, 25-16) and Livonia Stevenson (25-21, 25-

In the first meeting between the two teams Oct. 9, Northville defeated Novi convincingly in three sets, but the rematch proved to be much more competitive.

"I don't what to attribute it to, but we made a lot of errors," Fisette said of the three-set championship final. "We were not playing a very pretty game on our half of the court. And in doing so, Novi looked really, really strong. (Novi) did have a lot more confidence and looked stronger than in the division game (Oct. 9)."

Novi's top two performers on the day were senior outside hitter Jaeda Porter (49 kills, 31 digs, four aces) and junior setter Shannon Jennings (103 assists, 22 kills, 31 digs, seven aces).

Other top hitters for Novi included sophomores Gaby Cummings (33 kills),

Sophomore libero Rachel Jennings paced the defense with 63 digs, while seniors Kaylee Peterson and Alivia Hart added 36 and 31, respectively. Peterson and Hart also contributed seven aces apiece.

"On hindsight, kind of reviewing the film and looking at the stats, our girls didn't take care of the ball too well on our side of the court," Fisette said. "We did end up edging them out, we ended up winning, but they put up a very strong match and gave us a battle. It was kind of scary as a coach and knowing that you're possibly going to see them again in our district."

The two teams could likely meet for a third time this season if they both advance to the Division 1 district final beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at Northville.

The first round features Canton and Novi, with the winner taking on Salem, preceeded by the Northville-Plymouth match.

"They get stronger every time we see them," Fisette said of Novi. "So we're going to go back to the drawing board and spend this week just really brushing up on what we do best and making sure we're very disciplined that where we're hitting and that we're getting the ball where it needs to go and the hitters taking the correct path to score."

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CC's Blake DeFillippo (left), who scored the Shamrocks' lone goal, gets around Grand Blanc's Andrew Holley. HOLLY JONES

Bobcats feel grand after PK win over Detroit CC

Backup goalkeeper **Anderson delivers** off bench in 2-1 shootout victory

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After watching his team battle defending MHSAA Division 1 boys soccer state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central to a 1-1 draw for 100 minutes, Grand Blanc coach Greg Kehler decided it was time to go with his closer out of the bullpen.

It wasn't the World Series, but it sure felt like it.

Backup goalkeeper Jack Anderson came in cold to replace starter Jacob Whitmore and earned the save - making three of them, in fact, in a tense eight-round penalty kick shootout - in a 2-1 Grand Blanc victory and a regional championship title Oct. 25 before its home fans.

"This is our third shootout; we had two other tournaments where we had to go to shootouts," Kehler said. "So we learned a lot from those. We weren't very successful in it and we changed our lineup around a little bit. Matter of fact, my goalkeeping coach and my JV coach Nick Thomas, (I) talked to both of them today and Jacob (Whitmore) said, 'Hey, put him in, he's better at it than I am."

Catholic Central, coming off its first state title in school history in 2017, appeared to have the game won with less than a minute remaining in the second 10-minute overtime, only to have Whitmore deny Jack Leuker on a point-blank shot to the back post following a pinpoint cross into the box from Jeswin Da-

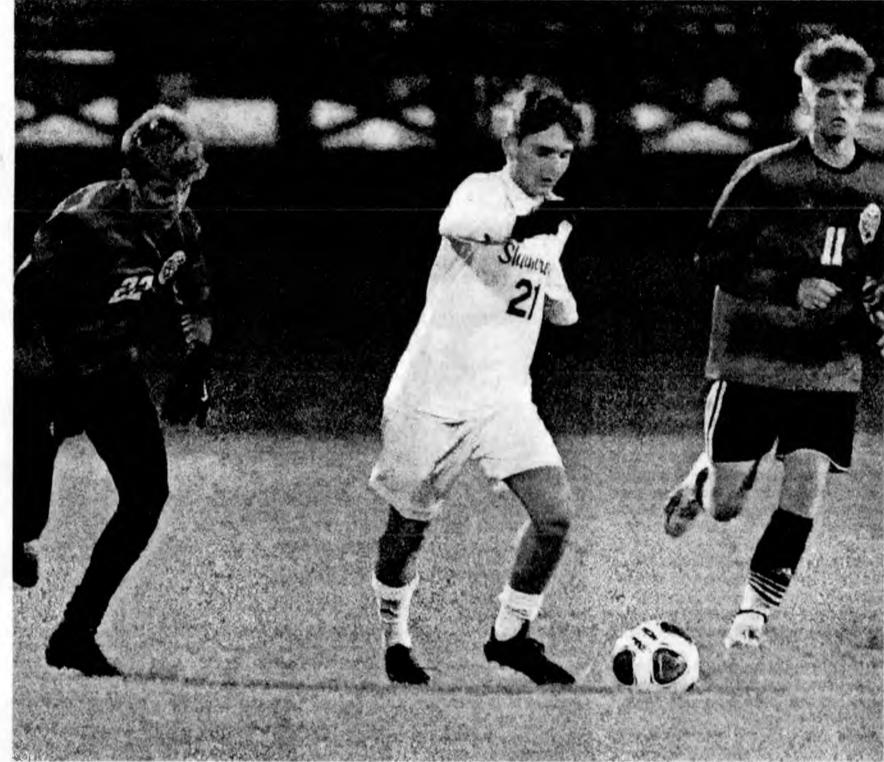
"Those are the ones where you just know it's going in and it doesn't," CC coach Gene Pulice said. "Again, we were in position where we were creating opportunities. Sometimes it's not all about being good. Sometimes there's a little luck involved with it."

When the shootout started, Whit-

more was out and Anderson was in. "It's a good relationship when you have two goalkeepers work together in practice and battling for competition and time, then have them compete like that and give up a spot like that and the limelight like that," Kehler said.

Of CC's eight total PK attempts, Anderson made three stops, while the Shamrocks misfired on another.

"I've got a knack for PKs," said Anderson, a junior. "I'm not thinking, I'm going with my gut, no thinking at all.



Catholic Central's Ben Kirouac (middle) manuevers through Grand Blanc defenders Jeron Body (left) and Connor Shea. **HOLLY JONES**

you, so I just go with what I think they're going to do every time."

Even though Grand Blanc blew a two-PK lead in the first round of five, the Bobcats clinched it when Blake Quincy converted on the eighth attempt to beat CC senior keeper Andrew Nicholsen, who had made two saves himself during the shootout.

"I was a little frustrated at the team for not pulling their weight, but it worked out in the end, so I have no complaints," Anderson said.

