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Library payoff saves taxpayer dollars

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In a move that saved Canton taxpayers \$279,000, the Canton Public Library has paid off its building construction bond

five years early. Library officials trimmed that amount off interest costs by paying off the building construction bond last September rather than in 2020. The deed transfer from Canton Township to the library was just completed last month.

Officials say the effort re-flected the library's commitment to being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.

"The board is focused on providing the most library benefits to our community at the greatest value," said Michelle Farell, the library board's secretary-treasurer, adding that paying off the building early "will allow us to redirect those funds to library collections, programs, services

and facilities for our patrons."

The latest developments don't mean Canton residents will pay less in taxes going forward for library services, although library Director Eva Davis said tax rates are discussed every year by the library board.

Canton taxpayers currently

have a library tax rate of 1.54 mills, meaning the owner of a \$200,000 home with a \$100,000 taxable value pays \$154 a year. The library board did lower the tax rate slightly to 1.49 mills for two years in 2010-11, Davis said, "in recognition of

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CANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Second fire in two days

destroyed a two-story home on Merrimac in Canton

destroys Canton home

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A Canton house was destroyed by fire early Thursday, one day after firefighters doused a garage fire at the same residence, an official

"Nobody was injured," Deputy Fire Chief Christopher Stoecklein said.

Officials hadn't pinpointed the exact cause of either blaze. Stoecklein said later Thursday morning the fires remained under investigation.

The latest fire at the twostory colonial home was reported shortly after 5:30 a.m. Thursday in the 700 block of Merrimac, near Cherry Hill and Lotz. Firefighters arrived to find the house and attached garage fully engulfed in

"It's a total loss," Stoecklein

The family that lives in the house already had gone to a hotel room because of another fire that started in the garage about noon Wednesday, causing what was initially de-

scribed as smoke damage to the house. The garage had been boarded up when the second blaze was reported.

Flames could be seen coming from the home's roof when firefighters arrived Thursday morning. One next-door house sustained minor damage to the

siding, Stoecklein said. Firefighters from all three Canton fire stations fought the blaze.

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CANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT Firefighters battle a house fire that destroyed a two-story house.

Attorney: Mental health system fails carjacking suspect

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Calling it "one of the sad-dest cases I've had," an at-torney said Canton carjacking defendant Faheem Tamir-Saul Nance had sought help for mental health issues before a ruckus at Walmart led to criminal charges against him.

"This circumstance says more about the politics of mental health and how we treat

people than anything else," defense attorney Kesia Nikia Reeves said.

"He had made several attempts Nance at trying to get help for himself prior to this incident."

Her remarks came as Nance, a 26-year-old Westland man, is facing trial in November in Wayne County Circuit Court for two counts of carjacking, six counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count each of armed robbery, making a false bomb threat and a felony firearm violation. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Nance was declared competent to stand trial during an Aug. 26 hearing in 35th District Court that came nearly one year after Canton police arrested him at the Walmart store on Ford Road, east of

It took almost a year after Nance was referred to a state forensics center for a psychiatric evaluation for authorities to

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Students display summer art extravaganza

Young people marked the end of a creative season Wednesday as they showed off their artworks during the Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual summer camp exhibit and reception.

The show, featuring paintings, sculpture, pottery, drawings and multimedia works, followed nine weeks of PCAC day camps in which about 300 children and teenagers took

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part. The season's 40 camps ranged from hip-hop dance to musical theater to advanced

ing and cartooning. Parents and family members of the artists attended the event at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts in

pottery to painting, film mak-

Plymouth, where pizza and frozen desserts were served. Campers were able to take their summer creations home with them.

MATT JACHMAN Samantha Rousseau of Canton Township shows off a flower-shaped bowl she made in advanced pottery camp at the

Plymouth Community Arts Council.





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declare him competent to stand trial.

"A person being found competent to stand trial does not necessarily mean that person was competent at the time of the commission of a crime," Reeves said.

Witnesses told authorities the defendant pointed two Airsoft pistols at employees and customers — some of whom believed the guns were real — and then attempted two carjackings in the parking lot. The incident unfolded about 10:30 p.m. last Sept. 13

One customer drove off, but witnesses alleged Nance managed to get inside another victim's Honda Accord, struggled to work the manual transmission and was captured by police, who said he

"This circumstance says more about the politics of mental health and how we treat people ..."

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made false claims he had a bomb.

According to court records, Nance is jailed with a \$500,000/10-percent bond as he awaits trial - meaning he would have to pay \$50,000 for his release. He has a not-guilty plea on record.

Court records also indicate that Wayne County Circuit Judge Craig Strong has ordered another competency evaluation for Nance, with a new competency hearing pending in October.

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Suspect in Jimmy John's robbery waives preliminary examination

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A Plymouth man accused of robbing a Livo-

nia sandwich shop last month has waived his preliminary examination and will continue his case in

downtown

Detroit.



Toomb

Bradley Toombs, 40, appeared Thursday morning before 16th District Judge Kathleen McCann via video from the Wayne County Jail for a probable cause conference. Toombs is charged with unarmed

robbery, fourth-degree fleeing and eluding and larceny from the person and faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

Toombs's attorney, James Anderson, originally told McCann his client's intent was to waive the preliminary examination, which is held in district court to determine if there is enough evidence to take the case to trial. When McCann asked Toombs over the video conference if that was his intent, he originally told her he wanted to hold the exam and plead not

The case was adjourned for a short time as Anderson spoke to Toombs, as it appeared there was some confusion over the intent. Later, Toombs told McCann he indeed wanted to waive the hearing and have the case sent to Wayne County Circuit Court for further proceedings.

Toombs is accused of robbing the Jimmy John's sandwich shop back on Aug. 17 at 13453 Middlebelt, just south of I-96, in Livonia. Police say he entered the shop around lunchtime, demanded money from the workers via a note and left after they gave him an undisclosed amount of cash.

Police were called and subsequently followed Toombs as he drove eastbound on I-96 through Redford and into Detroit, according to police. He began accelerating away from police near the Southfield Freeway and eventually the chase was called off near the Davison Freeway.

Toombs was located and arrested by police the next day. As of Thursday morning, he remained locked up in the Wayne County Jail on a \$500,000 bond.

His arraignment is scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit.

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the recession and the difficulty residents were having paying their taxes."

As for future tax rates, she said, "the library board continues to have that discussion every year."

However, the tax rate is set to dip slightly to 1.53 next year due to the state Headlee Amendment that triggers automatic rollbacks of mill-

Library officials paid off the building construction bond early despite embarking on three phases of renovations that have transformed the facility and made it more user-friendly. Two more phases still are planned.

Davis said the library's fund balance now stands at \$3.8 million down from a high of \$6 million - due to money

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Library Director Eva Davis looks over plans during one of the facility's renovations.

spent on renovations and a concerted effort to contribute to employee pensions, which are close to 100-percent funded.

Back in 1988, the library bond was initially authorized for \$6 million to construct the facility at 1200 S. Canton Center. It was refinanced in 1999 for a building expansion.

The library has grown from humble beginnings. It is a 53,000-square-foot facility with more than 350,000 items in its collection - much larger than when it began in 1980 in a small space with 20,000 books on the third

floor of the Canton Township administration building. Over the years, the

library has won accolades. It received the inaugural Library Aware Community Award in 2013, a national award from Library Journal for community engagement. A year later, a formal survey of Canton residents revealed the library was the most popular facility in Canton.

Library officials say the library has long had good working relations with Canton Township departments such as Canton Leisure Services, Canton Public Safety and the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Nancy Eggenberger, board chair, said library officials are grateful to township leaders "for their leadership in establishing an independent public library more than 30 years ago" and said relationship remains positive.

For more on the library, go to http://www.cantonpl.org/

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Holiday delays trash pickup in Canton

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Rizzo Environmental Services will not collect refuse, recycling or yard waste Monday, Sept. 5, and all collections for the week will be delayed by one day.

Rizzo will resume their regular collection schedule Monday, Sept.

All refuse and recycling must be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. to ensure pickup. Rizzo will not pick up refuse or recycling that is placed past the sidewalk on private property.

All recycling must be placed separate from your refuse on the opposite side of the driveway. For questions or more information on solid waste collection, go to www.canton-mi.org or call Rizzo at 866-772-8900.

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Charlie Palko of Plymouth shows off work from the Plymouth Community Arts Council summer

Nothing sour about these new pickleball courts in Canton

Construction of six pickleball courts has been completed at Freedom Park in Canton, part of a community benefit project provided by Pulte Homes, in an effort to enhance sports opportunities and athletics for area residents with special emphasis on seniors.

A grand opening ceremony is set for 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, weather permitting. The public is invited to attend this ribbon-cutting ceremony especially pickleball enthusiasts and those looking to try out the sport. Equipment will be provided.

Funded by a capital contribution from Pulte Homes for Grandview



CANTON TOWNSHIP

Canton is unveiling its new pickleball courts.

Estates, this conversion of tennis courts to pickleball courts will provide seasonal recreational opportunities for Canton residents. Popular in active adult retirement communities, pickleball

is gaining fans of all ages across the country, local officials say.

Pickleball, often described as a cross between tennis, badminton and ping pong, is played with paddles and a plastic ball on courts about half the size of a tennis court, across a net two inches lower than a tennis net. The ball, which is similar to a whiffle ball, is hit with a composite paddle that resembles an oversized table-tennis paddle.

"Pickleball is a sport that has been growing among all demographics," said Jason Lombardo, Summit facility coordinator. "It is simple to learn and beginners are often playing on their own by the end of one lesson. We're very grateful for Pulte Homes' generous donation that enabled us to construct these dedicated pickleball courts.'

Invented in the 1960s on Bainbridge Island in Washington state, pickleball has expanded from a family activity to a net court sport with formal-ized rules. Now more than 40 years later, pick-leball is played in thousands of communities across the country. The origin of the sport's name is often debated, but it is supposedly named after one of the original game developer's family dog, Pickles, who would often chase miss-shot balls.

Freedom Park's pickleball courts are located on the southwest corner of Sheldon and Palmer Roads. The courts are open to the public on a

first-come, first-served basis when not in use during scheduled class sessions. Canton Leisure Services will also provide instructional programming to encourage play for all ages. Additional neighborhood tennis courts are available at Griffin Park, located on Sheldon Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads, and Flodin Park located at Saltz Road and

For additional information about Canton's new pickleball courts and upcoming instructional programming, go to www.cantonfun.org or call the Summit on the Park front desk at 734-394-5460.

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Special Observer & Eccentric Reader Offer h relief for back pa and sciatica



By: Sam Potter Health Correspondent

IF YOU suffer from low back pain and sciatica, you are one of over 20 million adults in the USA with this often crippling spinal condition.

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the low back, sometimes with additional pain through the buttocks and down the legs, are all symptoms of a pinched nerves often called "sciatica".

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Patient Sister Marie from Dearborn says, "I could not walk, stand, sit, work, sleep for 7 or 8 months!

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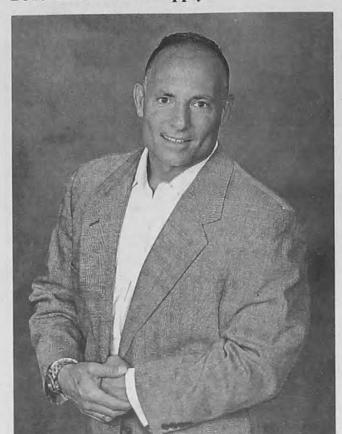
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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools announces its newest members of its administrative team for the 2016-17

school year.

Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, the longtime principal of Hoben Elementary School, will expand her positive impact on the district by serving as the new assistant superintendent for human resources and labor relations. Vartanian-Gibbs brings 28 years of diverse experiences to the superintendent's leadership team, including teaching stops at Ho-ben, Isbister and Tonda, serving as a curriculum coordinator for the district and most-recently serving for 13 years as Hoben principal

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, a familiar name to P-CCS, has agreed to return to the district to serve as the interim chief academic officer for the 2016-17 school year. Hughes will provide leadership, vision and strategic direction for the district's instruction, assessment and school improvement initiatives, while overseeing the district's evaluation program for all principals and

teachers.

