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## Educators say school tax needed

County levy would help districts make investments

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Area educators say voter approval of a countywide tax proposal on the Nov. 8 ballot would allow school districts to reduce class sizes, buy new textbooks, replace aging buses and hire quality teachers, among other measures.

It all comes down to whether voters are convinced to support a six-year, 2-mill tax plan that would generate \$80 million in the first year alone. Taxpayers would have to shell out as much as \$336 a year in

the Northville district and as little as \$36 in Hamtramck and Ecorse, based on average home values listed on the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency website.

The agency has proposed to distribute the money proportionately to the county's 33 school districts based on student counts. Steven Ezikian, Wayne County RESA deputy superintendent, said school boards in 27 of those districts passed resolutions to support putting the so-called enhancement millage proposal on the

ballot. It would generate \$385 a year for every student.

"I can't predict what the people (who vote) are going to do," Ezikian said, "but we have support from most of our school districts."

According to Wayne County RESA, a homeowner with a home value of \$100,000 would pay \$8 a month, or \$96 a year.

Here's a snapshot of what some Wayne County districts would receive from the tax — and what it would cost an average household in the community:

» Plymouth-Canton would receive \$6.7 million a year. It



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Officials say the tax plan would help them improve everything from instruction to buying new buses.

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## What's this? Canton Historical Museum has guessing game

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An old hand-cranked coffee grinder. A clunky box camera. A vintage adding machine that resembles an old cash register.

A cigar cutter, a corn seed hand planter and a metal rod intended to deflect lightning from buildings.

It's easy to look at these objects inside the Canton Historical Museum and wonder what they are. They date back as far as the late 1800s, defying the digital age.

Dozens of objects once used by Canton families adorn the museum for its new, interactive exhibit, "What is This? A Guessing Game Exhibit," which runs through Nov. 26.

"All of these items were donated by people who lived here in Canton," museum Director Jordan Taylor said. "They were all everyday things that were used here."

The items adorn the museum — a former one-room schoolhouse — and provide a glimpse of Canton's rural past. The pieces are numbered and the museum has an accompanying booklet to identify what they are and their historical significance.

Kathy Martin, Canton Historical Society board secretary, said it's important to put Canton's history on display.

"Fifty years ago, Canton was a farming community. It definitely is not that today, so I think it's important to look back at our roots," said Martin, a museum committee member. "What was Canton like before it was a suburban community? It's important to know who we were and what we were doing before today."

The exhibit also includes a quiz. Hint: Canton was once known as the sweet corn capital of Michigan. But who knows how many official park sites Canton has? What was the name of the school that became the historical mu-



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What's that? A new Canton Historical Museum exhibit is an interactive guessing game that lets visitors guess historic objects on display.

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## Man charged with filming woman in bathroom, child porn

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A Detroit man, already charged with secretly using his cellphone to videotape a female co-worker using the bathroom, is facing new allegations in Canton after police say they found child pornographic images on the phone.

Zaron Eugene Holley's troubles began amid allegations he placed his cellphone in a workplace bathroom and videotaped a woman who suddenly realized she was being recorded, Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said.

"She noticed it was in the bathroom," he said.

When Holley, 28, appeared Friday in 35th District Court for a hearing on the Sept. 26 incident, he was slapped with new charges after police say they found pornographic images of juvenile girls on his phone during their investigation. It is not believed he took the pictures himself.

"It appears that the photos are from the Internet," Traylor said.

The first incident occurred in the 6000 block of Haggerty Road, in an industrial park workplace, but police haven't disclosed the name of the business where the defendant and victim worked. The allegations led to charges of eavesdropping, capturing or distributing images of an unclothed person and using a computer to commit a crime. The most serious charge carries a maximum sentence of seven years in prison.

Holley was ordered to stand trial on the charges Friday as he voluntarily waived his right



Holley

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## MUSEUM

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seum? True or false — the old Cherry Hill School on Canton's west side has ties to auto magnate Henry Ford.

The latter is true and has a modern twist. A former Henry Ford factory site not far from Cherry Hill School is being gradually transformed into an arts complex.

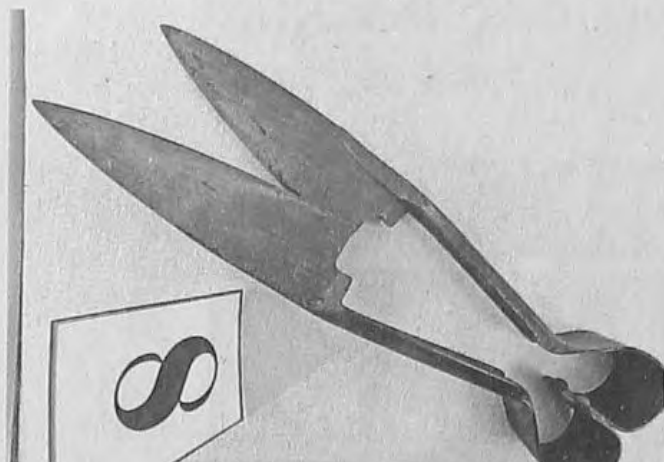
Taylor, providing a tour of the new exhibit, paused by one glass case that contains items such as a Biltmore stick, which measured tree dimensions. It sort of

resembles a yard stick. "You could tell the amount of lumber you would get out of the tree," Taylor said.

Then she paused near what was called a log roller, once used to create "logs" out of newspapers to be burned in the fireplace. And for those leisure moments, why not use the cigar cutter for a smoke or grind fresh coffee from a hand-cranked machine?

"It was very popular in the Victorian time period," Taylor said of the coffee grinder.

One section of the exhibit asks visitors to match farming utensils with the food products they help to create. One



Shears for sheep.