Grand Blanc (19-6) took a 1-0 lead with 7:18 to play in the first half on Muaz Asperger's goal from Justen Sales after a free kick was taken by Keegan Hob-

Catholic Central (18-5-1) regrouped at halftime and began to apply relentless pressure over the final 40 minutes of regulation, getting a goal from Luke Wil-

assist from Drake Midgley.

"It was kind of one-sided for a long time," Kehler said. "It seemed like we were running uphill a lot. Credit to them, they're a very good team, defending state champs and that's why. They were never going to say die. At one point, I knew we were getting a little tired and I was trying to decide if I should put some players in off the bench, but we decided to ride it out. I think they just kind of wore us down with their constant pressure the second half. But we were pretty resilient. These guys are something else, I'll tell you."

It was definitely a roller-coaster ride of emotions throughout the match.

"We started out well, then they kind of took control of the game," Pulice said. "And I thought we took control of the game back. And I think we created a lot of opportunities. We had more opportu-They're good enough to try and trick lemsen with only 6:07 remaining off an nities than goals, obviously. I thought

we played well. I told the guys tonight that it's about heart when you get in here. I think our guys played with heart. I think we had good leadership again, but what really brought us back to even 1-1 was heart. Like I told the guys, I said, 'We can't be more proud of you.' Everybody came here to play, they played with heart. We represented well. Sometimes it doesn't work out. If you're going to lose a game in PKs ... we know sometimes it goes your way and sometimes it does not go your way."

Grand Blanc advanced to the Division 1 state semifinal at Holt against East Kentwood (15-3-4), which defeated Holt, 1-0, in its regional final.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Detroit CC soccer player Willemsen wins latest poll

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If you're seeing double on the Novi Detroit Catholic Central soccer team, don't be confused.

That's because the Shamrocks feature the talented twins John and Luke Willemsen, who have played an integral

> role in the Shamrocks' success this season.



John Willemsen, a senior midfielder, was instrumental in CC winning its second straight Division 1 district title Oct. 20 at West Bloomfield with a 3-2 double-

overtime victory over Novi.

Willemsen scored a pair of goals in the win over Novi and also added a goal in a first-round victory over South Lyon.

For his efforts, Willemsen garnered a total of 12,659 votes (48.67 percent) to edge Birmingham Groves football player Damonte McCurty for Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week honors. McCurdy was a close runner-up with 11,059 votes (42.51 percent).

Here's is a closer look a Willemsen, who responded to our five questions:

What made winning the distric title and this season so special? This season was so important to us because

we were able to beat Novi in the district final two years in a row. On top of that, we won the Catholic League for the third time in a row, first time ever in CC histo-

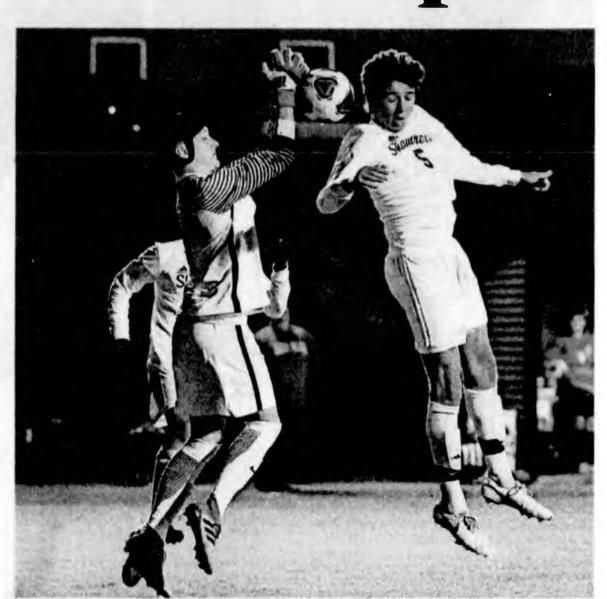
Who is your soccer role model: "Christian Pulisic, because he is such a young, talented player who is working his way to the top. This gives a lot of hope for young aspiring soccer players."

What is your all-time favorite sports movie? "The Blind Side," because it shows the main character, Michael, maturing from just a kid on the streets to a star athlete.

What is is like playing with your twin brother Luke? It's always been fun playing on the same team as my younger brother. We've combined with each other for many goals this season. Playing soccer with the same person for over 10 years really helps with the chem-

What are your future plans and do they include soccer? After I graduate from CC, I plan on studying engineering at Michigan State University. If I'm able, I would like to play for the MSU club soccer team."

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Catholic Central's John Willemsen (right) goes up for the header in front of Grand Blanc goalkeeper. HOLLY JONES

BOYS TENNIS

Northville's Freeman brings home Division 1 singles crown

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It you were putting a scrapbook together on the 2018 Northville High boys tennis season, there were plenty of pages to fill.

The Mustangs matched their highest finish in school history since 2012 with a fourth-place showing in the MHSAA Division 1state finals held Friday and Saturday at the Greater Midland Community Tennis Center.

Bloomfield Hills repeated as champion with 37 points. Birmingham Brother Rice and Ann Arbor Huron tied for second with 22 each, while Northville was not far behind with 20. (Novi and Novi Detroit Catholic Central placed ninth and 10th with II and nine points, respectively).

"It was a really big season," first-year Northville coach Trey Keating said. "Our goal right off the bat was to win the KLAA West Division, win the KLAA tournament and win regionals. And anything we did at states was icing on the cake, basically. In that regard, we were very tight to taking second place. Only two points separated us from Brother Rice and Huron."

Northville sophomore Matthew Freeman, the top seed, provided an individual highlight when he captured the No. 4 singles flight with a 7-6 (7-5), 6-1 win in the finals over Bloomfield Hills' Cade Burman.

Gallagher, who won 25 of his 26 matches on the year, advanced to the final with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Detroit CC's Brandon Falk.

Northville's No. 3 singles player Samir Rajani, a senior, earned a spot in the semifinals before falling to eventual champion Sebastian Burman of Bloomfield Hills in three sets, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. Rajani wound up 24-9 overall.

Northville's Arvind Kalyana, the fifth seed at No. 2 singles, earned a firstround bye and captured his openinground match against Canton's Kurt Seifert, 6-2, 6-3, before falling in the quarterfinals to Clarkston's Jacob Burkett, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0. Kalyana finished 25-7 on the year.

The Mustangs' top singles player, senior Ryan Gallagher, was upended in three sets by Rochester Stoney Creek's Nicholas Kla., 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. He finished 20-10 overall.