Mark Salzer has accepted the director of technology position that was vacated by Elson Liu in June. Salzer is a familiar name to the department, having served on Liu's team as associate director of technology for the past three years and being a key player in the vision and implementation of the district's innovative

technology plan. The district has filled two director-level positions on the instruction side of the Teaching & Learning Department:

Maureen Molloy will remain with P-CCS as director of elementary education. Molloy has spent the past five years serving as principal of both Allen and Tonda Elementary Schools and prior to her time with P-CCS was a principal at Thorne Primary Elementary in Dearborn Heights.

Elizabeth Mosher joins the district as director of secondary education. Mosher held the same title she has with P-CCS for the past five years in Hu-ron Valley Schools and also brings a variety of administrative experiences from Lakeland and Farmington High Schools with specializations including DECA and E2020.

P-CCS introduces newest administrative staffers

Terry Sawchuk will follow his year serving as interim principal to become the principal at Discovery Middle School. He will be joined by Jim Johnson, who is departing his post as principal at Hulsing Elementary to join Sawchuk as the new assistant principal at Discovery Middle School. These two student-focused leaders will make an excellent administrative team for Discovery students, staff, and families.

Blair Klco has been hired to be the new principal at Miller Elementary School. Klco has served as a teacher, technology and math curriculum director and assistant headmaster in Switzerland and an elementary principal for a Title I building in Charlotte Public Schools. Her background with school-wide PBIS, data walls and MTSS standards make her a great fit to support the vision of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Lisa Johnston will bring her vast set of experiences in the

district as the new principal at Hoben Elementary School. A very familiar name to P-CCS, Johnston was an assistant principal and teacher at Workman Elementary School, working with Dr. Jim Burt, from 2011-15. She also served as a classroom teacher at Field and Eriksson elementary schools from 2004-11.

Jennifer Chambers joins P-CCS as the new principal of Hulsing Elementary School after serving as an elementary principal in Wayne-Westland Community Schools from 2009-15. Chambers, who achieved a Rapid Turnaround of a Priority School while with W-WCS, is affiliated with the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Michigan Reading Association and The Leader in Me. During her time in the classroom she was the recipient of the Detroit Free Press Teacher of the Week.

Dr. Deirde Brady will serve the Tonda Elementary School community as its new principal. Brady's passion for working closely with students has guided her back to building

level administration after her time as director of elementary education for Huron Valley Schools, a district in which she also previously served as principal at Heritage Elementary. She brings experience as an adjunct professor in the School of Education at Oakland University and has been a presenter at EdCon as well as various state symposiums for the Leader in Me program.

Angel Lett has joined the administrative team at Salem High School as an assistant principal, working alongside Principal Kim Villarosa. Lett is familiar to the P-CEP community after her years serving as a counselor at Salem and, previous to her work in P-CCS. Lett was a teacher and administrative intern in various spots around northeast Ohio.

Deagan Jewitt and Carmen Johnson, both former teachers in the district, have each accepted new positions with P-CCS as student support coordinators. Jewitt and Johnson will offer academic support for both students and staff at Eriksson, Workman, Field and Hulsing elementary schools.

Basic training completed

Cadet Gavin McAuliffe, son of Karen and Patrick McAuliffe of Canton, completed Cadet Basic Training at the U.S. Military Academy.

McAuliffe entered West Point on June 27 and has successfully completed six weeks of CBT. CBT is one of the most challenging events a cadet will encounter over the course of their four years at the academy.

The initial military training program provides cadets with basic skills to instill discipline, pride, cohesion, confidence and a high sense of duty to prepare them for entry into the Corps of Cadets. Areas of summer instruction included first aid, mountaineering, hand grenades, rifle marks-manship and nuclear, biological, and chemical training.

McAuliffe began classes Aug. 15. The West Point curriculum offers 37 majors balancing physical sciences and engineering with humanities and social sciences leading to a Bachelor of Science degree.

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McAuliffe graduated from Salem High School. He plans to graduate from West Point in 2020, while majoring in law, and will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S.

The mission of the U.S. Military Academy is to educate, train and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the United States Army.

Fellowship awarded

The 2016-17 Michigan Philharmonic Youth String Fellowship has been awarded to Thomas Follbaum, a senior from Livonia who is a member of the Michigan Philharmonic Youth

Follbaum, 17, is entering his senior year in high school through Mother of Divine Grace home school program. Studying under Michigan Philharmonic youth string conductor, Hektor

Qyteti, for the past 10 years, Follbaum has become an exceptional violinist performing with the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra for seven years, most recently serving as concertmaster for the 2015-16 youth orchestra season.

He is a mentor for the MPYO Sinfonia group, and has performed at numerous charity and community events as a representative of the MPYO, in addition to performances at his parish, and at hospitals and hospice centers. Follbaum is active in many other activities playing center on the Washtenaw Saints Varsity Football team (of the Christian Athletic League of America), serving as a production assistant for the Michigan

Under the fellowship, Follbaum will perform with the Michigan Philharmonic on select concerts throughout the regular season and will be mentored by Washburn on many facets of becoming a professional mu-

Philharmonic, and as a senior altar

server at his parish in Detroit.

P-CCS Parent Council readies for new school year

The P-CCS Parent Council is gearing up for a new school years with plans for its meeting at 9 a.m. Sept. 23 at the E.J. McClendon Educational Building, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth.

Throughout the year, the meeting will be at the same time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and at central office on Harvey.

At the first meeting new administration will give a brief introduction and overview of their positions. Superintendent Monica Merritt will also be present to provide district information updates. There will be a question and answer period for parents to have their concerns addressed by the superintendent and other district administrators. Parent Council meetings are designed for parents, guardians and interested parties to receive information regarding the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools dis-

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Arbor Hills Landfill has withdrawn its request to expand north of Six Mile in Salem Township.

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Arbor Hills Landfill officials withdraw expansion request

Joanne Maliszewski hometownlife.com

On the heels of Northville Township's strongly worded resolution opposing expansion of Arbor Hills Landfill and a strong citizens' grass-roots effort, facility owners at Advanced Disposal this week withdrew their request for expansion north of Six Mile in Salem Township.

'We felt our focus needs to address issues brought forward with the citizens," said Mark Nighbor, Advanced Disposal marketing and communications vice president. "They want us to address these issues odors and traffic. We felt the request (for expansion) was being a dis-

traction.' The decision to withdraw the request does not prevent Advanced Disposal from requesting expansion in the future, Nighbor said. "This makes sense now," he said. "We will focus on addressing the citizens and make them aware of our plans. We will get feedback and work on solutions.'

The withdrawal request went to the Washtelaste Committee, which after 17 years is now updating its county plan. Washtenaw had not updated its plan until Arbor Hills requested it in anticipation of potentially expanding or build-ing a new landfill. Advanced Disposal has reportedly purchased additional property on the Salem side along Napier Road in anticipation of expanding its operations in the future. According to Nighbor, Arbor Hills has an estimated more than 10 years — closer to 17 years, say township officials — capacity available at the landfill.

Because the landfill is in Salem Township, however, Northville Township officials have had no legal say in whether a new landfill is ever approved.

But the township's involvement and efforts from the grassroots Stop Arbor Hills have made resident voices and opposition heard. Tracey Birkenhauer, who started Stop Arbor Hills, said, "I'm absolutely thrilled that Advanced Disposal has withdrawn its landfill expansion request. Wash-tenaw County has confirmed to me they will not include any landfill expansion or new landfill in their solid waste plan as a result of Advanced's withdrawal.

This is a huge win for all residents who have been negatively affected by this dump for many years," Birkenhauer added.

Since January, members of Stop Arbor Hills have distributed thousands of fliers, posted yard signs, hosted and attended countless meetings. Most of them are from Salem and Northville townships with a few from Novi and South Lyon, she added.

Northville Township Trustee Fred Shadko and Treasurer Marjorie Banner, both of whom serve as liaisons to Stop Arbor Hills, lauded the citizens' grassroots effort.

"There's a large team who worked on this,' Shadko said. "I learned the lesson that a group of grassroots volunteers along with elected officials - can do wonderful things. Forming a partnership with Arbor Hills, Salem and Northville townships, is going to be good for all parties concerned."

In a press release issued Monday, Kelly Rooney, Advanced Disposal district manager, said, "We want the county's process to be successful and the expansion issue has been a growing distraction to the broader and very important conversation that Washtenaw County needs to have around issues like increasing recycling, sustainability and composting.

Banner, Shadko and Supervisor Bob Nix collectively weighed in on Advanced Disposal's

latest news Tuesday: "Northville Township is pleased that Advanced Disposal has acknowledged the concerns and requests of Northville Township and its residents. This withdrawal provides the opportunity or the township to seek solutions to the many issues surrounding the impact of the landfill on its residents.

"The township committee appeared before the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Committee at its public meetings. The township committee presented an impact statement which documented the adverse impact of a new landfill on our residents, and established that there was no need for a new landfill. (The impact statement is on the Northville Township website).'

Nix has consistently met with officials from

available at the library.

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the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Washtenaw County Environmental Health Division and Wayne County Solid Waste management to support the township's efforts with Arbor Hills.

The four-page resolution opposing any expansion or the siting of a new landfill near the Northville Township border last week was the township's latest effort. The resolution had previously been read before the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Committee and trustees were expected to attend the next meeting Sept. 14 to officially present the document. Shadko said Tuesday he still intends to go to the Washtenaw meeting.

Napier Road resident Debbie Brown, who has also attended the solid waste meetings in Washtenaw, is happy with Arbor Hills' decision. But she remains skeptical. "We've been told this before," she said, referring to Arbor Hills' last expansion in 2009. Referring to acreage Arbor Hills donated to Salem as a park, Brown said to be a good neighbor Advanced Disposal should ensure that it remains park land, rather than used for future expansion. The park land, which Brown said does not appear to be heavily used, is an indication that "no one wants to be next to a dump."

Birkenhauer offered similar comments: "Advanced Disposal should donate the hundreds of acres they have purchased on the north side of Six Mile Road as an act of good faith. Advanced Disposal said in their press release they want 'to make Arbor Hills a great community partner with our neigh-

Eva Davis

Library Director

bors.' They need to prove this through their actions, not words.'

According to Rooney at Arbor Hills, landfill officials are "responding to concerns and requests from Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix and Salem Township Supervisor Gary Whitta-ker on behalf of township residents to tackle issues that include resurfacing Five Mile Road, increasing dust control on dirt roads near the area, and directing trucks to use only a designated route in and out of the landfill to help ease traffic congestion."

With the request for expansion withdrawn, Nix said township officials will continue to work with Arbor Hills to address the odor and truck traffic problems. Nix said it will be interesting to see what happens with truck traffic when I-275 northbound opens next week. 'All of us will continue to follow up with the other issues," Nix said.



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The Livonia Democratic Club, along with the campaigns for Hillary Clinton and Anil Kumar, opened a campaign office in

Democrats open campaign office for Clinton, other candidates in Livonia

David Veselenak hometownlife.com

A new presidential coordinated campaign office recently opened in Livonia — and it's the first of its kind for the city in many, many years.

The Livonia Democratic Club, along with the campaigns for Hillary Clinton and Anil Kumar, opened an office at 28825 Plymouth, just

east of Middlebelt. R. Karl Burnett, president of the Livonia Democratic Club, said the office is the first time such a coordinated campaign office has opened for federal Democratic candidates in Livonia.

It's a move, Burnett said, local Democrats hope to do to push the center in favor of Clinton over Republican candidate Donald Trump.