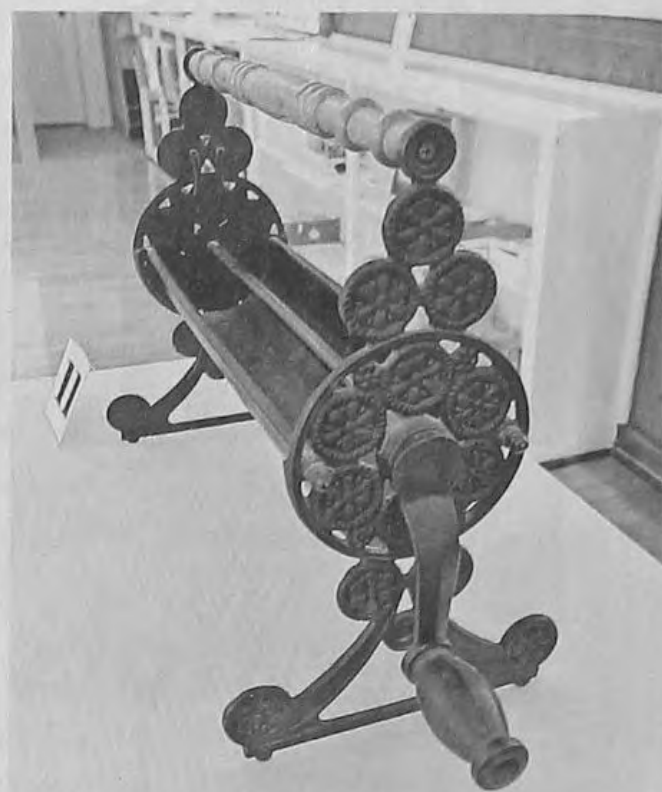
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is a grain flail, used to thresh grain after it was harvested from the field in the 18th and 19th centuries. Another is a fish gaff, used to haul a large fish out of water.

Taylor and other Canton historians hope the latest exhibit will give local residents another

peek into their community's past. It ends Nov. 26. The museum, 1022 S. Canton Center, is open 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

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What is this? It is a gadget that rolls newspaper into logs that can be burned in a fireplace.

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## School district joins fight against cancer with Relay

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The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life has some new allies at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

The district of about 17,000 students will host its first Relay For Life at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — the campus that includes Canton,



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Students and graduates from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high schools participated in the 2015 Relay For Life in Canton Township. This year, the high school campus will for the first time host its own Relay, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, Saturday, Nov. 5.

Salem and Plymouth high schools — from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. The Relay is a non-competitive running and walking event for which

teams raise money for American Cancer Society programs.

"Many students and their loved ones have faced cancer themselves

and we have never been able to touch this many households and have this large of a local impact right here in Canton and Plymouth," said Megan Schaper, ACS community manager for Relays in the Plymouth-Canton area. "To see the students are the driving force really brings a lot of hope."

The P-CCS Relay will be a family-friendly event and open to the public. The event will include a recognition of cancer survivors, as well as of people who care for those with cancer, Schaper said. The P-CEP Relay will join long-established local Relay events held annually in Canton Township and the city of Plymouth.

The goal for the Nov. 5 Relay, Schaper said, is to sign up 50 teams, honor more than 100 survivors and raise more than \$15,000. A luminaria ceremony, to honor those who are battling or have battled cancer, will take place around dusk.

Already, noted Canton High School teacher Erin Le, one of two teacher advisers to students organizing the Relay, 28 teams have joined and that number is expected to reach 35 by the middle of the week. Most teams are made up of high school students, she said, but some middle school students have joined, as well as members of the Plymouth-Canton Teachers Association, the district's teachers union.

"Our district, like our community, has unfortunately been impacted by cancer. We are committed to ending the fight against this terrible disease," Le wrote in an email Friday.

Le, who teaches social studies, said the Canton Class of 2017 is taking the lead in organizing the Relay. The student council, she said, has been a part of the Relay held in Canton Township for the last three years and council members have wanted to bring it to P-CEP.

For more information on the P-CCS Relay, go to [www.relayforlife.org/PCCSMI](http://www.relayforlife.org/PCCSMI) or email Schaper at [Megan.Schaper@cancer.org](mailto:Megan.Schaper@cancer.org).

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# Ups and downs of drones: Like you're flying

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Troy Thomas loves to fly drones so much he knows exactly what day he ordered his first one on eBay last month.

Two days after he received it, he drove 40 minutes from his home in St. Clair Shores to Excel Drones in Garden City to see different drones firsthand instead of on a computer or phone screen. Even better, he was able to talk to experts about equipment options.

Flying a drone, he said, "is relaxing and sometimes a little frustrating."

## Feels like flying

Ashton Dillion, also from St. Clair Shores, said flying a drone and getting an aerial view from the camera "is pretty awesome. It's like being a bird, but a little faster."

That kind of enthusiasm attracted Excel Drones owner Fred Kandah to open a business last July at Middlebelt and Ford Road.

The West Bloomfield resident's first experience with drones was when he was buying a building and he wanted to see the condition of the roof without climbing even one step on a ladder.

The response to the new store, which opened last July, has been positive, Kandah's son Alex said: "It's an experience unlike any other. When you're wearing the goggles, it's like you have become the drone. You're flying first person."

Ordering drones and parts online can be tricky for customers, Alex said: "We're trying to provide a one-stop experience. Whether you're a veteran or a beginner, you can feel confident that we have everything you need and want."

Prices range from \$20 to \$20,000 for fun and business. The average



Fred and Alex Kandah, flying a drone in the parking lot of their business.

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Fred Kandah, at the controls of the drone.

drone sells for about \$1,000.

Realtors use drones to show prospective buyers property without customers being present.

They're instrumental for filming movie scenes and for the military. Drones are used for survey and topography analysis; high-resolution photography and videography; inspecting and spraying crops; infrared inspections of power lines and construction sites; security; search and rescue missions; and medical supply delivery among hospitals and disaster scenes.

Some people take their drones on vacation to capture aerial footage they otherwise wouldn't get. Others want simple family pictures and videos using their drones. But most drone owners, who range in age from 5 to 80 years old, like flying drones as a hobby.

Kandah's 10,000-square-foot building also provides space for a large open room to host "Build Day" the first Saturday of each month. He sells drones, educates people on their proper use, repairs equipment and "just for fun" lets people test them. He also hosts racing leagues for mini drones.

## Big and small

The flight range can be anywhere from 1,000 to 3,000 feet or more. There are rules, however. For personal use, you must respect people's privacy, because flying over private property can be restricted in some municipalities, Fred

Kandah said. Flying for commercial purposes requires an FAA license, there are height restrictions of 400 feet and you can't fly within the restricted airspace of an airport.

Fred Kandah said he got tired of not being able to get the products and parts he needed before he opened the store.

"I found no easy way to get the information that was necessary to build and operate (them)," he said. "That's when I decided to make the investment and open Excel Drones. What's really cool is that you can get a good camera drone for as little as \$500 and

they work with your wireless phone, tablet and (other electronic devices). The reality is a lot of people are curious and they have no idea where to ask questions. They end up going online and getting bad information. Here they can look at something and get a straight idea."

*Excel Drones is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information on mini drone racing leagues and drones in general, call Fred Kandah at 734-956-5232 or go to [www.excelrc.com](http://www.excelrc.com).*

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## TAX

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would cost a typical taxpayer \$204 a year.

» Livonia would get \$5.6 million a year, with an average household paying \$144.