In doubles, Northville's No. 2 tandem of Daniel Dong and Justin Yang made it all the way to the finals before falling to Bloomfield Hills' Ryan Frank and Andrew Chen, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4).

Dong and Yang, who posted a 28-5 record, upset the top-seeded duo of Nick Grosh and T.J. Bail of Huron in the semifinals, 7-5, 6-7 (5-7), 6-2).

At No. 4 doubles, Northville's sixth-



Northville took fourth place in the MHSAA Division 1 boys tennis state finals in Midland, matching its highest finish in school history.

seed duo of Illija Jaksic and Ryan Vig made it to the semifinals before falling in three sets to Troy's Alex Yang and Noah Tanguay, 6-3, 6-2. Jaksic and Vig went 17-4 on the year.

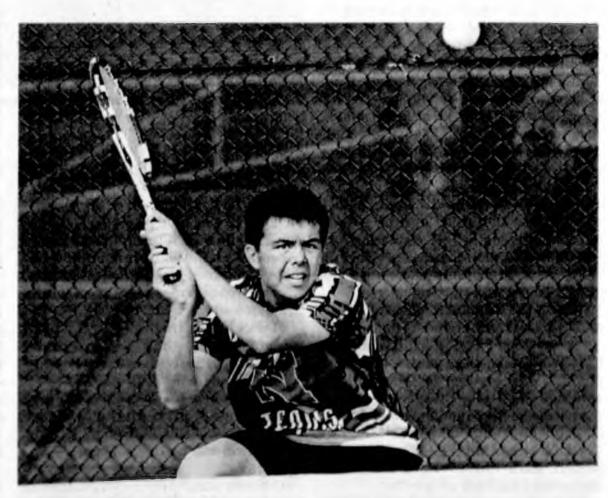
Meanwhile, Northville's No. 3 team of Mikhail Boksha and Cameron Mailley finished 25-4 overall after falling to Rice's Jonny Browne and Danny Dillon, 7-5, 7-5, in the quarterfinals.

The Mustangs' No. 1 doubles duo of Ani Attaluri and Pranav Doppalapuddi (9-5) won their first-round match against Rochester, 6-3, 6-1, before falling to Troy in the second round three-setter, 6-7 (6-8), 7-5, 6-1.

"I don't know if it set a record for Northville, but it was most flights we've gotten to on the second day," Keating said. "My two doubles was the second Northville doubles team to get to a final, so that was really big for them."

The Mustangs graduate six of their top 12 players: Gallagher, Kalyana and Rajani in singles, along with Doppalapuddi, Boksha and Jaksic in doubles.

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Northville sophomore Matthew Freeman finished 25-1 overall, capped by a No. 4

Churchill dual-sport athlete Vaeth excels as setter, runner

Just a typical day at the office for Chargers senior

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Grace Vaeth's life as a student-athlete at Livonia Churchill High School these days requires a day planner.

During a 10-day period, the senior participated in two volleyball matches, along with a pair of Saturday all-day volleyball tournaments, not to mention two very important cross country meets.

All in the life of a dual-sport athlete and a pretty special one, you may say.

"It's pretty hard," said Vaeth, who has juggled the two fall sports now for two seasons. "I really have to be mentally tough to do this. What I pride myself on is doing the best that I can be. In cross country, I like to focus on just running and, when I go to volleyball, I don't want

to think about cross country. I just want to think about volleyball and how I can get better in volleyball."

> Vaeth's primary sport has been volleyball. As a starting setter, she helped the Chargers cap-

ture the KLAA East Division title Oct. 18 when she finished with 34 assist-tokills and 19 digs in a four-set win at Livonia Stevenson.

She's been playing volleyball since the sixth grade and, during the winter and spring months, she'll be playing for the Legacy Volleyball Club on its national level travel team.

Vaeth's first stop after school is cross country practice, where she'll normally run four to five miles, followed by a light post-run workout. Then it's off to volleyball practice around 5:30 p.m.

"I usually bring some snacks," Vaeth said. "I go to the vending machines. Sometimes if I have time, I'll stop at a convenience store next store, pick up a sandwich or something or Subway."

When volleyball practice ends anywhere between 7-8 p.m., she'll head home, shower, eat, do her homework and then sleep.

"That kid probably has more energy than any kid I've ever coached," Churchill volleyball coach Kristin Clutter said. "She comes to practice every day after running. She never slacks, ever. She never misses a beat and always puts in 100-percent effort all the time. It actually doesn't affect her at all. Never complains about being tired. The worst thing she'll do is be three minutes late for practice because she has to eat something really quick. But she's always there. She does a really nice job for

And Vaeth has been doing a nice job this season for the Chargers cross country team, which recently captured the Livonia City and KLAA East Division dual meet titles,

She placed fifth at the Livonia City Meet on Oct. 12 at Cass Benton Park with a 5,000-meter time of 20:22.

"I had a personal best by 14 seconds and it's a really hard course, so I was proud of myself," Vaeth said.

At the KLAA meet Oct. 18 at Huron Meadows Metropark, Vaeth took 25th overall while earning all-conference honors with another personal best (19:51.0).

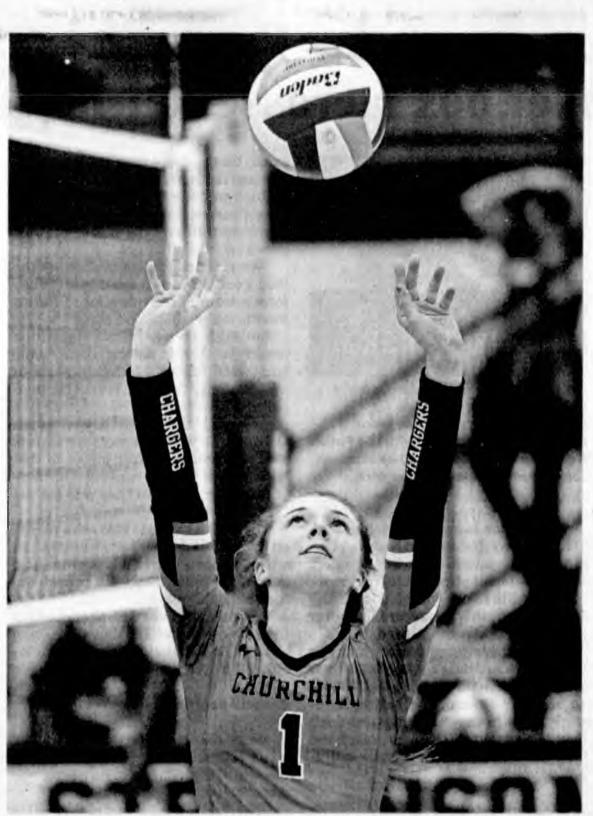
"Grace puts 100-percent effort into everything that she does," first-year Churchill cross country coach Sara Kroll said. "It's not, 'How do I split time with the practices and workouts between both sports?' She comes to cross country and she's fully committed to cross country. We're still doing 5,000 meters of effort on every hard workout day and we're in the weight room ... then she finishes up, she cools down and she goes to volleyball practice. I couldn't ask for anything better from a leader standpoint from her. She leads by example every single day and is constantly doing everything she can do to be the best cross country athlete she can be and then I know she's doing the same for