"Turning Livonia blue is our goal," he said. "When I got started, I'm just estimating right now, the demographics were like 60/ 40. And today, it's more like 48/52, 49/51."

The city of Livonia

has voted for a Democratic presidential candidate just once since

2000. That candidate was Barack Obama in 2008, who received 165 more votes than John McCain. Livonia voted for Mitt Romney in 2012, with the Republican taking 51 percent of the vote to Obama's 47 percent.

Several dozen people came to the opening, many donning shirts supporting Clinton and eating refreshments, which included Clintonthemed cupcakes. The office is expected to operate throughout the campaign season, organizing phone banks, meetings and canvasses across Livonia.

Several other coordinated campaign of-fices opened up Monday as well, including locations in Grosse Pointe and Battle Creek.

Speaking at the office opening Monday was Kumar, the Democratic candidate running against current U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, for the seat representing the 11th Congressional District. That district covers parts of northwest Wayne County, as well as portions of southern Oakland County spanning from Milford to



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The property tax millage rate proposed

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Dagorhir warriors battle it out Tolkien-style

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The battlefield was thick with swords.

They cut through the hot summer air, bouncing off shields and striking a

limb here, a torso there. Gloriann Curley of Garden City ran along the fringes of the melee, focused on her opponent. She swung at his legs with her trusty flail. He raised his sword in response and she swung again.

A strike from her padded flail doesn't hurt, but can leave "some pretty sweet bruises.'

But with no hits and no harm done, the warriors parted ways to skirmish elsewhere in Livonia's Rotary Park. Its nature trails and lawn became combat zones last weekend for members of a national liveaction role-playing society called Dagorhir.

Curley, known to her subjects as Queen Glo, and her husband Ben, "King Jayne" Curley, are members of a Dagorhir unit known as Fury of the Called, which is part of a larger group, the realm of Eryndor. They and members of other Dagorhir chapters came together for a day of battle games at the park.

Local chapter, The Kingdom of Akron, sponsored the daylong event, called The Deepwood Ascension Festival II, that drew together Dagorhir players, primarily from Ohio and Michigan, to test their combat skills with homemade foampadded weapons. The festival also included an archery tournament, princess rescue, a hunt for bandits to retrieve stolen treasure and a costume contest. Players dressed in medievallooking garb and top game players won gold tokens they exchanged for prizes.

"It has an element of role playing in that we wear garb, but it's a lot of emphasis on the skill of fighting." DAN 'SIR JACK

Tolkien's world

ANGELFOOT' HEBEL

"Dagorhir battle games have been around since 1977," said Dan "Sir Jack Angelfoot" Hebel of Warren, a knight of Akron. "It has an element of role playing in that we wear garb, but it's a lot of emphasis on the skill of fighting."

Dagorhir was founded by college friends in Maryland and was based on J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy novel, "Lord of the Rings." The organization has chapters throughout the country and a weeklong "extravaganza of mass melee and fun,' called Ragnarok every June in northwest Pennsylvania.

Weapons must meet specific construction and safety guidelines and are checked before they are allowed in play. Hebel said they are designed to hit at full force and not

cause injury. In the 1970s, broomsticks were used as swords and couch cush-

ions doubled as shields. 'Nowadays, weapons are more high tech. Typically they are made out of fiberglass with an exterior coating of foam," Hebel said. A layer of fabric prevents the foam from leaving an abrasion on unprotected

"They definitely can sting," Hebel added.

Detroit-area kingdom

He and a handful of other Dagorhir members founded the Kingdom of



The battle is fierce.



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Benjamin "King Jayne" Curley looks for an opening to strike his opponent.

Akron seven years ago as a Detroit-area chapter. Hebel had been involved in Dragorhir while at Oakland University.

Kingdom of Akron now has 30 members and practices in Dearborn and Ferndale during the week and in full dress each Saturday in Royal Oak. Group members come from all walks of life and with varying athletic abilities.

"It's a neat dynamic," said Hebel, an attorney. He convinced his wife

Renee to join the group, although at first she

"I never played sports as a kid," she said. "I'm not into that. I don't fight, but I do love to make the costumes and crafts. And the culture is phenomenal. There are all kinds of good people involved."

Taylor Oltman of Livo-nia, a "half-orc" named Sma, likens the Fury of the Called to a family. Oltman, a student at College for Creative Studies, joined the group

Stephanie "Akkina" Ball of Dearborn, a member of the Kingdom of Akron, competes in the archery contest.

enjoys her character, costumes and hanging out with her new fiends. "I do like battling, but I guess smaller battles. I've never done a big battle. It's a little intimi-

a few months ago and

dating," she said. "I come here every Sunday and practice right over there with the Fury guys. I do a lot of fighting during those practices.

Kyle Randall Tansek of Livonia also attends the Fury of the Called

practices at Rotary Park. He biked to the Deepwoods battle games in

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costume. "In my normal life, I'm actually a martial arts instructor. That's what I do for a living,' Tansek said. "For me, doing this is another outlet I can try in a more fun, less competitive

environment. "I can come out with a giant shield and a giant spear and nobody is going to tell me that isn't

historically accurate." For more about Dagorhir, go to dagorhir.com. Search for Fury of the Called and Kingdom of Akron on Facebook. Find Eryndor at Eryndor.com.

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Community Choice Credit Union offering grant opportunities

LOCAL NEWS

In order to strengthen ties with community organizations and expand the reach of its Give Big culture, Community Choice Credit Union is issuing its first open request for grant applications through the Community Choice Foundation. Each quarter the Foundation will award a grant of up to \$3,000 to a nonprofit in Michigan.

"Since launching the

foundation in 2008, Com-munity Choice has awarded \$880,000 in scholarships and staff has donated over 17,000 volunteer hours to local charities," said Steven Hernandez, foundation development coordinator. "The new grant program will now allow us to help fund the nonprofits we've spent so many years volunteering with and believing in. With four grants to be

awarded per year there is plenty of love to go around, and awardees just might also benefit from our annual Give Big volunteer weekend.'

Nonprofits must be located in Michigan and address one of the foundation's four priority areas: health and human services, projects or programs that address the physical and or mental well-being of children and adults; capacity building, which would support staff or board trainings, financial audits or strategic planning; basic needs, for organizations who provide food and shelter for the most vulnerable residents of Michigan; and neighborhood safety/community development, which would support organizations who are fighting blight and beautifying

their communities. Eligible organizations must also have their own 501(c)3 legal status.

Community Choice is accepting letters of inquiry on a rolling basis. The first winner will be announced in December. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and awarded quarterly.

To apply, interested organizations are asked to contact the manager at their nearest Community Choice Credit Union member center to ensure eligibility and begin the application process. Community Choice has 15 locations across Michigan. To find the member center nearest to you, go to community choicecu.com/locations.

For more information on Community Choice Credit Union, go to CommunityChoiceCU.com.



LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

This homemade display supporting Donald Trump was stolen Wednesday night from a yard in Livonia.

Whodunit? 'Captain America' Trump sign stolen from yard

David Veselenak hometownlife.com

Was it Iron Man looking to start another Civil

Livonia police are asking for assistance in finding a display taken from the yard of a resident who lives in the 15400 block of Doris. The display depicts Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's face atop the body of Captain America with a sign that reads, "Veterans for Trump," flanked by a pair

of American flags. Alvin Link is the resident who made the display and put it out in front of his home. He said it had been out in front of his home for about a month. It wasn't until Thursday morning when his wife noticed it was

missing. "He was doing pretty well for himself out there," said Link, an 89year-old World War II U.S. Navy veteran. "All the neighbors have been very supportive. People have come by and taken pictures with him.'

He said he designed the display after finding America online and scaled him in size. He got some half-inch plywood and cut the design out, then painted the entire display y hand The display stands at about 6 feet tall with the

He also included a small box containing papers that listed his reasons for supporting Trump, who is running lenger Hillary Clinton this November.

pretty popular, with Link having to refill it several times.

Anyone with information regarding the stolen display is encouraged to contact Livonia police at

734-466-2470. While Link is hoping his sign is returned, he's

highest office in the land. America," he said. "We have to make sure we get him promoted to com-

dveselenak@hometownlife.com 734-678-6728 Twitter: @DavidVeselenak

an image of Captain

against Democratic chal-

That box proved to be

also hoping the sign helps promote Trump to the

'Trump is my Captain mander-in-chief."

Organization recruiting women candidates to run for Democratic Party

Emerge Michigan, Michigan's premier organization for recruiting and training Democratic women to run for political office, has opened the recruiting process for its next

The organization seeks bright, self-motivated Democratic women who are committed to effective and ethical political leadership. The multi-part application process, which includes submission of a resume and several short essays followed by an interview, will remain open until Nov. 14.

"Emerge Michigan is excited to begin accepting applications for our second class of aspiring women leaders," said Beth Kelly, Emerge Michigan executive director. "Our organization is committed to selecting exceptional applicants, who will seize on political opportunities once they are given the skills and tools necessary to run an effective campaign. This recruitment process is a vital part of identifying those women and putting them on a path to suc-

Emerge Michigan's training program offers Democratic women who want to run for public

office a unique opportunity. Women who are accepted receive 70 hours of in-depth education over six months that inspires them to run for office and gives them the tools to win.

The program's trainers are comprised of an elite team of campaign consultants, advisers and staff from all over the country, who have been involved in some of the most successful campaigns and initiatives seen in recent election cycles. Participants learn from these experts and develop practical knowledge in areas such as public speaking, fundraising, campaign strategy, voter contact, media and messaging and oth-

Candidates also meet an array of dynamic women who hold elected and appointed office and become a part of a supportive network, which includes a national association of Emerge alumnae, the Emerge board and advisory council members.

"Despite making some gains over the last decade, women are still extremely underrepresented in our decisionmaking bodies at every level of government," Kelly said. "At this rate, it'll be almost a century

before we achieve equal representation in our government. That's just not fast enough. At Emerge Michigan, we're tackling this problem head-on by providing the aspiring female leaders of today with cuttingedge tools and training to run for elected office and elevate themselves in our political system. Our work is having a direct positive impact on the number of women who are choosing to jump into the political arena and are ready to win."

Michigan ranks 35th in the country in terms of women's representation in elected positions. Women make up a mere 20 percent of the Michigan Legislature. There are only four women in the state Senate and 25 women out of 110 members in the state House. Emerge Michigan is working hard to improve these numbers by recruiting, training and supporting Democratic women to give them the critical skills, confidence and network they need to run for office and win.

"After years of development on both the national and state level, we know that our training program gives women the practical knowledge they need to run for

elected office and win," Kelly said. "Emerge Michigan is committed to changing the face of politics in Michigan and the entire nation. All we need now is the for the right women for the job to step forward."

Emerge Michigan will select 25 women who have the potential to be political leaders from their applicants. Criteria for selection include, evidence of political leadership experience or potential; meaningful involvement in workplace or community; interest in pursuing political office; demonstrated ability to bring together disparate groups to achieve a goal; ability and desire to build effective networks; ability to articulate a personal political vision; demonstrated ability to inspire others; and commitment to full participation and attendance requirements of the trainings. Applicants must be registered Democrats. Women of all ages, races, nationalities, marital status, religious affiliations, sexual orientations and physical abilities are encouraged

to apply. For more information on the application process, go to www.emerge-

Get to know Canton businesses at Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the annual Consumer Expo 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Summit on the Park grand ballroom, 46000

Summit Parkway. "The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton

DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Thomas Paden, chamber president. "The expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services

they have to offer. Again, this year, the Consumer Expo will feature local restaurants who will provide sample sized portions of their food."

The Consumer Expo is held annually in October and features more than 60 businesses from the community which display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance companies, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning and more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public. The Consumer Expo is sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union, Siegrist & Siegrist CPA, PC and Twisted Rooster.

Rid your home of hazardous waste in Canton

Canton will host its annual household hazardous waste collection from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Public Works Division, 4847 Sheldon Road, north of Michigan Avenue.