» Northville would receive \$2.9 million a year at a cost of \$336 to households.

» Wayne-Westland would get \$4.5 million a year. The taxpayer cost: \$84 a year.

» Garden City would get \$1.5 million a year, with households paying \$84.

» South Redford and Redford Union both would receive \$1.3 million, with Redford Union taxpayers paying \$60 a year compared to South Redford's \$72.

Superintendent Monica Merritt of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools said the tax would allow the district to reduce classroom sizes that increased by one student in grades 3-12 this school year, amid cuts to a \$153 million budget.

"That's definitely the No. 1 priority of ours," she said.

Merritt also said officials could make long-delayed textbook purchases and improve curriculum, among other measures. Some teachers are spending their own money to buy supplies, she said, and the district has laid off some staff and reduced programs to slash spending.

"That (tax revenue) would have a profound

impact on the funding here (in Plymouth-Canton)," she said.

In the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district, John Albrecht, assistant superintendent for educational services, said officials there have decided — if the tax passes — to begin replacing aging buses, recruit and retain high-quality staff and work to expand the district's instructional program. He said the district, based on the state foundation allowance, is among the county's most poorly funded districts at \$7,511 per pupil — the same amount Merritt cited for Plymouth-Canton.

"It is a significant challenge," Albrecht said, adding that Wayne-Westland has a \$103 million general fund budget.

In Livonia Public Schools, Superintendent Andrea Oquist said the district had to cut \$17 million over a five-year period ending in 2014 to compensate for revenue losses due to declining enrollment and state funding sources that failed to keep pace with the cost of doing business. Livonia gets \$8,200 per student in state funding, she said, but a loss of 300-400 pupils a year was costly — erasing \$800,000 or more a year in revenues.

The enrollment drop slowed to about 100 students this year. Still, Oquist said financial challenges make the county tax proposal appealing to the district, which has a \$145 million general fund budget.

"This is extraordinari-

ly significant for us," she said.

While the board is expected to begin budget talks early next year, Oquist said the money could allow the Livonia district to hire and retain quality staff, buy textbooks and other classroom resources, enhance programs for struggling learners and protect programs, such as art and extracurricular activities, that parents have said should not be cut.

"We have worked so hard to keep cuts away from the classroom," she said.

In the Northville Public Schools district, the financial situation has stabilized after officials made \$10 million in cuts in 2010-12, including employee wage concessions, outsourcing custodial and busing services and shifting to a higher-deductible health plan.

Michael Zoph, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, said the enhancement millage, if approved, "certainly would increase our operating revenue." He said school officials would discuss possible uses for the money during budget talks late this year or early next year.

Under state law, school districts cannot place operating tax proposals on the ballot, but Wayne County RESA is able to seek an enhancement millage to help those districts.

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child porn on his phone. Those charges involve three counts of possession of child sexually abusive material and three counts of using a computer to commit a crime. If convicted as charged, he could face up to seven years in prison on those counts.

Not-guilty pleas have

been placed on his record. Holley was jailed with bonds totaling \$125,000/10 percent on the two cases, meaning he would have to post \$12,500 for his release.

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to a court hearing.

While in court, Holley was arraigned on new charges after police, during their investigation of the eavesdropping case, say they found

# Get your Halloween on at Plymouth's Pumpkin Palooza

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Ghosts, goblins, witches and maybe a princess or two will be crowding the streets of downtown Plymouth on Sunday for the city's sixth annual Pumpkin Palooza.

The Halloween-themed event, organized by the Plymouth Community Chamber of

Commerce and paid for by nearly two dozen sponsors, is from noon to 3 p.m. downtown. All ages are welcome and participants are encouraged to arrive in costume.

Pumpkin Palooza is designed to give children and their families a safe way to celebrate Halloween and pick up a few treats. The event will feature games, prizes,

costume contests for both children and pets, entertainment, a petting zoo and, of course, Halloween candy.

Pumpkin Palooza replaced a downtown trick-or-treating event several years ago and has proved wildly successful.

"Pumpkin Palooza is in its sixth year and grown to attract 2,500 to 3,000 children and par-

ents to downtown Plymouth for an afternoon of family fun," said Wes Graff, chamber president.

See the chamber website, [www.plymouthmich.org](http://www.plymouthmich.org), for details about Pumpkin Palooza and other chamber activities.

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Costumed characters at Main and Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth during the 2014 Pumpkin Palooza. This year's event is from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday.

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Boy, 13, falsely accuses clowns of robbing him of bike

Canton police say a 13-year-old boy made up a story claiming two masked clowns robbed him of a bicycle in a residential neighborhood.

The boy's mother notified police after the boy said the clowns grabbed him from behind, pushed him to the ground and seized a MongOOSE mountain bike while he was riding on Dorchester, near Palmer and Lotz, the evening of Oct. 11.

It turns out the bike, which the boy borrowed from a cousin, stopped working and the boy tapped into the creepy clown craze to divert attention.

His allegations prompted police to search the area before the boy finally confessed. The bike was found near a 7-Eleven store a few blocks away.

### Death threats

An angry driver threatened to return to a Canton mobile home park to shoot and kill residents after a woman yelled at him for speeding through the neighborhood. No shots were fired.

The incident unfolded about 8:30 p.m.

Saturday in the Academy/West Point neighborhood, near Michigan Avenue and Haggerty. A 25-year-old woman told police she was outside with her children and yelled at a male driver who was speeding along a residential street.

She notified police after the man stopped his car, got out and said he would shoot and kill residents. She said she had never seen him before. Police advised her to call back if the man returns and also to notify the mobile home park management.

### Jeep, boyfriend 'missing'

A 34-year-old woman who said her boyfriend failed to return with her 2008 Jeep Cherokee eventually learned why — he was in a psychiatric ward of a hospital.

The police report didn't disclose how the man ended up there.

The woman called police after her boyfriend was seven hours late returning her car Oct. 11. She told authorities she had tried to call the suspect's cellphone but it was turned off.

Police called the man's cellphone and left a voice mail. The woman later said she had learned he was at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and that her car

had been left at the man's place of employment in Ann Arbor.

She told police she would arrange to get her car after the man was released from the hospital. It wasn't clear how the man had gotten to the hospital.

### Custody dispute

A woman who claims her estranged husband failed to turn over their children for a visit was arrested after she violated a no-trespassing order by going to his house, a police report said.

Police arrested the 40-year-old for trespassing about 11:10 p.m. Friday and also learned she had been driving with a suspended license. The incident happened in the 1600 block of Tannytown, near Ridge and Proctor, on Canton's west side.