Kroll believes Vaeth brings many in-

tangibles to her cross country team. "She's very, very funny, light-hearted in everything that she does, but certainly can tone it down and be serious when she needs to be," Kroll said. "But always the type of person that approaching everything with the mindset, 'How can I



Churchill's Grace Vaeth ran a personal best 19:51.0 to place 25th and earn all-conference honors at the KLAA meet Oct. 18 at Huron Meadows Metropark, DAN DEAN I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Livonia Churchill's Grace Vaeth is the starting setter on the KLAA East Division champion volleyball team. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

of today?" Wanting to earn her letter jacket sport patch, Vaeth went out for track at Churchill as a sophomore, when she fell in love with running distance. But the seeds to be a runner were planted long before that.

"My cousins were really good runners when they were in high school," Vaeth said. "They went to U-M, Michigan State ... so I've been going to cross country meets since I was 3 years old. have fun and how can I get the best out I've grown up around that sport. I al-

ways wanted to try it, but since in volleyball I wasn't tall, I said, 'Hey, why don't I try it?' It's worked out. I feel like I've never been in better shape in my life. It's just so much fun. I love the people in both sports. Both teams are very supportive of each other. I know a couple of my cross country friends came (to the Stevenson match). Some of my volleyball girls keep up on how I'm doing in cross country and they're always, like, 'Congratulations, you're doing good."

Vaeth is not only doing well on the

volleyball court and on the cross country trails, but she's also in the classroom. She is taking three Advanced Placement classes this semester.

Her hectic sports schedule, along with balancing the academics, has proven to be a challenge.

"What I like the most is that I have friends that can help me if I'm struggling or I don't have enough time after school to study up when a test is coming up," Vaeth said. "I'm pretty good this year, I'm really proud of myself actually, but it's difficult. Sometimes, I don't go to bed until 1 a.m. I'm trying to go to bed earlier now so I have more energy for the

But Vaeth continues to thrive. She carries an impressive 3.9 grade-point

"We were concerned at first with her maintaining her grades," said Mark Vaeth, Grace's father. "In fact, being a dual-sport athlete has made her focus better on her studies. And there are benefits from doing multiple sports. For example, she is much quicker and has more stamina on the volleyball court because of all her cross country and track training. Needless to say, we are quite proud of her."

From time to time this fall, Vaeth has had to make a decision which sport to participate in when there is a scheduling conflict. This Saturday, the Chargers will be playing in a volleyball tournament the same day as the MHSAA Division 1 cross country regional at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

"I decided I'd go to the cross country because that might be my last meet, unless I qualify for states," Vaeth said.

As far as her athletic future, Vaeth is open-minded. She would like to try volleyball in college if the opportunity presented itself. Her No. 1 school is Grand Valley State, with Michigan State, Wayne State and Central Michigan also in the picture.

There is another option out there as

"If I get into Grand Valley, I'd like to play on their club team or try as a walkon," Vaeth said. "I talked to the coaches at Madonna (University), where I could play volleyball and run track -if I want-

For Vaeth, that's something she's very familiar with.

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Sights and sounds of hockey music to ears of the autistic

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Brett Stacey Jr. is an 8-year-old boy who lives with autism. Family visits to Dairy Queen might unexpectedly come to an end as soon as he hears the blender start whirring.

His parents, Heather and Brett Stacey of Wixom, never know what might trigger a response. It's almost like needing to live inside protective bubble wrap. But for them and other parents, they were able to let their kids enjoy a real, live sporting game Sunday afternoon without worrying about potential jolts to the nervous system.

USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth hosted its inaugural Sensory Friendly Game, with nothing but basic game sounds reverberating around the venue. Even after the game's 11 goals (the U.S. National Team Development Program's U-18 team defeated Dubuque, 8-3) there were no public address announcements – a tiny inconvenience for hockey fans.

Sounds filling the arena were those of sticks, pucks and players slamming into the boards, along with referee whistles. For the record, the horn did sound at the end of each period, but only after a warning message was posted on video boards to give parents several minutes to help their kids get ready.

"He's very sensitive to sounds, like the vacuum cleaner, the blender," Heather Stacey said about young Brett. "A lot of times we go to Dairy Queen and they turn on the blender and he bolts. So there's a lot of situations that we try to avoid, but it's nice having days like this, where we can just come and relax. It's sensory-friendly."

The younger Brett seemed to get into the USHL action, too. When players from the U.S. team and Dubuque slammed into the boards behind U.S. goalie Cameron Rowe, he was as excited as the next fan.

So far, so good



Yolanda Keaton and 10-year-old son Evan Keaton watch Sunday's game from a quiet room. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

seemed to be OK," Heather Stacey said. "He just plugged his ears. But he seemed to like the check at the boards, it's good."

Also seemingly liking that heavy check was 11-year-old Alex Mouzouros of Northville, who is severely affected with autism. His mom, Emily Moutzouros, smiled about Alex's silent reaction (he is non-verbal).

"He really enjoyed it," Emily Moutzouros said following the first period. "This is probably one of the first times we've taken him to a live sports event and he really liked it. He actually enjoyed it when they hit the boards."

She added that, had Alex not liked what he saw or heard, he'd be making his way toward the concourse.

"He would definitely let us know if he's not enjoying it," she said. "He would be pulling me towards the exits."

Moutzouros found out about the Sensory Friendly Game from the Autism Alliance of Michigan Facebook page and thought it would be worth a try. But like other parents of the autistic, one never knows what might suddenly spoil things.

"Yeah, we don't necessarily know sometimes," Moutzouros said. "He covers his ears for maybe a crying baby, but then the sound of a siren whizzing right "I wasn't sure about the horn, but he by him doesn't bother him. So you just



Emily Moutzouros (left) of Northville enjoys Sunday's Sensory Friendly Game with sons Nate, 5, and Alex, 11. Alex has autism. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

never know."