It is open to Canton residents only and identification is required.

Examples of waste being collected are, but not limited to, fluorescent light bulbs, oilbased and latex paint, paint thinner, turpentine, bug sprays, floor-care products, expired medicine, computers and scanners, dry cleaning solvents, rat poison, household batteries, propane tanks, mercury waste, antifreeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, kero-

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sene, motor oil and acids. Canton will be unable

to accept commercial waste, construction debris, explosives or ammunition, fire extinguishers, firewood, radioactive material, smoke detectors and

To obtain a detailed list of what is acceptable, call Canton Public Works at 734-397-1011 or go to www.canton-mi.org/248/ Hazardous-Waste-Round-up.

Anyone who sees someone else dumping any hazardous materials into storm drains also is urged to call Canton Public Works or Wayne County's 24-hour environmental hotline at 888-223-2363.

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Mineral buildup causes hot water heater popping noise

ecently I have written columns explaining my involvement with the radio broadcasting business, beginning some 32 years ago. Many of you have written and said you enjoyed reading about my personal life.

There is no secret to the appliance doctor's life, but there was in the past. People used to ask why I left WJR-AM (760) so suddenly and I sort of made light of the question, but never really explained. Now that I'm old, I won't make the same mistake. I walked out on a very successful show and more money than I'm worth because I was angry with a manager who no longer works there. I was not fired, I just up and left and to heck with the



Joe Gagnon **APPLIANCE**

I have spent the last 10 years at WAAM-AM (1600) in Ann Arbor. By the time you read this column, I will have signed a new contract with Cumulus Radio in Ann Arbor. I will once again answer appliance questions from many of you readers 8-10 a.m. each Sunday, beginning Sept. 4. Each caller's questions help educate all members of the listening audience. You truly are appreciated.

Now, some of you are asking, what happened this time? I'll be blunt and candid. I don't like

the format of the station. It's mostly political. I do not talk politics to any degree and refuse to do so. Many radio listeners do not realize that 10 years is a long time to be at one station and so I move on, as many have done in the past. How much longer can I answer appliance questions? Until I go to appliance heaven. Stop by and see me when you get there.

Hot water

The recent move into a 12-year-old condo brings my own question into focus on a hot water heater. It is gas-fired and makes all sorts of rough sounding noises when it turns on to heat the wa-

Should I purchase a new one now or wait?

This noise we hear has been caused by the previous owner, who never went to the small effort of draining the tank twice a year.

Well, I'm going to wait until I have to. This noise we hear has been caused by the previous owner. who never went to the small effort of draining the tank twice a year. Because of that, an accumulation of minerals in the water has built up in the bottom of the tank. As much as 4-6 inches of this mineral is now lying in the bottom and every time the flame comes on, the boiling water is lifting this buildup and it makes all sorts of bubbling and popping

sounds. It is like a thin layer of shale rocks lying on top of each other.

It doesn't hurt anything, but certainly affects the efficiency of the hot water heater. Now if there was a leak coming out of this tank, that would be another story. I would be out shopping in quick time. A small leak is a sure sign that I will have a bigger leak real soon. This tank is living on borrowed time and is two years past its expected life span. When she dies, I'll

let you know what manufacturer I went with.

Meanwhile, the crawl space under my cottage in Union City has become home to a skunk. I have placed a live-trap on the front lawn in hopes of capture and the other day I stuck our lawn mower half-way inside the crawl space and turned it on and let it run until it ran out of gas. I figure the skunk would want to find another house that is nice and

peaceful. When I catch this thing, I'm going to hire a helicopter to carry it 50 miles away.

Joe Gagnon can be heard 8-10 a.m. each Sunday on Cumulus Radio. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldoct@hotmail.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUDITIONS FOR MOON OVER BUFFALO

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m, Tuesday, Sept. 6, and Thursday, Sept. 8

Location: The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd, Canton

Details: Spotlight Players would like to welcome adults of all ages to audition for this comedy. Character descriptions as well as all other information for the auditions can be found at http://spotlightplayersmi.org/ under Auditions. Moon Over Buffalo runs Nov. 10-13, at the Village Theater in Canton. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday performances at 2 p.m.

Cost: free to audition. membership required once cast.

Contact: For more information, please call Laura Gumina at 313-614-2406.

COFFEE WITH MONICA Time/Date: 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223

Details: Meet and greet Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Monica Merritt

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: Orientation Sept. 13 Location: 5730 N. Lilley Road, Suite A,

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient

care and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentially, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose

to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer. Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process at

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Contact: Jeanne Edwards, volunteer coordinator, 888-983-9050

'SOUTH PACIFIC' COMES TO CANTON

Time/Date: Sept. 16-18; 23-25, Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday performances at 2

Location: The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Spotlight Players presents the classic musical "South Pacific" with song favorites including: "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair," "Some Enchanted Evening" and "There Is Nothin' Like A Dame." This story involves love and loss, camaraderie, and overcoming prejudice

Cost: Tickets are \$16-\$18 each. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or at www.canton-mi .org/290/Village-Theater. Tickets are also available for purchase at The Village Theater Box office one hour prior to show time.

Contact: For more information, go to http://spotlightplayersmi.org/

TRAILWOOD PERENNIAL **EXCHANGE**

Time/Date: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 Location: East end of Kellogg Park, opposite the Wilcox House

Details: The Trailwood Garden Club will sponsor a perennial exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival. This is open to the community without charge: bring something -take something or just stop by and see what is available. Members will be available to answer questions. Trailwood Garden Club is a member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association.

Contact: 734-459-7146 **FALL TASTE FEST**

Date/Time: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9 Location: Station 885 lot at 885 Starkweather in Plymouth Old Village in a giant size tent

Details: The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is sponsoring this Annual Fall Festival event. There is a cash bar and live entertainment. Food tastes will be

sampled from Bahama Breeze, Beyond Borders-Latin St. Food, CAYA Smokehouse Grill, Cupcake Station, Grand Traverse Pie Co., Happy's Pizza & Ribs, LaBistecca Italian Grille, Olga's Kitchen, Rocky's of Northville, My Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza, WOK Asian Bistro, b.d.'s Mongolian Grill

Cost: \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 10-5, under 5 is free. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Station 885 and the Plymouth Chamber of Com-

Contact: 734-459-1897 or plymouthfallfestival.com

VFW FUNDRAISERS

Time/Date: Various

Location: VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth

Details: A number of events will be held to raise money for the post Contact: 734-265-7908

LITTLE LEAGUE BINGO

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9 Location: The Gathering Place, downtown Plymouth

Details: Plymouth-Canton Little League will bingo at Plymouth Fall Festival this year. Grand Slam Bingos at 6:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., and 8:45 p.m. Players must be 18 years of age and have valid ID. Children under 18 years of age must be with an adult at all times. They are not allowed to play Bingo, but they may sit

with an adult while the adult plays.

Games will be called continuously starting at 6 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. Bingo sheets will be sold at the beginning of each round:

Cost: Single and double games: \$1 for one sheet or \$2 for three sheets; Grand slam games - \$5 for one sheet or \$10 for three sheets. Grand slam games will one line followed by coverall. Cash only.

Contact: Volunteers needed. Contact plycanlittleleague@gmail.com.

CANTON CHAMBER GOLF

Time/Date: Sept. 15 Location: Pheasant Run Golf Club,

Canton

Details: The Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual golf outing is open to the public and various packages are available for purchase. All golf packages include beverages on the course, steak dinner and prizes. Individual golf is \$150 or the dinner alone is \$35. Sponsorships are available.

Contact: 734-453-4040 or go to www.cantonchamber.com.

FASHION SETTERS EXHIBIT

Time/Date: Museum hours, through

ladies will also be displayed.

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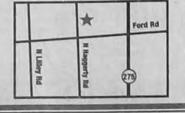


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ROSTER UNVEILED

Salem's Izzy to play in U17 World Cup

Hard work pays off for Rodriguez, with spot on Team USA

Tim Smith hometownlife.com

For seemingly an eternity, Izzy Rodriguez kept training and hoping - that all would not be for naught.

The Salem senior kept the workout wheel spinning, relentlessly battling on the soccer field and in the gym for a chance to play for Team USA in Jordan at the 2016 FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup.

Rodriguez can stop worrying. She will play defense for the U.S. U-17 Women's National Team when the 16team tournament begins Sept. 30. "It has been an unbelievable experi-

ence over the past couple of years competing for a spot on this team," Rodriguez said when asked for her reaction



Rodriguez

to making the elite final cut. "And I am excited and honored to represent the U.S. in the World

"Making the 21-player roster was amazing because it showed how all of our hard work has

paid off."

Rodriguez, a 17-year-old from Canton whose club team is the Michigan Hawks, suited up Tuesday as Team USA blanked Venezuela, 4-0, in a friendly at Water Soccer Complex in Tampa, Fla. Also on the final roster is Hawks teammate Alexa Spaanstra, a forward from Brighton.

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U.S. SOCCER

Izzy Rodriguez (left) has been training with the U.S. Under-17 women's soccer team.

PREP FOOTBALL

Rocks roll to 38-25 win over Hartland

Young combines with Davis to rush for almost 280 yards

> **Tim Smith** hometownlife.com

Almost from the get-go Friday night, it was a different Salem Rocks football team taking the field against Hartland at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Eagles fumbled the opening kickoff and Salem's Sean McCormack recovered it to set up a 31-yard field goal by William Neumaier just over three minutes into the KLAA crossover. And Salem junior quarterback Ryan Young took the lead from there, running and throwing his team to an im-

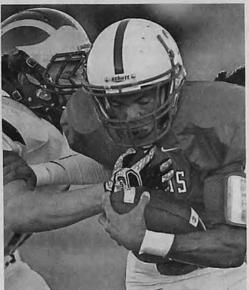
pressive 38-25 victory. Young — who essentially is used like a second running back — and junior tailback Andrew Davis were a one-two wrecking crew on Hartland, combining for nearly 280 yards rushing and all five Salem touchdowns as the Rocks improved to 1-1 overall.

"He improved a lot from last week to this week," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said about his quarterback. "His reads were a lot better, he threw the ball a lot crisper. He played real well ... we're excited about the future with him."

Young augmented his 140 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns with a 4-of-8 night throwing the ball, enough to confound the Eagles (0-2) on defense.

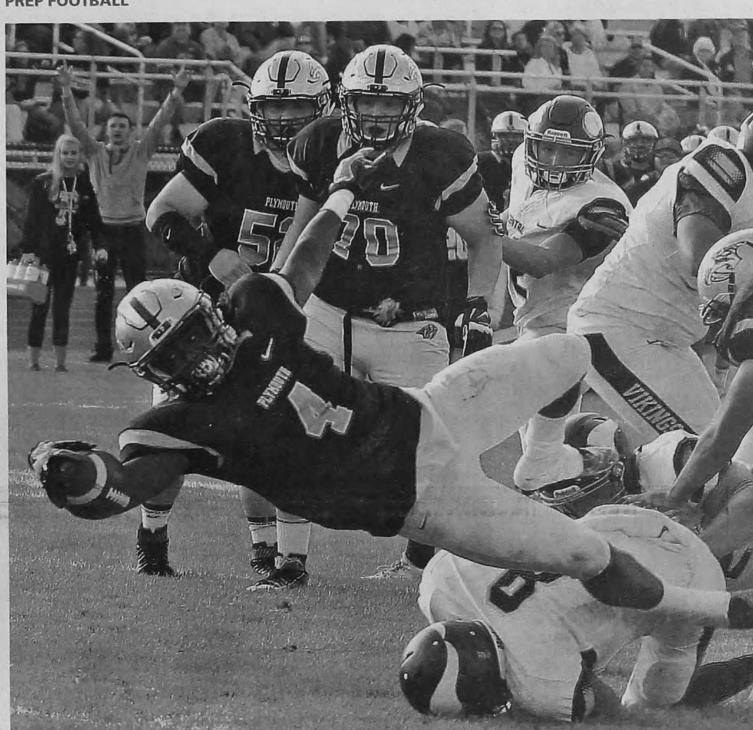
Meanwhile, Davis gained 138 yards in 17 rushes and scored three times.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Salem's Mason Phillips shakes off a Hartland

PREP FOOTBALL



Reaching over the goal line to score a Plymouth touchdown Thursday is Darius Timmons.