The man called police after he saw the woman on his property. He told police she had been walking around his house wearing a dark-colored hoodie before she left in a 2016 Buick Enclave.

After her arrest, the woman began complaining of a medical problem and was taken to a hospital, where she was examined and turned back over to police.

— By Darrell Clem

## Giving Hope honors philanthropists Friday

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle will celebrate its 10th anniversary by honoring philanthropic leaders and volunteers who best represent Giving Hope's primary mission of improving the lives of women and children in the Canton and Plymouth communities.

The event is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The event will include a strolling dinner and dueling pianos entertainment. The following award recipients, who will be honored at the event, reflect philanthropic efforts in a variety of categories.

### Group category

Joan Noricks and Loren Wadington and 12 other women planned and worked to establish the Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle in 2006. The others are: Terry Bennett, Betty Bloch, Shahnaz Bruceck, Nancy Eggenberger, Jean LaJoy, Carla O'Malley, Karyl Neimi, Linda Radtke, Nancy Richter, Martha Snow, Jean Stenger and Ellen Tucker. As the former Canton Community Foundation director and development officer, respectively, Noricks and Wadington researched giving circles and tested the concept with local community women. The 14 charter members met throughout the summer, drafting bylaws, governance and membership framework to create the Plymouth-Canton Giving Hope organization. The official kickoff informational meeting was held Oct. 18, 2006, with 104 community women in attendance.

### Family category

Marion and Jerry Rozum know all about delivering. Since 1992, they have successfully operated a heavy haul specializing trucking company, transporting robots, tooling and heavy equipment throughout North America. But they didn't stop there. They have taken their good fortune and created the Marion and Jerry Rozum Foundation, a donor-advised fund of the Canton Community Foundation for children with disabilities and special needs.

Like their private company, the Rozums' foundation delivers myriad needed services to the community. Through the Rozum Foundation, Marion Rozum has supported Camp A.B.L.E. with scholarships that have allowed children with disabilities to enjoy a summer camp experience. The foundation has also provided support for the Detroit Area Diaper Bank, tornado relief efforts through local churches, the Miracle League of Plymouth and Chicks for Charity projects in the greater Canton and Plymouth communities.

Marion Rozum is a member of Giving Hope. She serves on the board of the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, which provides healing programs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, supports personal health and well-being with bicycle paths



WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

## A fund of the Canton Community Foundation

and pedestrian trails, fills a public demand for visual arts and provides an arts education center where students can learn and grow through enrichment. Rozum is also involved in the Village Arts Factory that will integrate arts, culture, creativity and well-being in the greater Canton community. One of the factory's recent projects includes local students who started a mural on the north side of the warehouse, located just off Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, as part of a beautification project aimed at inspiring local budding artists.

### Student category

The Student Leadership Council at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district motivates students from grades 1-12 to raise money for community needs and to support philanthropy in age-appropriate ways. One of the council's recent philanthropic initiatives, which was assisted by an \$8,000 grant from Giving Hope, supports the Students Helping Homeless Students project. The organization will work with the Journey to Housing program of St. Vincent de Paul to raise funds to provide housing for one or two local families in need.

### Individual category

Lorraine Zaksek of Plymouth started the Journey to Housing program and is currently chairperson of its general committee. Her awareness of homeless community members began five years ago as the result of her work as the first conference president of the newly formed St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. John Neumann Parish in Canton. After studying the homeless problem in western Wayne County, the group developed a "housing first" philosophy to enable families, who had been evicted from their previous residences, to reside in their own homes. To date, a total of 12 families have been placed into a home or an apartment. Journey to Housing pays for the move-in costs, furniture and 50 percent of the rental cost for the first six months, plus mandatory weekly care management meetings,

which include discussion on job searching and budgeting, for each family.

In addition to the designated Philanthropic Awards, Giving Hope also recognized the following local philanthropists on its 2016 Honor Roll.

» Canton Township employees "Denim Days" Project, which raises funds for local community causes.

» Debbie Cortellini, for her service on the Community Literacy Council.

» Volunteers of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district Clothing Bank: Karen Palgut, Julie Jasinski, Patti Jenkins, Jackie Norris, Maureen Rice, Jeannie Rutherford, Peggy Dalton, Lauren Falcusan and Janet Sibbold.

» William Sabak, a former P-CCS student who organized a one-man clothing drive last winter.

» Staci and Rebecca Reynolds, a Canton mother and daughter team, who led the 2016 Mother's Day Purse Project, collecting 566 purses filled with items, including toiletries, socks, scarves, books and T-shirts to aid victims of domestic abuse.

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle is a donor-advised fund of the Canton Community Foundation that provides grants to address the needs of women and families in the greater Canton and Plymouth area. Giving Hope has provided more than \$90,000 in funds during the past 10 years.

Giving Hope grants have benefited such local organizations as the Enough SAID campaign to help fund a backlog of untested rape kits and increase prosecutions; First Step, which assists victims of domestic abuse; scholarships for youngsters to participate in St. Joseph Mercy's ShapeDown program to develop healthy lifestyles; and the P-CCS Clothing Bank. More than 75 local women comprise the Giving Circle, which aspires to make a positive community impact through philanthropy.

For more information about Giving Hope, go to [www.cantonfoundation.org/giving-hope](http://www.cantonfoundation.org/giving-hope).

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# Make sure to research Medicare D prescription drug plans

It's time again for open enrollment for Medicare D, the prescription drug plan. Between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7 is this year's period for open enrollment. It's the one time of the year where you can make changes in your prescription drug plan. My recommendation is that anyone on Medicare D should take this opportunity to re-look at their coverage and decide if your current plan meets your needs. Even if you've been happy with your current coverage, it still pays to re-look at your situation, because things change. Not only does your individual situation change, but so do plans. Not only are premiums on the rise, but plans have also been making



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

other changes — such as charging you extra if you don't use a certain preferred pharmacy — and increasing your co-payments. Therefore, you just can't put things on automatic pilot; you want to take the time to re-look at your situation and select the plan that best suits your current situation.

One of the best places to start your search is the Medicare plan finder on Medicare's website ([www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan)). This tool allows you to enter your medication and quanti-

ties into the finder to see what plan best suits your needs. For someone who takes multiple medications, the key is to focus on the medications that cost you the most. In addition, let's not forget about convenience. You want to make sure that you use a plan that is economical and that allows you to pick up your medications at a convenient location.

For those of you that take expensive name brand or specialty medications, some plans now require you to take extra steps in order to receive your medication. In fact, some plans now have what they call step therapy, where they first make you use a less expensive drug before they will cover you for the more

*Even if you've been happy with your current coverage, it still pays to re-look at your situation, because things change.*

expensive drug. The bottom line — you have to do your homework to make sure you get the plan that best suits you.