Up close

Canton's Rebecca and Rob Stojcevski brought 7-year-old son Johnny to the contest. They sat in Section 107, which was open seating for families with autistic children. The little boy covered his ears from time to time, but he also happily munched on pizza and french fries.

'(Johnny) loves hockey, he loves watching the Red Wings on TV," Rebecca Stojcevski said. "And he has hockey figures, he likes lining them up and playing with them. So we wanted to bring him here and have him experience a

"We love that it's going to be sensoryfriendly, so that a lot of the loud buzzers and things like that they weren't going to have. And the quiet room for kids to go to, because of his autism, we thought this would be a good way for him to experience a hockey game."

The arena, NTDP and Autism Alliance of Michigan partnered for the event. Approximately 700 people attended the matinee.

"It's great to see how (families can) go to something that I would take my kids to or other families take for granted." Kat Nelson of AAoM said, "to see families that haven't been able to experience that stuff as a unit is pretty great."

Also great was the U-18 squad, which

built a 6-0 lead and coasted to an 8-3 victory. Among goal scorers was Jack Hughes, who is the universal choice to be selected first in the 2019 NHL Entry

"We're kind of in the zone when we play," Hughes said. "But it was good and we knew it was for a good cause."

Defenseman Alex Vlasic said the event "was a lot of fun. The cause was, obviously, pretty amazing, to play in a building that's doing something for these people that aren't able to come to normal hockey games."

There wasn't a recording of the U.S. national anthem before the game, either. So to help compensate, U.S. players sang in unison - some better than others, according to head coach John Wroblewski.

Energy boost

"It was kind of refreshing, in a way, with the lack of music and hoopla and it's just getting right after it," Wroblewski said. "You can hear all the nuances in between whistles, it forces your team to create an environment on the bench which is what you want anyway, a lot of positivity. A lot of things get amplified on the bench when there's no music in the arena.

"You're forced to communicate in a game like that, otherwise it's just going to be a dead arena. You got to have the guys chirping on the bench and picking each other up after good shifts and picking each other after bad shifts."

Vlasic added that the U-18 players "tried to generate as much noise and energy as we could so that everyone was feeling the game and just feeling the moment and the atmosphere. But it wasn't too hard to get into the game."

Longtime USA Hockey Arena fans Scott and Denise Merryfield of Plymouth, meanwhile, said it was a unique and enjoyable experience.

"It was very different. I missed having the announcements and so forth," Scott Merryfield said. "But it was actually kind of nice, the music sometimes is kind of loud here. We could actually talk to people next to us. It was nice for a change of pace."

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INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE

Locals gaga over box lacrosse tourney experience

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They drove hundreds of miles to the middle of nowhere, for the chance to play "box lacrosse" and represent their Polish heritage.

Yet for Madonna University men's lacrosse players Ian Rush and Brendan Daschke, the late September journey to the Onondaga Indian Reservation near Syracuse, N.Y., proved to be as much cosmic as it was intensely competitive.

Rush and Daschke, both sophomores, played recently with the Polish Developmental Team at the Lax All-Stars North American Invitational. Games were played on turf-covered hockey rinks, with shrinking time and space compared to the places they play college field lacrosse.

Sure, getting the opportunity to play a crash-bang-boom style of lacrosse in relatively tight quarters proved riveting.

"I just think it's a lot of people that haven't seen it," said Rush, 19, a former hockey and lacrosse player at Orchard Lake St. Mary's. "People who have seen it say, 'Oh, I've always wanted to play that, that's a cool sport.' It's the fastest sport on two legs."

Soaking up knowledge

Both players said the experience provided a shot of adrenaline. Like sponges, they soaked it all up and look to incorporate elements into their college

"I knew I could hang with them," Rush said. "But it was just crazy to see the speed, how different some of the movements are. A lot of it relates to field lacrosse, but you're that much tighter.

"And just, I learned more about shooting that weekend than I did in my last four years of lacrosse just by my one coach Heath Garlow. He coaches the national team for Poland. He was awesome with helping us out."

Daschke, also 19, marveled at the pace and physicality. The 2017 Novi High School grad can't wait to go back next year.



Ian Rush (left) and Brendan Daschke, both members of Madonna University's men's lacrosse team, participated last month with the Polish Developmental Team at a box lacrosse tournament in upstate New York.

"I loved box lacrosse," Daschke said. "This was my first time in a while playing true, organized box. But it really taught me about physicality. I play more of a defensive role in college, so bringing that kind of gritty, hard-hitting aspect back to the field game, I loved it.

"And you see these players and you think, 'How are they so good with their hands, how are they getting the ball out so fast and shooting the ball so accurately?' It's because in box, you don't have time to think. Once you catch the ball, someone's within a step-and-ahalf of you."

A different world

While there, it was a case of doing what the locals do. After all, Onondaga is viewed as the sacred ground where during the 19th century lacrosse took root — a sport with healing powers.

"It was probably one of the top experiences in my life," Daschke said. "You get to go to a place like that, the Onondaga Nation up in New York. It's the birthplace of lacrosse. It's the mecca of la-

"You see all these stories, like in our world, on the social media we follow, it's almost like a sacred and hallowed place where the best players in the world come from, where the creators of the

game, that's where they come from. It was just really, really cool."

Rush said the Polish Developmental Team finished 22nd out of more than 30 teams from all over the world, but they gave as good as they got.

"We lost our first game against the Frog Pond Maulers," Rush said. "They were a team filled with a lot of Native Americans, a really good team."

But Rush already knew competition would be fierce, having done some homework before the tournament about how ingrained the game is with the people who live there.

According to the Onondaga Nation website, the very first lacrosse players held hand-made hickory sticks so that "the spirit of the tree connects the player to Mother Earth as they play for the Creator."

Those first contests also were played on open fields. But in the 1930s, USA Lacrosse banned native teams from field lacrosse because they were considered "professional" players.

The Onondagas and Haudenosaunee then took their skills to Canada, having heard of Canadians who started "box lacrosse," played inside hockey rinks.

It's still sacred

Many decades later, the sport has come full-circle. Those who look into the soul of Onondaga Nation people will discover lacrosse.

"They value the Earth and they value their land," Daschke said. "So you feel very welcomed there, but there's not a whole ton going on. And you can see why lacrosse is so key to them and their culture. They invented it and that's all they do.

There was nothing going on, but then our games would end and I'd see a 2-year-old kid come out onto the floor and he was just picking corners with a tiny stick. But it's just in his hands because he's born with it. It was so cool ... they are their own sovereign nation and you really did kind of feel like you were somewhere else, you weren't in the United States anymore."