WILDCATS' CATALYST

Timmons' strong all-around game lifts Wildcats to 20-6 win over WLC

Tim Smith hometownlife.com

Darius Timmons and his Plymouth Wildcats football teammates earned solid 'B' grades for how they took care of Walled Lake Central in the first half

Thursday, breaking out to a 20-0 lead. But not too long after Timmons left a trail of Vikings defenders in his wake on a 65-yard touchdown gallop midway through the second quarter, the Wildcats reverted to the C-level sloppiness and unforced errors of their seasonopening loss to Utica Eisenhower.

Despite hanging on to a 20-6 win over the Vikings on the junior varsity field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Wildcats were given a homework assignment for the long Labor Day weekend.

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"You got to be able to understand the game as well as play it. If you can understand the game just as good as you can play it, you're unstoppable."

DARIUS TIMMONS Plymouth running back

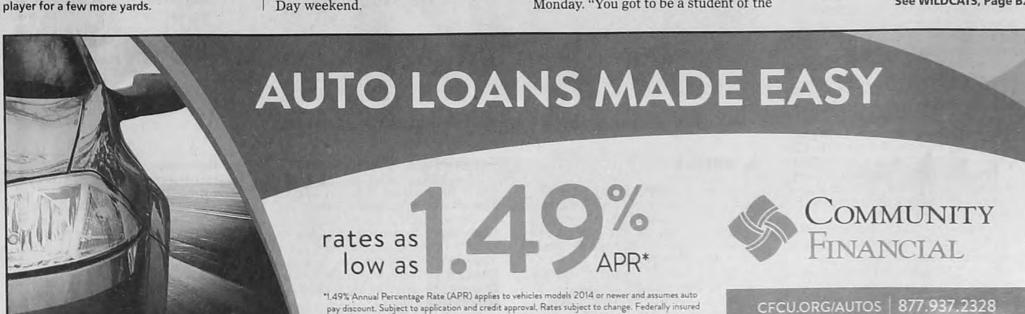
"You can't just show up and play nowadays," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said, shortly after telling players in the postgame huddle about the extended personal film critique awaiting them from Saturday through Monday. "You got to be a student of the game, you got to know tendencies, you got to know how you fix mistakes. Obviously, in football, you can't keep

making the same mistake." Sawchuk spoke like a teacher dis-appointed in the kind of papers turned in, but not upset enough to give out

'It was a win. I am not satisfied with how we played in the second half," Sawchuk said. "We're going into the meat grinder of our schedule with Grand Blanc and Churchill and Canton. And if we play like we did in the second half, we're going to be in trou-

"Kids got to hold themselves accountable. We got to get better after watching film. Coaches got to coach

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PREP FOOTBALL

Chiefs sputter after starting strong

Walled Lake Western parlays big touchdown passes into 33-30 victory

> **Evan Paputa** Correspondent

Much like two horses galloping down the final stretches of the Kentucky Derby, Walled Lake Western and Canton were jockeying for KLAA bragging rights Thursday night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Western edged the Chiefs, 33-30 behind a 29-yard touchdown pass from Cody White to Justin Thomas with 37 seconds left. Canton responded by driving to the Warriors' 30-yard line with four seconds left, but a 47-yard field goal attempt was short as time expired.

"I always dreamed of it as a kid, coming down and getting the gamewinning drive, but never envisioned it like this," White said. "When it went in the air, it felt like it was in the air forever. When (Thomas) came down with it, it was so much joy."

Canton (0-2) scored on two singleplay drives to start the second half and forced two Western three-and-outs in that stretch. The scores, rushing touchdowns by Colin Troup and Steven Walker for 60 and 51 yards, respectively, pushed Canton ahead, 27-14.

"They had two long runs and we had two three-and-outs, but this team, we never get down on ourselves," White said. "We're always positive and thinking we can win any game. So much momentum going into Northville next week.'

However, the story of the night proved to be the Chiefs scoring too quickly and not allowing their defense to get much rest.

"The good thing was we scored points, bad thing was we scored too fast. Our defense was on the field too much,' Canton head coach Tim Baechler said.

Numbers good

Statistically speaking, Canton outgained Western in total yards (plus-74), rushing yards (plus-100) won the turnover battle (plus-1), won the time of possession battle (by seven minutes) and had two more first downs.



Carrying the ball Thursday for Canton is Steven Walker (left), who gained 149 yards against the Warriors. Trailing on the play for the Chiefs is

Unfortunately for Canton, it was the aerial attack by the Warriors that did it in. White passed for 122 yards and two touchdowns, both to Thomas.

Noah Brown.

"They are a great team. We had match-up problems, in the secondary, we knew we would. We scored points, unfortunately they were on big plays. They were a gamble, all-out defense, which is hard to possess the ball against somebody like that," Baechler said. According to Baechler, the defense

has shown growth from the first game. It limited Western's explosive, long plays that the Warriors used to defeat Farmington a week ago, but their four biggest gainers all went for touchdowns: White's 59- and 29-yard touch-down passes to Thomas and 46- and 60-yard rushing touchdowns by Jalen Marshall and White, respectively.

There was a lot (of improvement). We were a little bit better against the run. Most of the time, pass-wise, we

were good. Just the deep ball is our downfall right now. Those kids are going to be good; we're young back there. They're going to be all right," Baechler

Keeping composure

Canton took a 30-27 lead when Ben Tubaro connected on a 33-yard field goal with 4:35 left in the fourth quarter. The field goal capped a seven minuteplus drive that went 64 yards.

When Western head coach Mike Zdebski saw the time and score situation after Tubaro's field goal, he knew it was four-down territory for the ensuing

'When we saw four minutes and change on the clock, it was four-down territory the whole way, because we knew if they got the ball back, they could chunk out (the clock) — they're a very patient, physical team. We had a real difficult time stopping the run on

them. So everything was four downs there," Zdebski said.

White proved to be a thorn in the Chiefs' side all night, accounting for 241 of the Warriors' 369 yards. Every time the Warriors needed a play on the last drive, White stepped up and made one. He set up the final Thomas touchdown with a 7-yard run on third-and-one.

"Boy, he can run, can't he? He keeps his composure, even when things don't go right. So he's a good deal," Zdebski

Walker led the Chiefs in rushing with 149 yards. Julian Thornton and Troup followed with 89 and 70 yards, respectively. Each of those runners scored a touchdown, while Thornton also scored on a 51-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jake O'Donnell (4-of-7 passing,

Canton will travel to Hartland at 7 p.m. Friday; the Chiefs defeated the Eagles 27-21 last season.

WILDCATS

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harder. Clean things up and play more

disciplined." Even Plymouth's top student of the night, Timmons — who rushed 18 times yards and scored the game's first two TDs and on defense had a hand in 11 tackles (six solo, five assists) understood the need for the extra film study. He actually welcomed the

"That's really important. Your football IQ's got to be better than you are on the field," Timmons said. "You got to be able to understand the game as well as play it. If you can understand the game just as good as you can play it, you're unstoppable."

Wouldn't be denied

Timmons was just that when he bounced off a Central lineman, found a hole and steamrolled 5 yards into the end zone with 1:53 left in the first quarter to put Plymouth (1-1) on the score-

Junior quarterback Zach Beadle (5-of-9 passing, 93 yards, one touchdown), starting his first varsity game, sparked the scoring march with a 12yard completion to senior wide-out Chase Timko for a first down at the Central 30; he then gained 11 and 7 yards on a pair of keepers to move the ball to the 5-yard line.

"That was not going to be denied," Timmons said. "I was not going to let myself be denied. I needed to put us on



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth quarterback Zach Beadle (left) tries to elude the tackle of Walled Lake Central's Kellen Branoff.

the board so we could get some momentum and get the game going, so that's what I did.

Early in the second quarter, Plymouth's defense stiffened up to make up for a missed fair catch. It took only two plays for the Wildcats to make it a 13-0 advantage.

Timmons stepped through a hole up front and then sprinted past any remaining Central linebackers and defensive backs along the left sideline en route to a 65-yard touchdown run with 9:40 to play in the half.

"As soon as I got to the line of scrimmage, (I) saw nothing but green grass," Timmons said. "The receivers picked

off their guys and I was gone."

Flight pattern

The Wildcats, who outgained the Vikings 311-177 despite having three fewer offensive plays (46-43), got the ball right back after a three-and-out Central series and scored again to go up 20-0 with 6:32 remaining.

Beadle's strong arm was key, connecting with Timko on a 34-yard catchand-run to set up a first down at the Vikings' 30.

On the next play, Beadle stepped back and fired a perfect spiral that senior receiver C.J. Colliver brought down at the front-left pylon for a 30yard TD. Nailing the extra point was

But the third quarter brought fumbles, missed tackles and an interception as the Vikings (1-1) got to within 20-6 with 2:13 left in the quarter. Two snaps following a very short Plymouth punt, Dalen Franklin scored on a 30-

yard run. Plymouth's offense could not get untracked in the fourth quarter and the Vikings had chances to cut the lead to a touchdown.

Here again, Timmons took charge from his middle linebacker position, this time on a fourth-and-12 play inside the Plymouth 20 with about four minutes on the clock.

Parker dumped the ball over the line to Michael Woodridge, who made a beeline for the first-down sticks. He didn't make it, thanks to Timmons.

"He had about a good yard (to go). I made sure I got to him," Timmons said. "I had him right around the waist."

That ultimately secured Plymouth's first 'W' of the season. Yet Sawchuk knows he and his coaches also have to brush up on studies, along with players, if the Wildcats are to enjoy a success-

"I don't know what they (Vikings) did, but even after I had the talk with them at halftime about 'we got to finish' we came out undisciplined and kind of flat," Sawchuk said. "I got to fix that. We got to fix that attitude if we want to go to the playoffs or we want to win, period."

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ROCKS

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Big plays pay off

"Finally, offensively some explosive plays showed up for us tonight and Trevor's rock-solid on defense," Britnell said, noting the hard-nosed play of senior linebacker Trevor Nowaske (nine tackles)

After Britnell huddled with his team following the victory, Young briefly talked about how good it felt to come back with a win after missing his entire junior season with a hip injury.

"I worked hard this whole summer," Young said. "I just kept it in mind I might not be able to play football again, but I worked hard and I'm back. We're back, the Rocks are back.

Davis followed the early field goal with a 2-yard touchdown run with 4:20 left in the first, capping a 56-yard drive. A big play in that march was Young's

23-yard pass to senior wide-out Mason Phillips, who made a nifty catch-andrun down the left sideline. Nowaske blocked a Hartland field-

goal try early in the second to keep the 10-0 edge intact.

But Hartland got on the scoreboard with 8:55 to play in the half, on a 24yard scoring run by Brad Ekonen.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Andrew David looks for a hole in the Hartland defense during Friday night's contest.

Bouncing back

Salem then parlayed Cody Tapp's 41vard kickoff return into great field position and the Rocks cashed in soon thereafter.

Young connected with Phillips on a 34-yard completion down to the goal line with 3:50 remaining.

bounced off-tackle to cross the goal line

'That's on me; I kind of overthrew him," Young said with a smile. Not to worry, however, as Davis

and give Salem a 17-7 edge.

Hartland got to within 17-13 less than a half minute later, thanks to a 80-yard kickoff return by Jack Slavin.

Undaunted, the Rocks responded with a touchdown drive of their own.

Zipping around the left end for an important 17-yard run was Tapp, then Young fired the ball over the middle to Nowaske for another big 17-yard gain down to Hartland's 12.