My recommendation is, after you've done your research and you've decided on a plan, you should contact the plan and confirm your research. When you do call, make sure you document whom you spoke to, the

date and what they told you. In case you have a problem, this documentation may be important.

In shopping for Medicare Prescription D coverage, one of the mistakes that people make is they assume that if a plan is good for one spouse, it must be good for the other; it doesn't work that way. Each spouse needs to independently look for a plan. After all, your medications are different and the plan you use may also be different. Make sure when you do your research, you look at plans independently. In order to get the most economical plan, a husband and wife may have to pick up their prescriptions at different pharmacies. I know it's a hassle, but it can save

you a substantial amount of money.

This is the one time of year that you can change your Medicare prescription drug plan; you don't want to miss this opportunity. It's a hassle and it's frustrating, but there's not much alternative. If you want to make sure you have the most economical and convenient prescription drug plan, now is the time to begin your research. Don't wait too long, because we all know how fast time goes by. Before you know it, the Dec. 7 deadline will be here.

Good luck!

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The characters of "The Bucket List of Booze Club" get together weekly to sample alcoholic beverages.

## 'Bucket List of Booze Club' toasts female friendship

**Sharon Dargay**  
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Ask Maureen Paraventi about grappa and she'll tell you it's the "Italian liquid equivalent of a hot dog."

"It's made from seeds and stems of the grape ... it was developed so that nothing would go to waste," she added.

The longtime Redford resident hasn't tasted the grape-based brandy, but she has written it into her new play, "The Bucket List of Booze Club," which debuts Friday, Oct. 21, at Barefoot Productions in Plymouth.

The comedy-with-a-heart is about four women who get together weekly to sample booze, share their heartaches and their joys.

"I had to research all these beverages for the play," Paraventi said. "They are trying things like grappa and slivovitz and sake. It's a lot like a book club, without all that inconvenient reading."

"Bucket List" is Paraventi's first full-length play. She wrote and revised it for two years, tweaked it through four staged readings and listened to lots of critiques before deeming it ready for production. She chose her sister, Tina Paraventi, an experienced director and a fellow member of the pop-rock band McLaughlin's Alley, to direct the production.

Paraventi works as a social media manager and web content editor and has written several one-act plays, in addition to a novel and a non-fiction book, "The New Old Maid: How Happily Unmarried Women are Defying Stereotypes," which is under submission to publishers by her literary agent. She said the "Bucket List" was unlike anything she has written for the stage. Here's her take on the play and the writing process:

**Q: Why did it take two years to finish?**

A: It's a complex play with a fairly large cast for contemporary thea-



Paraventi

ter. And I wanted to get it right. I wanted all of the characters to be very distinct and to resonate with people. Based on the staged readings, they are. Actors have cried during the staged readings and laughed. I can't tell you how many actors have come up to me and said, "Oh my God, I was that, that was my life." And that is very gratifying.

**Q: What inspired the play?**

A: A friend was dying of cancer and other friends developed the bit of going over and visiting on a regular basis. We would sit around and do what women do best, which is talk and snack and sometimes have adult beverages. And in spite of the circumstances, we had some wonderful times. We talked about everything ... and it was just real good to spend that time together. That was the general inspiration. The women in the "Bucket List of Booze Club" are composites of various people I know and of myself. They're all funny. They have known each other a long time. And you know female friendships can be complicated, but wonderful.

**Q: Is there a main character?**

A: It's an ensemble. The conflict that develops between Jen and Collette is central, but they are all strong roles. Collette is trying to figure out her daughter's future. Her daughter is Ree-Ree. Ree-Ree has graduated from college and looks up to her Aunt

Jen. Jen is an ambitious successful lawyer who has not found Mr. Right. Amy is a homemaker. Her kids are going off to college and she's caring for a mother who has Alzheimer's. Mary Ann is hilarious. She is in a relationship with a much younger man. He's crazy about her, but she's very insecure about it.

**Q: Are there more laughs than tears?**

A: "I like to think it's a good balance. There is frank discussion of what women of a certain age go through and they laugh about it — menopause, hot flashes, jiggy upper arms. Men will enjoy it, too. I've had plenty of men who laughed, but it will resonate especially with women."

**Q: Are you doing anything special for this world premiere?**

A: They are putting on my play and that's special enough. I'll go to the cast party and crash that.

**Q: What's on your booze bucket list?**

A: I think I should try grappa. I'm part Italian and that's an Italian drink. On my bucket list, I want to surf. It looks like so much fun. I think I'll be horrible at it, but I'll try it.

**Q: What's your advice for beginning playwrights?**

A: Start with short plays. It's a great way to develop your skills and seek some gratification. The really important thing is to go see a lot of plays.

"The Bucket List of Booze Club" is at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21-22 and 28-29, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 and 30, at Barefoot Productions, 240 N. Main, Plymouth. Tickets are \$17 general admission and \$15 for seniors and students. Call 734-404-6889 or go to [justgobarefoot.com](http://justgobarefoot.com).

Paraventi will talk about playwrighting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.

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## Man charged in armed robbery of Super 8 motel

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A defendant accused of robbing a Canton motel at gunpoint is facing a court hearing after he was arraigned Friday on multiple criminal charges.

Police believe Terrell Davis, 24, is the lone gunman who went inside the Super 8 motel on Michigan Avenue,

jumped over the counter and robbed a clerk about 4:40 a.m. June 10. No shots were fired.

Davis, a habitual offender, was formally charged Friday with armed robbery, being a felon in possession of a

firearm, assault with a dangerous weapon and felony firearm. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Police say Davis was captured at an Ann Arbor hotel one day after the Canton robbery. He has been in custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections as criminal charges were pending.

Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor attributed Davis' arrest to the combined efforts of police in Canton, Ann Arbor and Van Buren Township.

According to MDOC records, Davis has a criminal history that includes home invasion, obstructing police and conspiring to bring contraband into prison.

Davis was slapped with a \$10,000 cash bond when he was arraigned

Friday in 35th District Court. Even if he posted the money, he still couldn't be released because the new charges against him amount to a parole violation.

Early on, Canton police Lt. Craig Wilsher said a lone gunman escaped with an undisclosed amount of money from the Super 8, near Michigan Avenue and Lotz.

"He went into the location and jumped the counter," Wilsher has said. "He pointed a gun at the clerk."