Rush described the scene there as townlife.com.

"The arena was great with all the history and trophies from past teams and players," Rush said. "It was cool to play a native team on our first game and have a strong showing the first half. When we played at the field house, we saw the 100-year-old box out front of it.

"That was crazy to think how many generations of players got their start in that box. It was cool to say that I represented my Polish heritage on the hallowed grounds of the Onondaga Nation."

Totally worth trip

Daschke and Rush both drove with their own family members from Livonia

to upstate New York. "Yeah, it's kind of a funky little way to get there," Daschke said. "I've never before been to the state of New York in my life. So navigating through, I stayed in east Syracuse and driving down through Syracuse and then onto the territory, there's not a lot around. It's really a Native American community."

Rush found out over the summer that the Polish team needed players, so he sent an email to the Polish Lacrosse Federation. His Madonna teammate immediately was on board.

"We got the heritage and national fever," Daschke said. "We started doing a little bit of digging and we found out there were ways to get involved on a national scale with these teams. Ian approached me and said he did some digging and found we could sign up for this

Now, as relative box lacrosse veterans, nothing is going to stop them from future junkets to Onondaga Nation.

"Definitely, 100-percent worth it, not even a doubt in my mind," Daschke said. "Next year, if the Polish team goes again. I'm definitely playing with them.

"But if they don't, I'll find another way to get back there because it was just too good to pass up."

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Detroit kids dream with donated cameras

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It is cold, the wind is blustery and light rain intersperses with periods of sunshine one recent Saturday. But things are not so dreary inside the Cass Community Social Services building, located on Cass between Tuxedo and Webb in Detroit.

A ray of sunshine in the form of Birmingham photojournalist Linda Solomon greets visitors to another in her project series, Pictures of Hope. Solomon started the project, which has benefited children in 50 states, to empower homeless children to communicate their hopes and dreams through photography and raise funds along the way.

Solomon invites mentors to first help the children put into words their dreams using a piece of paper, finishing the sentence: "My dream is to ..." And then, after a brief photography tutorial by Solomon, help the kids illustrate those hopes in pictures.

The pictures are turned into greeting cards which then are sold, with proceeds going back to the benefactor, in this case Cass Community Social Services, which runs the shelter where the kids live.

"Everyone needs someone to make them feel special, so our mentors make these kids sparkle," Solomon said.



Suzanne McEachern helps Ethan make a photo of a Wayne State banner. One of Ethan's hopes is to go to college. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"They show them their dreams are possible. First, they show them that we care about you and knowing someone cares about you is life-changing."

The Birmingham-based Eugene and Marcia Applebaum Family Foundation provided funding so that each child received a new digital camera they could

keep, as well as fund the printing of

greeting cards that will be sold, with all proceeds going back to CCSS.

"The Picture of Hope cards are lifechanging," Solomon said. "We have opportunities for these children that are so very important — they have shared their dreams with us and now we can share these dreams with people we care about by buying these cards and knowing that all proceeds will go right back here (Cass Community Services) and the families they help.

"The kids will never forget today when they are having a sad day," she added. "They will always remember how special they felt because of the wonderful mentors that spent the day with them going around the city photographing their hopes and dreams."

The Picture of Hopes cards can be orhttps://casscommunity.org/events/ picturesofhope/ for \$20, plus shipping, for a box of 15 cards. The public is invited to view the images chosen for the cards and meet Pictures of Hope participants and Solomon during a free reception 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African and American History.

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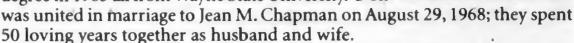


Birmingham photojournalist Linda Solomon talks to mentors, including Pamela Applebaum and husband Gaal Karp, at the Cass Community Social Services World Building in Detroit on Oct. 20. The Eugene and Marcia Applebaum Family Foundation funded the Pictures of Hope project at Cass Community Social Services. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Obituaries

Donald E. Hansen

NORTHVILLE - Donald E. Hansen, age 84, of Northville, passed away October 19, 2018. He was born on November 10, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan; son of Edward and Bertha (nee Hill) Hansen. When growing up in Detroit his family owned a large home near Olympia Stadium. They rented out rooms to many hockey players and he once shared comic books with Gordie Howe. Don graduated from Cass Tech in Detroit, class of 1951. He then continued his education and earned a bachelor's degree in 1955, a master's degree in 1958, and an education specialist degree in 1965 all from Wayne State University. Don



Don worked as a teacher of Industrial Arts at Livonia Public Schools for 41 years; he retired in 1995. He was a licensed builder and did carpentry work on older houses in the area. Don was the neighborhood champion of restorations, preservations, and additions. His carpentry was a passion; he did very fine work and was a true artist. Don enjoyed gardening; he grew beautiful roses and delicious tomatoes. He was a talented woodworker; his projects were intricate and complicated. They included ornaments, sconces, display cases, lamps, cabinets, bookshelves, and knife holders. Don's role as educator continued in he personal life; he gave wonderful advices on remodeling, plumbing, and restoring. He liked teaching "do it yourself" techniques and would often loan out the perfect tool for the job. Don was a friend to everyone; he enjoyed talking to people and giving treats to the neighborhood dogs.

Don is survived by his beloved wife, Jean M. Hansen; his children, Jennifer (Cameron) Carmody and John (Catherine) Hansen; his brothers, Richard (Mary Sue) Hansen and Leonard (Paula) Hansen; and his grandchildren, Annaka, Owen, Calvin, Nathaniel, and Spencer. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial visitation will be held Friday, November 9, 2018 from 5pm until 8 pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 3pm until 5pm at Genitti's Restaurant, 108 East Main Street, Northville. He will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

In lieu of flowers they family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Northville Historical Society. 215 Griswold Ave., Northville, MI 48167 or Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St., Northville, MI 48167. Please share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com



Money Matters They then wait for the market to regain

Volatility in markets should

be no cause for any panic

As I'm sure you noticed over the last few weeks, the markets have been in decline. In fact, the stock market gains of 2018 have basically been wiped out. As investors, the issue is what happened, how long will it last and what should you

There is not one thing that caused the markets to retreat. Some people will point to rising interest rates, others will point to tariffs and potential trade wars and others will point to disappointing corporate earnings. If you talk to 10 experts, they will have 15 different opinions as to what caused the markets to retreat. The reality is no one knows for sure and many times, when markets retreat, it's not based on anything.