Two plays later, Young veered far to

his left before turning the corner for a 9-yard touchdown run, putting Salem up 24-13 at the intermission.

Quick work

Starting right where they left off, the Rocks padded their advantage to 31-13 after just two plays in the third

On second-and-two at the Salem 30, Davis took the ball, waited for an open-ing to develop and slipped around the left edge. By the time he was finished running, he had a 70-yard touchdown.

"It wasn't just me, our whole line did great tonight," Young said about the blocking that helped Salem outgain Hartland, 370-265.

The Eagles got one back later in the quarter on a 35-yard pass from Brad Ekonen to Evan Metz, to make it 31-19 with 2:40 remaining in the quarter. Once again, Salem showed its re-

solve when Young scored on a 77-yard dash on the Rocks' next series. He shot up the middle of the field before veering to his left and reaching his destination with a dive.

Another Hartland TD early in the fourth closed the gap to 38-25 and the Eagles recovered the ensuing onside kick. But the Salem defense held tough, with Phillips' interception stopping that comeback try.

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BOYS SOCCER

Canton Chiefs red hot in early season

Tim Smith hometownlife.com

Canton's varsity boys soccer team improved to 6-0-1 with KLAA crossover victories over Grand Blanc and Walled Lake Northern.

On Monday, Alex Spratte scored twice and Mo Miri scored one goal in a 3-0 victory over the Knights. Earning the shutout was David Sadanowicz.

The Chiefs followed up Wednesday with another 3-0 triumph, against Grand Blanc.

This time, it was goalie David McGraph who blanked the opposition, bolstered by excellent defense from Matt Rockefellow, Caleb Moraw, Cam Waller and Matt Tenglin.

Taking care of the offense against the Bobcats were Miri, Spratte and Avery Olson. Helping the cause with assists were Spratte and Matt Eastman.

Canton faces an important week in the KLAA South race, hosting Livonia Churchill (7 p.m. Tuesday) and then squaring off against Plymouth at 7 p.m. Wednesday at P-CEP.

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PRO SOCCER

Evans pursues soccer dream

Dan O'Meara hometownlife.com

Kirsten Evans of Farmington Hills is pursuing a pair of longtime ambitions to play professional soccer and to experience life in Europe.

After completing her collegiate career at Michigan State, Evans signed a pro contract this summer with Football Femminile Lugano, one of the top women's teams in Switzerland.

The city of Lugano is located in southern part of the country, not far from the Italian border, and the team competes in the LNA — the Nationalligaa, the Swiss First Division.

Evans will be one of a handful of American players on the team, including Jamie Kator, a former teammate of Evans at Vanderbilt University

"From what I've heard — and I know a couple girls on the team - they absolutely love it," Evans said last week while waiting at JFK Airport for a flight to Milan and bus ride to Lugano.

"They love the club, they love the location, they love the league they're in. They said Lugano is an absolutely beautiful city with a lot to do. They've been taking trips to Italy on the weekends."

Evans, a 2011 graduate of Farmington High School and former Falcons player, missed the start of the season while she finished a course at MSU.

"The coach in Lugano was very un-derstanding and cool about it," Evans said. "He said to get here as soon as I can. Unfortunately, I missed out on the preseason with the girls. They've only played two or three games, so I haven't missed much."

Living the dream

With the help of Kator and a Swedish agent with Swiss contacts, Evans was put in touch with the Lugano club, which asked for a resume and highlight video. Subsequently, the team offered her a contract and spot on the team.

"I always knew I wanted to play professionally and live in Europe at some point of my life," Evans said. "I'm just ready for this adventure. I've dreamed about doing this my whole

"My older sister was able to play in Sweden and said, 'If you ever have the opportunity to play internationally, definitely do it. You learn so much about yourself, get to see the world, travel expense-free and meet people from all over.

"It was a really great experience. I'm just ready to go over and absorb as much as I can and enjoy this next chapter of my life.'

Loves to go places

Lindsey Evans, who also played at Farmington High and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida, spent three years playing in Sweden.

"I think we just have this travel bug in all of us, that we crave new cultures, languages and places," Kirsten said. "Instead of a graduation party, I asked my mom and dad if they would send me to Sweden to visit her.

"Seeing her there and enjoying it was a big moment for me. I said: 'I'm actually going to follow this dream. It's possible for an American to play in Europe and to play professional soccer.' It made me believe I could really make it happen.'

The current Swiss season goes until the end of October. Evans plans to travel in Europe, return home for Christmas and go back for the second part of the season in January.

WOMEN'S SOCCER PREVIEW



Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team already is off to a quick start, winning both games so far.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE ATHLETICS

New-look Schoolcraft still in postseason mix

Lady Ocelots expected to keep winning despite graduation of 15 players

Tim Smith

hometownlife.com

Win, recruit, repeat - that could be the mantra for the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team as the 2016 season gets underway.

After losing 15 players to graduation following an outstanding 2015 season (16-3-0 overall, 10-0-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association), Lady Ocelots head coach Dave Carver can't wait to witness the

next chapter. very exciting local talent as well as some international players that we believe will help us meet our program goals," said Carver, whose current team already is off to a 2-0 start. "We have been most impressed with how quickly the group has bonded together and the daily culture the team has been able to create through the start of

the season.' The Lady Ocelots were ranked No. 11 in the NJCAA preseason Division I poll and hopes are that - changing of the guard or not - the team will once again qualify for the national tourna-

Of course, two key players from last season reprise their roles as sophomore co-captains Colleen McKay (midfield) and Emily Bondy (midfield/ forward) "are doing a great job of

leading the team and setting the tone." Another key returnee is sophomore defender and Farmington Hills native Megan Schulz

"She developed a lot in her freshman year and looks set to be a big part of our back line this year," Carver said. "She also brings a fantastic work

"We have been most impressed with how quickly the group has bonded together and the daily culture the team has been able to create through the start of the season."

DAVE CARVER

Schoolcraft head coach

ethic and attitude to the group." Novi product Devon Powers is back, too, with the Lady Ocelots looking to her for offense.

"Devon was extremely dedicated in the off-season and you can see she has come in ready," Carver said. "She scored two well-taken goals in the recent 4-0 win vs. Delta.'

Local ties

Several other players with ties to Observerland schools have the chance to contribute.

Those include freshman forward Lauren Wynns (Livonia Stevenson) and freshman defenders Susana Bryan and Raven Buck (both from Westland John

"We were very excited to add (Wynns) and she has not disappointed," Carver said. "She is a very attacking player that always looks to score and create goals. Lauren is very competitive and brings a winning mindset."

The two former Rockets "will be looking to have an impact defensively" with the squad, he added. So will freshman center-back Madeline Rozanski of Huntington Woods.

Novi's Mallory Bryant (sophomore defender) and Alex McAleer (freshman defender) will help bring depth in the back, along with sophomore Rachel Rodeheffer (Commerce) and freshman Oliva Borgdorff (Belleville).

Others looking to help on the attack include freshman forwards Katie Webb (Pinckney), Sophia Shymylo (Berkley) and Jenna Smith (Milford).

Notable imports include Scotland's Eliss Jenkins (forward), Wales' Lailah Muscat (midfield) and Toronto, Ontario, product Jamila Thombs (forward).

Taking care of goalkeeping duties will be sophomore Rebekah Mathers (Waterford) and freshman Lauren Auspitz (Lake Orion).

Rounding out the roster are sophomore forward Katie Vitella (Sterling Heights) and freshman midfielder Elizabeth Ferguson (Woodhaven).

Turf field's a hit

Carver and the 22 players also have the chance to usher in a new era of Schoolcraft soccer, practicing and playing on the brand new turf field.

The new soccer facility is top class and totally professionalizes our soccer program," Carver said. "It's state of the art and gives us the opportunity to play the attractive, attacking style we wish to develop with our team.

"The turf is perfect and the ball runs very smooth. It's also very big, so there is lots of space to play around and behind our opponents.

"We've trained on it a few times now and the players are really enjoying it."

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The team was scheduled for a final camp Sept. 3 (after a Sept. 2 rematch against Venezuela) and later in the month will depart for Jordan.

'We have five weeks left to prepare for our first game in Jordan and we need to take advantage of every day,' U.S. head coach B.J. Snow told the U.S. Soccer website. "The two games against Venezuela will provide a very important snapshot of where we are and what we need to continue to focus

"Venezuela is an outstanding opponent that has a history of success at the U-17 level, highlighted by their fourth-place finish in the last U-17 World Cup. Having the opportunity to play them will be a tremendous challenge and we look forward to testing ourselves.

The first test at the World Cup for Rodriguez and her teammates will be Oct. 1 against Paraguay, as part of the Group D pool. Other teams in the group include Ghana and Japan.

Group A features Jordan, Spain, Mexico and New Zealand. Group B features Venezuela, Germany, Cameroon and Canada. Group C features Nigeria, Brazil, England and North

According to Rodriguez, it will be good as a team to now have a singular



Izzy Rodriguez (No. 4) is pictured with the rest of the Team USA starting lineup before Tuesday's friendly against Venezuela.

focus as the World Cup games loom. "The past years have been hard because we have always just been a player pool," Rodriguez stressed. "But

now that we are a team I think that has allowed us to become a family and start playing even better together. Snow, meanwhile, said players have

the opportunity to grow exponentially as competitors because of the World

The ability to play in a youth World

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been before.

Cup is an important part of development for each of our players," Snow said. "They will be tested physically and emotionally like they have never

'It is crucial that the players understand the intensity of these feelings and learn to not only deal with them but more importantly embrace them."

CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

Plymouth girls on the rise

Large influx of talented newcomers could lift Wildcats

Tim Smith hometownlife.com

If enthusiasm and sheer determination matter in high school girls cross country — and those traits certainly do — this could be a season of growth for Plymouth

The Wildcats finished with a 2-3 record in the KLAA South Division in 2015, the first season for head coach Alice Ahearn. But she is confident improved numbers alone will help the team move up the standings this fall. "I believe this is still a rebuilding

"I believe this is still a rebuilding year for our mostly young team and we've added a lot of new strength to our team," Ahearn said. "I'm excited to see what this team can do and looking forward to our progress throughout the season.

"They are a dedicated and hardworking team living up to our season motto of 'Raise your expectations."

Helping to lead the way will be senior co-captains Annie Bonds, Kelly Gryniewicz and Abby Rhoades.

Bonds will "be at the front of the pack in most races," along with junior Arwa Hararwala and sophomores Ana



Plymouth senior co-captains (from left) Kelly Gryniewicz, Annie Bonds and Abby Rhoades are enthusiastic about the 2016 season.

White, Amelia Carey, Rachel Glovasky, Olivia Schafer and Emily Britton. Close to breaking into that top line-

Close to breaking into that top lineup are Gryniewicz, Rhoades, senior Kayla Dudek, juniors Angela Wang, Asha Shah, Marina Malone and Noelle Rogalski and sophomore Cora Wallen (all are returnees).

"These girls are on the cusp of a varsity spot and work hard every day to get there and improve our team with their dedication and commitment to excellence," Ahearn continued.

Looking to improve

Another cluster of returning runners are intent on shaving time off their personal bests.

In that group are seniors Brenda Silva and Gabby Ulohogian, juniors Drew Reynolds, Jasmine Arunachalam, Kelly Heitzman, Marisa Berlanga, McKenzie Coffey, Sumer Pakray and sophomores Clare Barrette, Elizabeth Knuth, Isabel Sanabria, Jaya Dhande and Sarah Baker.

"These girls add their high level of work standard along with their determination to improve to round out our excellent team," Ahearn said.

Promising newcomers are numerous. She listed freshmen Izzy Tiplady, Lily Tiplady, Laura Bonds, Amanda Radke and Moriah Ma as comprising a "fierce freshman group."