Davis is due back in court Oct. 28 for a probable cause hearing that could determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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### PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

**Driver drunk in non-injury crash on Schoolcraft**

No one was seriously hurt in a Friday morning crash on Schoolcraft Road, west of Haggerty, but one driver was arrested on a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

An officer responded to the crash scene just before 10 a.m. Friday, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The officer noticed an empty wine bottle on the floor of one of the cars involved, a Nissan Versa, but the woman who had been driving that car denied she had been drinking, the report said. The officer, however, noticed the smell of alcohol on the woman and she was arrested after taking

field-sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test, police said.

The woman, 26, admitted she had rear-ended the other vehicle with the Versa, saying she had been bothered by glare from the sun, police said.

**No licenses**

» A 38-year-old woman was arrested for driving with a suspended or revoked license after a township officer stopped her for an improper right turn.

The woman, driving a Hyundai Tucson, had turned right from northbound Haggerty onto eastbound Plymouth Road about 10:40 p.m. Sunday without stopping for a blinking red traffic light, police said.

» A 26-year-old woman was arrested for driving with a suspend-

ed or revoked license after she was stopped for making a prohibited left turn.

It was shortly after 8 a.m. Sunday, a police report said, when an officer saw a Mercury Mariner turn left from eastbound Joy Road onto northbound Tavistock. The officer stopped the driver a short distance away and found she did not have a valid license, police said.

» A 48-year-old woman was arrested for driving with a suspended or revoked license Friday afternoon after an officer pulled her over because the car she was driving had an expired license-plate tab.

The arrest occurred just before 4 p.m. Friday on Hines Drive, east of Haggerty, police said.

— By Matt Jachman

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# Feats of strength: Strongwoman contest draws a crowd in Plymouth

**Matt Jachman**  
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Female fitness buffs got to strut their strength Saturday in downtown Plymouth during the city's Strongwoman contest.

The nearly four-hour event, with 27 women competing in three weight classes and a master's (over 40) division, was organized by Hale Strength and Shape, a women-only gym on Main Street. It was a fundraiser for the Relentless Detroit Foundation, which supports families with children who have been diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses.

Competitors pressed dumbbells, lifted wagon wheels, pulled a truck and performed other feats of strength on Peniman Avenue, just outside Kellogg Park, in front of a supportive crowd.

"Of all the competitions I've done, this one, the venue was the most fun," Erin Janowicz said. "It was an energetic group of competitors and a fun crowd. It was nice competing in our hometown."

"We had beautiful weather and a big crowd," said Courtney Hessenbruch, who runs Hale with her husband Kurt. "All the women did really well. ... It was a great event."

Janowicz said the spectators appeared to be a mix of contest fans, families helped by Relentless Detroit programs and people who happened to be in the park or on downtown streets and stopped to

watch. People got into the spirit of the contest, she said.

"That's the Strongman and Strongwoman community. It's a really supportive and encouraging, uplifting type of sport," she said.

Of the 27 competitors, Hessenbruch said, 16 train at Hale. Three — Emily Schnabel, Nicole Walters and Katie Ebach — are eligible for an international contest to be held in Louisville, Ky., later this month. Three of Saturday's competitors came from other states.

For Janowicz, who has been training at Hale since March of last year, it was the fourth contest. She took sixth place in the 123-pounds-and-under division in June during a national contest in Louisville.

Saturday's winners were Schnabel in the lightweight division, Emily Banules in the middleweight division and Walters in the heavy-weight division. The master's division winner was Jackie Tiede.

Hessenbruch said money for Relentless Detroit was raised through competition sponsorships. As the contest has to pay for the use of the street and any city services, the net amount raised hadn't been calculated as of Tuesday.

The contest was sanctioned by United States Strongman Inc., which helps promoters to organize strength contests around the country.

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Caitlin Leopold of Sewickley, Pa., pulls a Chevrolet Silverado truck as a helper takes up the slack in the rope.

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Stephanie Garrett of Canton Township dead lifts more than 325 pounds.

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Darlene Delk of South Rockwood tries to raise an 80-pound dumbbell as many times as she can in 60 seconds.

KELLY DOBSON



Emily Banules competes in the truck pull Saturday.

KELLY DOBSON



The socks say it all for these women competing in Saturday's Strongwoman contest.

KELLY DOBSON

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAYNE COUNTY

### Garden City art show, sale

The Garden City Fine Arts Association will hold its 33rd annual art show and sale Oct. 20-22 at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, in Garden City. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, with a reception and awards ceremony at 7 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Admission is free and all are welcome.

### Colbeck hours

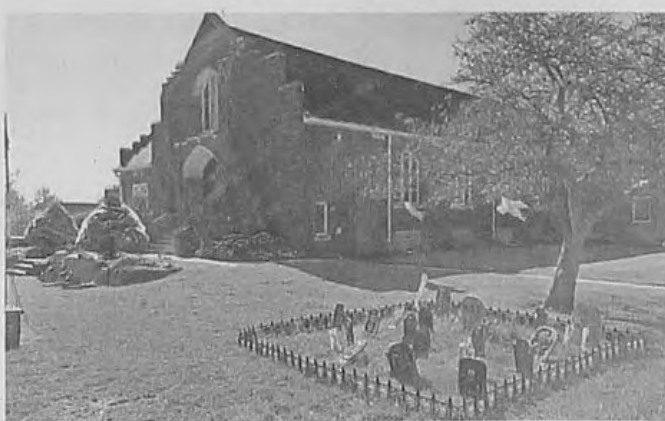
Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and district manager Penny Crider will meet with the public from 11 a.m. to noon, Friday, Oct. 21, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

### AMVETS flea market

The AMVETS Post 171 will host an indoor/outdoor flea market from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22-23, at AMVETS Memorial Hall, 1217 Merriman Road, Westland. The event is a fundraiser for veterans. Food and drink is sponsored by the Sons of AMVETS. Call 734-721-9440 to reserve a spot.

### Annual Fall Festival

The Garden City Presbyterian Church will



Garden City Presbyterian Church will host its Fall Festival.

host its annual Fall Festival 4-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road. The church will also host a Trunk and Treat. There will be a number of car trunks decorated for Halloween handing out of lots of candy and goodies. The church will have free food: hot dogs, chips, and drinks. There will also be crafts and games for the children, as well as pumpkin decorating. All "trunks" are welcome.

### Boo Bash tournament

The Canton Sports Center and WCSX-FM (94.7) are teaming up Oct. 22 to present the 12th annual Boo Bash Adult Softball Tournament, in conjunction with the Great Pumpkin Smash. These two fall favorite events will be

held at the Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave.