I don't know why the markets retreated and I don't know how long it will take for the markets to regain their strength. This could be a very short correction and, in a few weeks, we can once again be reaching record highs or the downturn can be with us for a while. One thing I do know is that investors who panic and let fear dictate their investment decisions will almost always make the wrong decisions.

Fear and greed are the two emotions that kill investments. A perfect example of greed is back in the dot-com boom, when people were investing in anything that had dot-com in the name. It didn't matter if the economic and fundamentals of the company were out of whack - as long as it had dot-com next to it, people invested. An example of fear is where, anytime there is a market retreat, people rush out of the market.

its strength to reinvest. Inevitably, they end up buying high and selling low, which is not a prescription for success.

My advice for most investors is to do nothing. Investors with well-diversified and balanced portfolios do not have to react to every twist and turn in the market. One of the reasons you have diversified and balanced portfolios is to get you through times like this. It would be great if you could predict the future direction of the stock market and interest rates, but the reality is you can't and neither can anyone else. When it comes to the market, sometimes bad news is good news and good news is bad news. It's a fool's game to try to predict the market.

It was only just a month or so ago that it seemed that the market could do no wrong - who knows when those days will return? The market turnaround can be as fast as the downturn and those who sell out and panic will, unfortu-

nately, miss the rebound. It would be nice if markets weren't as volatile and you could easily predict the direction; it doesn't work that way. Being an investor is not easy and it takes discipline. As Warren Buffet has stated many times, it's not timing the market that makes someone successful, it's time in the market. Before you react to the recent volatility, think twice and, most importantly, focus on your goals and objectives, not what's happening in

the market. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloom assetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

George Howard Richman, Sr.

MILFORD - George Howard Richman Sr. was born on July 25th, 1918 in Milford, Michigan to Fred and Bertha Richman. He grew up in Milford, Michigan with his family (7 siblings, mother, and father) where his family was one of the early settlers. In 2000, George moved to North Carolina. George loved sweets and his puzzles. In July he celebrated his 100th birthday. George arrived home on October 22nd, 2018. He is preceded in death by his wife (Vera June Richman), parents, all of his siblings, and three grandsons (Brandon Richman, Corey Staab, & Jason Richman). George is survied in death by his 4 children (Bertha Burnham, George Richman Jr., Charles Richman, and Sandra Castro), 6 grandchildren (Christopher Olds, Linda Young, Jarrette Richman, Angela Richman, Heather Richman, & Kayla Graves), 12 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

A visitation will be held on Saturday November 3, 2018 from 10 to 11 am at Walker's Funeral Home and Crematory of Mebane, 304 W. Center Street, North Carolina. The memorial service will follow at 11:00 am in Walker's Funeral Home Chapel of Mebane.

Roy L. Todd

WEEKI WACHEE, FL - 86, of Weeki Wachee, FL passed away October 2, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Carol (Logan) Todd; son, Ron; daughters, Tracy Lopez, Susan Coldwell; 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Roy was an avid follower of the Michigan Wolverines, Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Lions and any sports on TV. A service was held in Spring Hill, Florida on October 12.



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LinkedIn has positioned itself as end end-all social media portal for your career. It has professional development resources, helpful articles, and-most importantly-the connections and job postings to put you in your next job. But if you're looking to use it for a very specific purpose, finding your next job, then it can be a little overwhelming.

Let's walk through some of the strategies you need to cut through the noise and use LinkedIn to score your next gig.

Understand what LinkedIn does (and doesn't do)

Not all social media is the same, which means it shouldn't occupy the same space in your job search. Twitter and Facebook are great for content sharing (also funny pet videos), but not necessarily great for the level of nitty-gritty info you want and need to bump up your job hunt. Studies have found that about 75% of LinkedIn users are there primarily for research—about companies, about people, about job openings. If you want to know what a company's overall brand looks like, Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook is fine. If you want to get real information about the company that you can use to find your next job, think of LinkedIn as your research assistant. You can use it to get targeted information to take with you into informational meetings you set up with new (or existing) connections, or come up with detailed, insightful questions to ask in an interview.

Keep your content current

you'd be amazed how many people update their LinkedIn profiles once in a while and let them just languish. It happens to all of us. Make sure your LinkedIn profile is completely up-to-date, and that you're refining it often. Think of this as your living resume.

Check your settings

LinkedIn's "Open Candidate" settings (found in our account preferences) let you signal to recruiters and companies that you're open to new opportunities—even if you're looking on the DL. If you have this setting enabled, you can specify what types of recruitment you're open to receiving without having to put "hey, I'm looking for a new job!" on your public profile.

Make your profile stand out

Your headline is going to be the first thing people see when they click through to your profile. Make sure it's a strong one that simply, concisely explains your brand: "Customer support specialist, fixing the world one solved problem at a time" is a good example. It shows off your job title, some key words, and a bit of flair to grab the reader's interest. Having a flattering, clear profile picture is helpful as well. But remember-always use a work-appropriate headshot.

Avoid looking like a seeker

Sounds counterintuitive, right? You are using the site to seek a new job. But if you use words like "job seeker" or "looking for" in your profile, it can come off as a little needy or desperate. Instead of broadcasting what you want, broadcast This may seem like a no-brainer, but who you are and your professional



Target specific companies

ust about every company these days has a presence on LinkedIn. Start following the company—its content, news about them, any information you can find on the site.

That way, when opportunities do open up you'll likely already be in the loop, and able to jump on it right away.

Leverage your connections

One of LinkedIn's strongest points is how it brings the word-of-mouth network into the digital realm. It also lets you see who your connections are connected to, several degrees down the line.

Use this data to help visualize how your network connects to someone at the company where you want to work, or someone who can get you an introduction.

Don't be afraid to reach out

Your LinkedIn experience can be very passive (people come to me) or very active (I reach out to people who can help me achieve my next career goal).

Take advantage of the best thing about LinkedIn - the real-time connections to people all over the world. You have nothing to lose by dropping a note in the inbox of someone you'd like to "meet."

LinkedIn can be a great asset to your job hunt when you give it your care and attention. When you put the time in to refine your profile and start engaging with others on the site, it can yield career-changing results.