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Rounding out the roster are several other newcomers. Those include seniors Danielle Eggleston and Helena Nielsen (a foreign exchange student from Greenland), junior Lauren Merkel, sophomores Julia Wehmer and Puji Modi and freshmen Aadita Nambiar, Lorenna Singer, Lynnae Fisher, Maddie Percy, Madison Banks and Payton DeWitt.

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P-CCS CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

Scott bright spot for Salem

Rocks senior sixth overall, team 10th out of 24 at tourney

Tim Smith hometownlife.com

On Thursday at Fox Hills, Livonia Stevenson's varsity girls golf team won the P-CCS Classic Tournament with a score of 327.

Finishing 10th with a 367 tally was Salem, while Canton shot 400 to finish 16th out of 24 teams on the par-71 Fox Hills Classic course.

Salem was led by Darby Scott, who finished sixth overall with a 78 score. Other Rocks finishing the tourney were Grace Grelak (97), Hannah Saad (99), Nicole Hahn (102), Ryleigh Reed (105), Julianne Small (105) and Ally Walker

The Chiefs, meanwhile, were paced by Nicole Dawson (92) and Manasa Potluri (95). Other finishers for Canton included Simi Neeluru (106), Ashley Kahanec (107) and Ava Song (116).

Next up for the Rocks is a match Tuesday against South Lyon at Fox Hills; the Chiefs will visit Livonia Franklin on Tuesday.

PLYMOUTH 175, CHURCHILL 197: On Tuesday, Erin Johnson recorded 42 to spark the Plymouth Wildcats to a KLAA South Division victory.

Also on the scorecard for the Wildcats were Shae Zydeck and Sara Vohra (both with 43), Rachel Kristian (47), Heather Muir (53) and Kaitlyn Elledge (54).

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Salem's Darby Scott, shown from 2015, is off to a great start this fall for the Rocks.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

G-OOD: Canton spikers hot at invitational

Canton Chiefs capture Airport tourney, led by Giacominis, Gabby den Boer

> Tim Smith hometownlife.com

Canton's "G-Force" sparked the varsity volleyball team to victory Aug. 27 at the Carleton Airport Tournament.

Gina Giacomini and Gabby den Boer registered 38 and 34 kills, respectively, while Sabrina Giacomini orchestrated the Chiefs' offense with 92 assists.

They contributed in other areas, too. Gina and Sabrina Giacomini both



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO Shown during a 2015 game, Canton's Gina

Giacomini (right) clobbers the ball back over the net.

tallied 23 digs, while den Boer chipped in 22. In the serving department, Gina Giacomini tied Hailey Domzalski for the team lead with 13 aces each. Emily Meredith also was stellar on defense, with a team-leading 43 digs; following with 29 was Tia Cucuz (who also had 16 kills).

It was a strong day from start to finish for Canton, who ultimately defeated Brighton 25-18, 25-16 in the tourney final.

The Chiefs got there after sweeping pool play (two-set wins over Brighton, Dearborn and Airport) before defeating Lincoln in the quarterfinals (25-13, 25-14) and Ida in the semifinals (25-6, 25-18).

Canton will open regular KLAA action with matches Thursday at Wayne Memorial and Sept. 13 at home against Westland John Glenn.

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BOYS TENNIS

Plymouth stays hot with victory over Churchill

Tim Smith hometownlife.com

Plymouth defeated KLAA South Division rival Livonia Churchill, 6-3, Thursday to run the Wildcats' record to 5-1 overall and 5-0 in the division leading up to Wednesday's 4 p.m. showdown against Canton. Posting wins in singles play for Plymouth were senior Matt Decker (No. 1 singles, 6-2, 6-2) and senior Deven Patel (No. 2 singles, 6-2, 6-3).

Victorious at No. 1 doubles for the Wildcats was the tandem of seniors Justin Kapke and Ramana Ramanathan (6-1, 6-0).

Other Plymouth wins in doubles

action included the following: No. 2, juniors Anoop Kotha and Nathan Tseng, 6-1, 6-3; No. 3, senior David Grant and sophomore Rohit Narayanan, 6-3, 6-2; and No. 5, sophomore Landon Brenny, junior Prathik Addeppali, 6-3, 6-4.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Marlins just might have their best team yet

Dan O'Meara hometownlife.com

Long a power in the sport of volleyball, Farmington Hills Mercy might reach new heights in the 2016 campaign.

Coach Loretta Vogel begins her eighth season at the school and her 40th overall with what could be one of her best teams.

Potentially, the Class A Marlins, who are ranked No. 5 in the first state-wide coaches poll, will have one of their best attacks, featuring an array of powerful hitters.

"In other years, we had a number of girls who, when they went off to club, played defensive positions and, when they came back to Mercy, they needed to be hitters," Vogel said. "This year, we have girls who played club and are definitely attacks.

"Coming back to the high school program this year, it's a little easier. We've always been very fortunate, but this year the hitting situation is at a higher level. They have more experience as hitters."

Mercy returns a pair of all-area hitters in junior outside Lauren Hunter, a third-year starter on the varsity who made the coaches all-state third team, and senior middle Kennedy Kuffner. Both are 5-foot-10 and all-round players who excel on defense,

"The two of them are identical players for us," Vogel said, adding Kennedy is "that little niche that keeps everyone together."

Bella McDonald, a 5-foot-11 senior middle blocker, is another player who can pound the ball and begins her third season on the varsity.

"Bella just had a fabulous tournament last week at Mount Morris," Vogel said. "She was very successful at the net and on the attack, at beginning the defense for us."

Six-foot senior Jordyn Kreucher is another veteran middle who will be part of the rotation again. The Marlins also return 5-8 senior outside Sydney Hughes and 5-11 sophomore Emily Susitko for added depth to the attack.

The front court will be further strengthened by the addition of two more 6-footers — senior middle Michelle Greenwood, who was injured last year and played on the JV team, and freshman outside Jessica Mruzik, who will be the No. 1 left front.

"She is clearly the most talented freshman in the state," Vogel said, adding Mruzik is an all-round player, too. "I've been very fortunate to have some very talented people to worked with. Jessica is right up there with the

"She has blended in beautifully with this team. It's just great chemistry that we have on the team."

The most important factor in Mercy's potent attack is the player who makes it all work. Senior Liz Susitko returns as the team's starting setter.

The Marlins, who were 56-14-1 and regional runners-up to state champion Novi, played their third tournament Friday at Temperance Be Iford.

CROSS COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Chiefs strong at Mustang invite; Salem falls to Hartland

Zac Clark sets new record for Chiefs, who finish a solid fifth

Tim Smith hometownlife.com

The defending KLAA South Division champion Canton Chiefs opened up the boys cross country season on a strong note, finishing fifth at the competitive Northville Mustang Invitational at

Cass Benton.

Leading the Chiefs in the junior/

senior division was Zac Clark, with a team-record time of 17 minutes, 20 seconds. Also stellar with a 17:26 time was Shane Andrews.

In third among the upper classes was Zach Carey (18:15), followed by Nick Socha (18:52) and David Kight (18:57). In the freshman/sophomore division, Daniel Jiminez led the Chiefs

with a 18:54 finish.
Other Canton freshmen and sophomores doing well included Daniel Carr (20:00), Drew LaBelle (20:13), Braden Heimbaugh (20:53) and Jonah Nicholas (21:14).

Several others also enjoyed big improvements at the invite over their 2015 times. Jeremiah McKinney dropped 7:51 from race to race, while Greg Sigler Nicholas shaved 2:32 and 2:14 off their respective times.

SALEM FALLS SHORT: On Tuesday at Hartland, Salem's varsity boys cross country team fell 27-28 to the host Eagles despite Salem sophomore Luke Haran finishing first overall with a time of 17:33. It was Haran's first varsity victory, shattering the old sophomore course record and earning him the fourth-best time ever there by a

Salem runner.

Rounding out the varsity lineup for the Rocks were junior Alec Teodori (18:12), sophomore Shane McKimmy (18:17), junior Owen Parks (18:26) and senior Tyler Dew (18:30).

Next up for the Rocks is the Ramblin' Rock Invitational at Willow Metropark in New Boston, slated for Saturday, Sept. 10.

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SEPTEMBER **ANNIVERSARY GALA**

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday,

Location: St. Nicholas Event Center, 760 Wattles, Troy

Details: Gala celebrates Bloomfield Hills-based Manresa Jesuit Retreat House's 90th anniversary. The Rev. Leo Cachat will celebrate Mass. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and dancing will follow. Marie Osborne of WJR 760 AM radio will emcee. Tickets are \$100 and \$20 Contact: 248-644-4933; manre-

sa.sj.org

BIBLE STUDY Time/Date: Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday, from Sept. 8-May 11

Location: Berkley Community Church 2855 Wiltshire, Berkley Details: This 30-week, in-depth, inter-denominational study of Romans is for women. Children's program also is available for youngsters through kindergarten. Register at 248-885-5718

Contact: birminghamberkley.cbsclass.org

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Sept. 18

Location: St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk and juice. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10 Contact: 734-525-4421

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Cheek to Cheek sings pop-jazz and R& B duets. Get tickets at unityoflivonia.org Contact: 734-421-1760

FAITH FORMATION Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday,

Sept. 24

Location: St. Priscilla Parish activity center, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia Details: "Prayer: The Faith

Prayed - Making Room For God," is the first of the parish's "Growing in Faith Together -Intergenerational Sessions" for 2016-17. A light meal will be provided. Free will donations will be accepted. RSVP by Sept.

Contact: faithformation@saintpriscilla.org; 248-476-4700

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

Details: The Tri-County Celiac Support Group presents a documentary by filmmaker Michael Frolichstein about his life before and after he was diagnosed with Celiac disease

Contact: tccsg.net GRIEFSHARE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 19 Location: Christ Our Savior

Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia **Details**: Grief support group will meet for 13 sessions. Each

week participants will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects, and will spend time in discussion. Workbooks will be available for personal study of the grieving process. Register at christoursavior.org

Contact: Linda Hollman at 734-522-6830 or Mike McGrath at 248-505-8894

GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP

Time/Date: Wednesday evenings, Sept. 28-Oct. 26

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: Grieving with Great HOPE is a five-week grief support series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include the Rev. John Riccardo, and John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Visit www.goodmourningministry.net for more details. Register at olgcparish.net. The fee is \$20.

Contact: 734-453-0326

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann

Arbor Trail, Livonia Details: \$2 early bird admission, \$1 after 9 a.m., free at noon;

strollers welcome.

Contact: newburgmom2mom@gmail.com; www.facebook.com/Newburg-Mom2Mom

MANAGEMENT

MONEY

Time/Date: Noon, Sunday, Sept.

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Robert A. Finnigan, who has a background in finance and accounting, and who is a student of Unity teachings, will lead a personal finance

Contact: 734-421-1760; unityoflivonia.org

MUGS & MUFFINS MINISTRY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. third Saturday of the month, beginning

Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: This new ministry is for women, ages 18 and up, no children, to gather together for friendship, exploring God's word and cofee, tea and muffins

Contact: 734-421-0472

PRAYER DAY Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday,

Sept. 20 Location: Capuchin's St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: A prayer service, with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen Choir and the Dearing Dancers, will celebrate the International Day of Prayer for Peace. The theme is Let Peace Begin With Me and the featured speaker is Capuchin Friar Ray Stadmeyer Contact: 313-579-2100; TheCapuchins.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 17

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Specialty boutique, house wares / household, electronics, toys, books, home décor, linens, shoes, clothing for baby, kids, teens, adults, furniture, sporting goods and more. Grand opening with 20 percent mark up is Sept. 14. Bag sale is Sept. 17 Contact: 248-477-1410

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept 29; 9 a.m -noon, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, in Livonia

Details: \$2 admission per adult Thursday; free admission Friday-Saturday. Saturday half-price sale

Contact: 734-422-0149: www.facebook.com/NUM-CRummage

T-SHIRT COLLECTION

Time/Date: Through Sept. 15 Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia Details: The church is collecting T-shirts in bright colors for adults and youngsters in Zimbabwe. Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, a Farmington Hills-based charity, will send the donations to Africa next month. A donation box is accessible 24/7 and is stationed at the church's front

Contact: kenwoodchurch.org

OCTOBER CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday,

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Location: Dave Bennett and his jazz trio perform

Contact: 248-788-9338 or

248-661-1348; vivaceseries.org **FESTIVAL**

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: More than 40 vendors will display their products at the Body Mind Spirit Festival, Presentations will focus on selfmassage techniques, balancing hormones naturally, meditation, chiropractic medicine and more.