Festivities kickoff with WCSX's live broadcast starting at noon, followed by Family Day Fun and Games 4-7 p.m. Kickers Sports Bar & Grill will hold a Costume Contest, as DJ Royce spins the tunes all day. Costume winners will be announced at 7 p.m. and will receive some great prizes. Two live bands will provide outdoor entertainment, including Looking Back, a Bob Seger tribute band, 5-7 p.m. and Mad Rabbit, 8-10 p.m. Participants can also enjoy the free Pumpkin Smash starting at 10 p.m.

Men, coed and women divisions are available with teams guaranteed two games Saturday. Team awards and raffle prizes will be awarded

throughout the day. The cost is \$250 per team, which includes umpires, softballs and awards. For more information, go to [csc.canton-mi.org](http://csc.canton-mi.org) or contact the Canton Sports Center at 734-483-5600.

### Trinity House music

Trinity House in Livonia will feature for Brooks Williams and Antke Duvekot at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20. Brooks is ranked in the "Top 100 Guitarists" and has picked alongside Taj Mahal, John Hammond, Paul Jones, Chris Smith, Little Feat, Maria Muldaur, Shawn Colvin and Leo Kottke. For tickets, go to [www.trinityhousetheatre.org](http://www.trinityhousetheatre.org).

### Polish dinner dance

The St. Paul Council of the Knights of Columbus from St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Redford will sponsor a Polish Dinner Dance 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. The event will be held in the Activities Building at St. Robert Bellarmine, on the corner of Inkster and W. Chicago roads, in Redford. Pre-sale tickets are \$20 per person through Oct. 19 or \$25 at the door. The price includes an authentic Polish dinner, dancing with music provided by the Polish Dukes, beer, wine and soft drinks. For tickets, contact Ron at

734-788-2233 or Keith at 313-320-8695.

### Southern Soiree

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents the annual fundraiser dinner concert "Southern Soiree" Friday, Oct. 21, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale. The \$75 ticket includes dinner, silent auction with a southern flair and an evening of lighthearted music featuring the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Volodymyr Shesiuk. Go to [www.livoniasymphony.org](http://www.livoniasymphony.org) for more information or to order tickets or call 734-591-0266.

### Beaumont yoga in park

Beaumont Healthy Wayne presents Yoga in the Park 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Goudy Park, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The event is free. The class is taught by certified yoga instructor Chelsea Vonfintel. Bring yoga mat, beach towel or blanket. Class most appropriate for ages 9 and older.

### Community shred day

Garden City will host a community shred day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in the city hall parking lot, 6000 Middlebelt Road, enter off Central from Ford

Road. Up to five paper grocery bags or cardboard banker's boxes of sensitive paper documents from Garden City residents and businesses to shred at no charge. All participants must be in line by 12:45 p.m. While you're there, you may also drop off food donation to the H.O.M.E. Pantry.

### Genealogical close encounters

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will present "Close Encounters of the Genealogical Kind" with William J. Priest on Nov. 5, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Priest, an acknowledged genealogy expert, will present four topics: Genealogy Standards: What are they and why do we need them; Using notes and events to their greatest potential; Organizing your paper and/or electronic records; Planning a successful genealogical research trip.

The seminar runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with doors opening at 9 a.m. Cost is \$20 before Oct. 22; \$30 after. Door prizes awarded after each topic presentation. Box lunches are available. A registration form providing more information can be found on the website [www.wwcgs.org](http://www.wwcgs.org)

OUR VIEW

# Voters should approve RESA millage Nov. 8

When voters head to the polls Nov. 8, they're going to be asked to cast votes in a variety of races and on a number of proposals.

Wayne County school districts are hoping voters will not only pay particular attention to the Wayne RESA millage proposal. They're hoping voters will pass it and we think they should.

The RESA millage, labeled the Regional Education Enhancement Millage, is a proposal to levy 2 mills of tax for six years, with the funds generated being divided among the 33 school districts in Wayne County, based on each district's student enrollment.

The tax, which would raise some \$385 per student, is about the only

way local districts, most of whom have made millions of dollars in cuts over the last several years, can get additional funding for programs. Foundation allowance funding isn't keeping up with the times and Lansing has shown no propensity for increasing it much.

We'd like to avoid the "Lansing is actually spending more on education than ever before" lament from local legislators, who will say the increase has been diverted to retirement programs. Say what you want; there seems to be fewer dollars going into classrooms.

We'll also spare you the traditional "voting for this millage will cost you less than a meal at McDonald's" reference

and point out that proponents say it will cost the homeowner of a house with a home value of \$100,000 about \$8 per month.

Naturally, officials in most local districts have passed resolutions urging RESA to put the measure on the ballot. That's because in recent years, districts have reduced programming and delayed buying of textbooks and other classroom materials. They've privatized things like transportation and custodial services. In a way, that's helped them become leaner and more efficient, forced districts to take a serious look at spending habits and patterns

But you can only cut yourself so much before it really starts bleeding,

which is where most of Wayne County's local districts are now. They're bleeding and they're running out of Band-aids. The Wayne RESA millage, while not a cure-all, can help clot the wound.

It's a tax that won't necessarily sit well with taxpayers, particularly those in "donor" districts like Plymouth-Canton.

But with no willingness to change Proposal A coming out of Lansing, it's the only way to get sorely needed dollars to local districts and we believe voters should approve it.



**JULIE BROWN**  
Voters will decide a RESA millage Nov. 8 in Wayne County.

LETTERS

**Vote for subdivision roads**

In the front page article entitled, "Finances, future top forum" that appeared in the Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016, Canton Observer, candidates for the supervisor's race and trustees' race commented on repair of subdivision roads. Supervisor candidates Taj and Williams both agreed that we need to keep pushing for a solution. And trustee candidates Anthony, Foster, Moore, and Sneiderman all commented likewise. Foster and Moore specifically mentioned continuing the 80/20 split township road initiative. As Foster stated "a lot of subdivisions got left behind."

**Jim Leddy**  
Canton

**Support Crystal Frank**

I have lived and worked in Livonia for over 30 years. My wife Sue and I have had five children go through Livonia Public Schools.

We had two children at Webster, one in the (ACAT) Alternative Classroom for the Academically Talented and one in Webster's (MoCI) Northwest Wayne County's program for students with cognitive impairments. We also have had children at Roosevelt, Adams and Taylor Elementary Schools, Riley Upper Elementary, Holmes Middle School and Stevenson High School.

Through those years, we were enormously blessed with highly committed and high quality Livonia School Board decision makers.

Over time, Livonia citizens are privileged to choose new school board leaders. We are excited and passionate about candidate Crystal Frank.

We have been acquainted with her extended family for four generations and they are known for a high level of civic involvement, volunteerism and leadership. Crystal is no exception.