Kate Lopaze is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com

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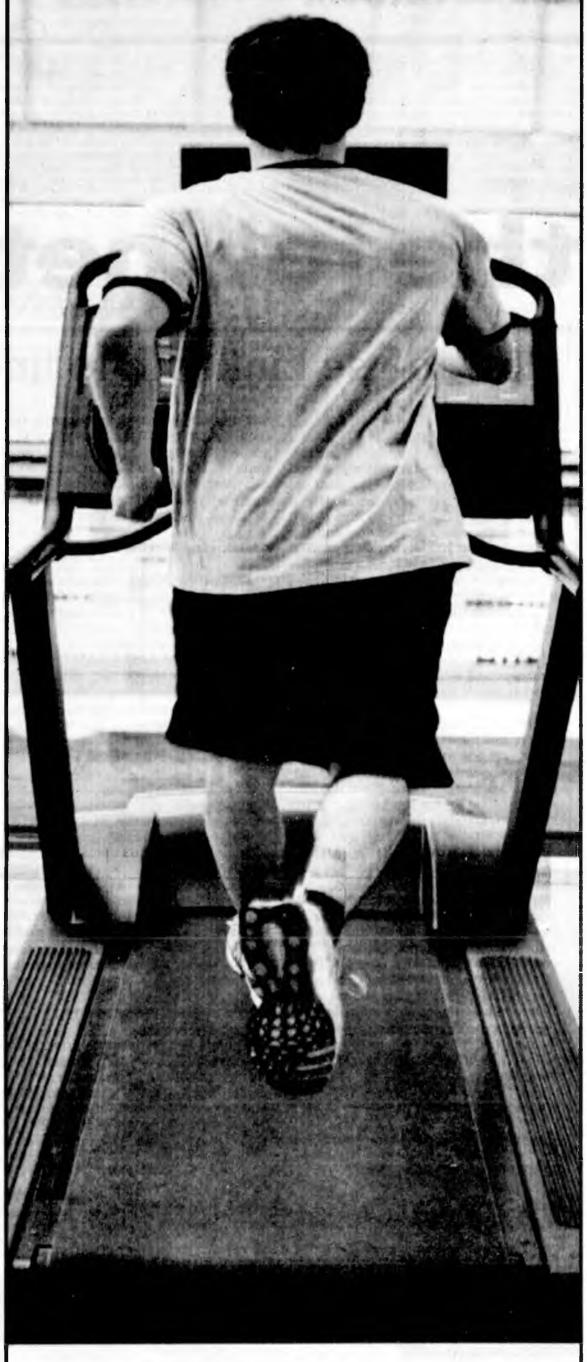
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ACROSS 1 Rigs out 7 Beer holder 10 IRS worker 13 Not passive 19 India's largest city 20 Made embarrassed 22 Jumped ship 23 Affixing, as gift wrap 24 Marionette doing some undercover police work? 26 Billy of "The Phantom" 28 London botanic gardens site distinction 30 YouTube upload on how to cook clams and

- 60 Journal 61 Fashion designer Anna 62 Ionizable gas 104 Many a 63 Vast period 64 It may zoom 65 Simply being 108 Feed on declared? 70 Gradually
- rice? 36 Use a beam 76 "Make on in surgery
- 37 "La Cage Folles" 38 Of Peruvian peaks 39 Pickle option 41 Buddha statue, e.g.
- 45 Elated 47 Lodgings for wayfarers 48 Schnozz or Motor ender

- 49 MGM Grand, 51 "Scarface" inspirer **54** Discoloration
- on the biceps or triceps? 56 Meshwork 57 Razor cut 59 Closet rackful
- stop nursing 72 Back rub response 73 Paper unit 74 TV camera movement
- what you will" 78 Hobbyists' buys
- 79 When to call it a night 83 Deluge's waters subsiding? **86** Successfully mimics 87 Struck lightly

88 Chapel vow

91 Convent residents 92 Eyelid affliction 94 Italian public

89 Go by boat

- 93 Make slanted square 97 Scrabble 10-pointer
- 98 Staff symbol 101 One of the Little Rascals goes on a rant? charger for
- an e-device 109 Peaceful 110 Beef cut that brings misfortune? 114 Marked with bands
- 118 Hand out cards to 75 CIO partner 119 Object of fear 120 Is beaming 121 Former
 - British prime minister Clement 122 Detroit-to-Miami dir. 123 "Send help!" 124 Like the
 - letter R in this puzzle's entire solution

- 44 Yearns (for) 1 Triage pro 46 Nissan, once 2 In the 49 Middle grade
- 50 Biblical beast function of 3 Ball caller 52 12-time 4 Spanish island known for its
- 5 Country west of Colombia 6 Record one's 55 Dryer debris arrival 7 Fez, for one 8 — Dhabi 58 Whole
- 9 Spill catchers 10 Berated 11 Kitty cat, e.g. 12 Hoo-has 13 Addis ---

Ethiopia

nightlife

- 14 Puts in a role 15 Golf ball brand 16 Tennis great **Nastase** 17 A/C opening 18 Uptight
- 21 Hotfooted it 25 Of no value 27 Last section 30 "Cosmos" host Carl 31 Veil fabric

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43 Leek relative

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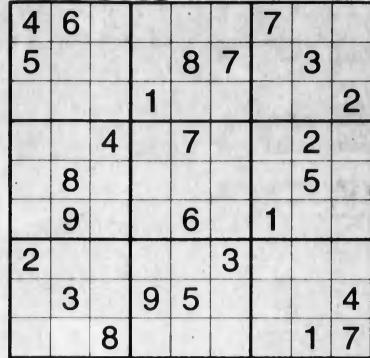
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- bunch 93 ---62 Really tidy type **63** Roe, e.g. 64 Pre-Easter
- 65 Shoddy car 66 Earth personified 100 Loin cut as a
- goddess **67** Rebel Turner Scottie **68 Mimics** 69 Wee bits and
- 70 Floats in the air 71 D sharp sound-alike
- 76 Lyric verse abbr. on a music
- education 79 Novelist Honoré de -

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- 80 Tokyo-based truck maker 81 French artist
- 82 Letters with **84** Audition not
- **85** Brain product singer Edith 89 Jacuzzis and
- -confidence 95 Gabor who lived to be
- 96 Confidence 99 "Little Men" actor Jack
- **102** FDR's 103 Some hotels
- old cars 104 Fed. food safety org.
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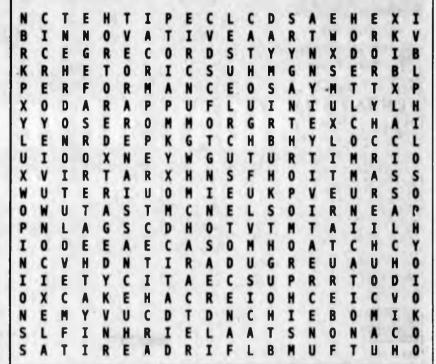
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SUDOKU



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!



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