Admission is \$5 Contact: 734-421-1760

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 and 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14

Location: First Farmington United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave., at Warner, Farmington

Details: \$7 bag day on Thursday, \$4 bag day on Friday. Jewelry and oversized items are priced separately

Contact: 248-474-6573 ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY **Congregation Beth Ahm**

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyellen879@att.net

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Location: Six Mile and Beech

Daly, Redford Township **Details:** Scripture study Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second

and fourth Thursday, through Location: 11441 Hubbard, just

south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own

RELIGION CALENDAR

COMMUNITY LIFE

Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniastmichael.org.

Faith Community Wesleyan Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith

and life. RSVP to Subdeacon

Joshua Genig at joshua.ge-

nig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386 Contact: facebook.com/stinnocenredford

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364 **FAMILY MEAL**

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 **HEALING SERVICE**

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third

Tuesday of the month Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary,

18100 Merriman, Livonia **Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church. Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub

Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com MOMS

at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington

Road, Livonia Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergart-

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at

734-658-2463 **Dunning Park Bible Chapel** Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first

and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available

after the service. Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thurs-

Location: Parish office, 15089

Newburgh, Livonia Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: Parish office at 734-

464-1223 Contact: 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Location: 7000 N. Sheldon,

Canton **Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed

Recycling **RISEN CHRIST** LUTHERAN CHURCH

Contact: 734-459-3333 for

additional information

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth Details: Recycle your cell

phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church. Contact: Lynn Hapman at

734-466-9023 SINGLES **Detroit World Outreach**

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304 **Details:** Divorce Overcomers

group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity

to meet with others. Contact: 313-534-0399

SUPPORT **Apostolic Christian Church** Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

daily Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free Contact: Jonathan@Connec-

tionchurch.info or 248-787-5009 **Detroit World Outreach**

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More

offers support for addictive behavior problems Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

» Farmington Hills Baptist

Church Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt. between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011

» Merriman Road Baptist Church Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and

fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

group.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519 » Fireside Church of God

Contact: www.metrofibro-

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day

Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center Contact: 734-855-4056 or

734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechoa.ora

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday Location: 16360 Hubbard,

Details: A twice-monthly dropin Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available

» St. Thomas a' Becket Church Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-

Contact: 734-421-8451

6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sen-

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-

» Ward Evangelical Presby-

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday

Location: 40000 Six Mile,

Northville Township **Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.wardchurch.org/ celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian Location: 25350 W. Six Mile,

Redford Contact: 313-534-7730 for

Way of Life Christian Church Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100,

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon

first Sunday of the month Location: The Solanus Casey

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and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays Location: 29901 Middlebelt,

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Road, Livonia

» Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday

school and youth and adult Bible classes

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www.DueSeason.org » Faith Community Presby-

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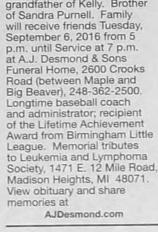
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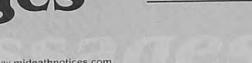
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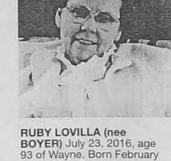
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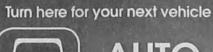
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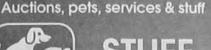
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When a raise is denied, ask for alternatives

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n paper, you're an A-plus employee: You never miss a day of work, reach all your goals, get glowing performance reviews and are always willing to put in extra hours to get the job done right. You deserve a raise, don't you?

That may depend on whom you ask. Sometimes what you think warrants a raise differs from what your managers think. "If you've been told your performance doesn't warrant a raise, ask what you need to be doing differently and make a plan with your boss to measure your improvement," says Corrie Shanahan, CEO of The Beara Group, a consulting practice based in Washington,

Other times, your boss may agree that you deserve a raise but may not be able to grant you one because of factors that are out of his or her control, such as budgetary limits. Another possibility: You are already earning above industry standards, which can make it hard to justify raising your compensation even higher.

Frustrating as it may be to hear you won't be getting a bump in pay, you don't have to walk away empty-handed. If you've proven that you are deserving of a raise but don't get one, consider asking for one

Promotion or title change. A promotion might seem a little pointless without a raise to accompany it, but it can be a valuable résumé builder, says Cheryl E. Palmer, a certified career coach and owner of Call to Career. "It will be easier for you to find a comparable position with the pay increase (you want) if your résumé shows that you have already been working at the

One-time bonus. "Sometimes managers have a

separate pool of money avail-Extra paid time off. If

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of the following alternatives, which can save you money in the long run.

able for bonuses, which may be available to reward stellar performance," says Amanda Sowadski, founder of the Institute for Feminine Leadership. Strengthen your case with examples of the ways in which you helped the company save or make money.

Flexible schedule. Consider asking your boss for a more flexible work arrangement, such as coming in and leaving a little earlier, working four 10-hour days or telecommuting a few days a month. You'll save money on transportation costs and get time back in your day to spend however you like.

a raise isn't in the cards, getting extra vacation time can be a viable option. While such perks are most commonly negotiated during the hiring process, your employer may be willing to make an exception, says independent management consultant Caroline

Siemens.

Tuition reimbursement. Ask if your company will pay for you to further your skills through workshops, seminars, conferences or classes. You may even be able to get full or partial reimbursement toward a master's degree. "Many companies view this as a direct investment back into

the company and are willing to contribute in this area," says Wendy Ann Payne, a founding partner of Centurion Wealth Management, which is based in McLean, Va.

Just remember that while it's perfectly OK to ask for an alternative perk in lieu of a raise, you should be careful not to aim too high, warns Roy Cohen, a career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "You will lose credibility, and so will your request," he says. "It will also make your request for alternatives less likely to be taken seriously."

If, at the end of the day, these alternatives aren't enough and you feel you aren't being fairly compensated for the work you do, it may be time to start looking elsewhere. "When your boss won't consider your request for a raise no matter what you do, it's time to consider whether the job still meets your needs," Sowadski says. "It never hurts to have a Plan B. You are the ultimate leader of your life and your career, and you know what's best for you."

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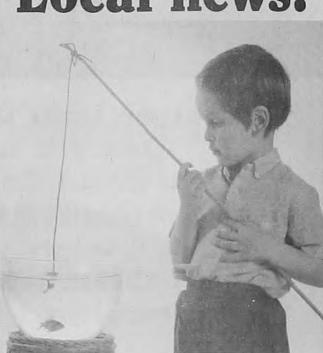
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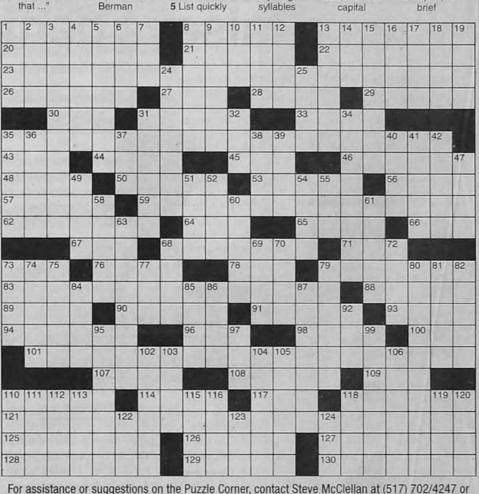
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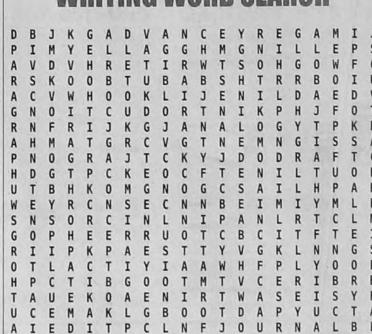
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automotive brand that speaks shamelessly of "love," has done it again: given owners buyers yet

another emotional products.

In a new minicampaign that explores the brand's "commitment to safety and the continued trust in Subaru vehicles from parents everywhere," Subaru has launched two TV ads that make the point in very different ways. One uses pathos, the other uses humor, in an interesting and effective combination.

Subaru, of course, long has had to take an unconventional approach to marketing because it remains a though its relative sales increases over the last few years have been near the front of the pack among brands in the US

Its lineup of all-wheel-drive SUVs and CUVs is on point in the current utility-vehicle craze by the American a compound annual growth rate of 17.6 percent in the US since 2008.

The brand also has gained because of its devotion to positioning that



Scene from Subaru's new

Subaru, the can best be described as crunchy, emphasizing, for instance, how dog lovers worship Subarus, and resulting in a recent ad where a grandmother literally took her daughter and granddaughter to the field where Woodstock was held so they could and potential hug the same tree she did back in her formative years.

"We've been identified as granola reason to buy its crunchers and tree huggers, and people with lots of stickers on the backs of their vehicles, and it's true," Tom Doll, president and chief operating officer of Subaru of America, told me recently. "We're proud of that. Why run away from that? [Brands] who are critical of that wish that they had what we do."

Or, put another way, Doll said, "Do I need half the market?" that might be put off ideologically by Subaru's blatant appeal to "progressive" consumers? "Our customers kind of tiny niche brand worldwide even led us to this. The things we talk about internally, and externally through our advertising and marketing, are really a reflection of where we believe we want to make an impact on the general society. It's important for all companies to be able to give back.'

In this case, Subaru is "giving back" consumer, and that has paid of in by underscoring the outstanding safety record of its vehicles as well as its status as a trusted brand, illustrated by its being named 2016 Most Trusted Brand by automotive-information outfit Kelley Blue Book

> "We are proud that Subaru continues to be the trusted vehicle of choice for so many families who recognize the importance of safety for our young drivers," said Alan Bethke, senior vice president of marketing for Subaru of America, in a release. "With these new spots, we are happy to reinforce the brand's commitment to building and honoring this trust and keeping



The Subaru Outback as featured in the brand's new "Take the Subaru" ad

our drivers safe on the road."

In the new ad "I'm Sorry," a variety of teenagers are seen in the immediate moments after they've been in bad wrecks in their parents' Subarus, though they've survived. "It wasn't my fault," they're saying; "I don't know what happened"; "Please don't be mad"; "This car came out of nowhere"; "I wrecked the Subaru."

But in their cell-phone calls to parents, the message from home is, 'You're OK; that's all that matters." And the implicit reason they're safe is because they were driving the family

The other spot, "Take the Subaru,"

is a funny send-up on the same point, consistency with its overall brand in an ad for the Outback utility. Kids are shown taking all sorts of devices for play or "construction" purposes, ranging from a blow torch to a chain saw to a pair of barber shears to a sledgehammer, only to hear their parents say, "You're not taking that/ those." In the extended version of the commercial, a teenage girl is told, "You're not taking him," about her

boyfriend waiting outside. But in the end, when one of the kids informs his mother, "Mom, I'm taking the Subaru," his reassured parent shouts down the stairs to the kitchen only, "Don't be late."

In addition to chiming a strong

message, the campaign is an extension of safety-focused positioning that Subaru began in 2013 when it ran commercials showing totaled Subarus with the message, "They lived," Ad Age noted.

Subaru recently also has been promoting its Eyesight Driver Assist technology that allows the car to stop itself before a head-on collision. Eyesight is noted in the humorous new spot, for instance.

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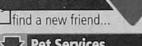
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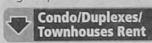
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