She learned from some of the best. She is currently the PTA president at Webster. Her strengths include her ability to engage and collaborate with both the community and school leadership and her keen understanding of current fiscal opportunities and challenges.

**Randy Gasser**  
Livonia

**Vote Melissa McLaughlin**

As a long-time resident of the Plymouth Canton Community I have never formally endorsed a local candidate for public office. However, I would like to break with this tradition and very positively endorse Melissa McLaughlin for Canton Township treasurer.

For the past five years, as a volunteer for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. John Neumann Parish in Canton, I have had the opportunity to interact with Ms. McLaughlin on many

different occasions. These situations usually involved overdue water bills of various residents in the Canton community. Members of our organization meet with local residents who have experienced financial difficulties and have fallen behind on their bill payments.

In every instance, Ms. McLaughlin expressed compassion and a willingness to work out a payment plan to resolve the issue. She treated people with dignity and respect while maintaining her fiduciary responsibility to the township.

My career background is in the area of financial management and also as a small business owner. In retirement, I have been an active member of St. Vincent de Paul in Canton (formally as treasurer). I have witnessed, firsthand, the unfortunate life experiences that can happen to an individual or family (loss of job, health crisis, or a family catastrophe.)

When dealing with Ms. McLaughlin, she always exhibited an excellent grasp of her financial management responsibilities but also the compassion for the unplanned turmoil that has occurred in a resident's life. Based on my experience and background, Ms. McLaughlin possesses the traits that I admire in a public official: integrity, competence, and compassion in carrying out her responsibilities in office.

**Don Zaksek**  
Canton

**It's Crystal clear**

We support Crystal Frank for Livonia Public School Board. We have known Crystal and her family for many years and are 100-percent convinced she will do an exceptional job with representing our fellow Livonia resident's high standards and values. Crystal is active in our schools, is a strong advocate for children and is a great mother and wife. We all know there are challenges facing Livonia Public Schools and a strong, compassionate person like Crystal will help navigate these challenging times and bring clarity to the upcoming decisions that need to be made.

C - caring/compassionate; R - real/genuine; Y - outh advocate; S - strong/committed; T - thoughtful; A - active in community; L - loyal/dedicated.

**Dana and Beth Knochel**  
Livonia

**Foster for Canton trustee**

I am writing today to express my strong support for Sommer Foster for Canton Township trustee.

Sommer has been a driving force for improvement throughout the Canton community, and her presence on the Canton Public Library Board of Trustees has been one of the ways she has shown her commitment to our community. Currently vice chair-

man of the CPL board, Sommer was instrumental in keeping our library one of the jewels of our community. In her position, she helped oversee three phases of renovations that updated the library's infrastructure while working hard to ensure that the bond financing was paid off five years early, saving taxpayers nearly \$300,000 dollars.

Sommer also worked to steer CPL toward the future through strategic planning and investments in employees compensation and professional development. Sommer is proud that the CPL received \$10,000 dollars and national recognition from Library Aware and wants to bring that level of success to Canton Township. I urge you to vote for Sommer Foster for Canton Township trustee on Nov. 8!

**Ellen Pare**  
Information Services  
librarian  
Canton Public Library

**Vote for Foster**

Over the past couple of years, I have had the blessing of working with Sommer Foster as a member of the Beloved Community, a group that has been working to promote racial equity in the Plymouth-Canton community. In my time working with Sommer to address this important issue, I have come to deeply appreciate and respect the commitment, wisdom, and spirit she brings to all she does. Sommer currently serves as the leader of the Beloved Community and has been instrumental in establishing and promoting an annual MLK essay contest in our middle and high schools that helps our youth ponder and express their own ways of promoting a more just and loving world.

Sommer has also taken the lead in creating community gatherings to mourn and mark the tragic shootings that took place in Orlando, Durham and San Bernardino. Such gatherings helped to draw our community together to seek healing and wholeness together.

In addition to benefiting our community through her involvement with the Beloved Community, Sommer has served on the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition and has helped to plan two Not in Our Town events, which again drew our community together in a way that affirmed that Canton will be a place that not only welcomes, but celebrates diversity. To that end, Sommer also was the driving force in working with township officials to approve a Human Rights Ordinance that protected

the rights of people who have historically been discriminated against.

Somehow, in addition to doing all this work for our community and finding time to be a loving and attentive mom, Sommer has served as the vice chair of the Canton Public Library board.

As a resident, pastor, and voter in Canton, I am delighted that Sommer is seeking election to our township's Board of Trustees. I wholeheartedly endorse her and urge you to vote for her on Nov. 8.

**Bryan Smith**  
Canton

**Kellogg design makes sense**

The DDA's proposed project design for Kellogg Park has attracted an amazing amount of attention. The Plymouth Cultural hall auditorium was packed. It was terrific to see so much public interest. I was there as well, for I had many questions regarding why the proposed design had the features it did. Why not just leave the park as is, and merely replace the fountain? Why the wall along Main Street? Why the planter area around the fountain? Why re-align the paths? Why remove trees?

Big concerns for sure. But after listening to what landscape architect and plan designer Mark Russell said, it all made sense. I'm an architect, and am also very interested in urban design - how our built environments shape our perceptions. I've done a lot of reading on the subject, so when Russell mentioned certain 'buzzwords,' I understood exactly what he was striving for.

After hearing many of the citizen comments, I'm convinced many people have difficulty articulating why they like the public spaces they like - they know they adore Kellogg Park, but are unaware of the physical components and the critical relationships between those components that make for a wonderful public space.

Kevin Lynch wrote a famous book in the '60s called "Image of the City" in which he documents how city dwellers envision their city. He calls it "imageability." He also introduces five critical elements that define urban space: paths, edges, districts, nodes and landmarks.

What makes a great urban park like Dupont Circle, or Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia, or Union Square in New York? They all have grassy areas and trees, and are nice places to enjoy the outdoors. But they don't exist in isolation. What happens on the

edges of great urban parks is what makes them successful.

The interrupted low-brick wall along Main Street is an example of an edge. It not only defines the edge of the park along the main-drag of Plymouth, but addresses the dirt/mud pits that form every year along that edge where the long line of benches reside. It has a purpose. And the plantings area around the fountain plaza creates a space, within a space, that can be used for other activities other than looking at the fountain. I could go on, but there are real reasons for these features employed successfully by parks that we prefer.

Change is hard, especially when people have an image of the park indelibly burned in their minds, and where much emotion and memories are intertwined. While many of the physical features proposed may, or may not, survive the cutting room floor, I'm convinced that the basic strategy of re-imagining the park - all we've learned about how to design successful urban park spaces - will produce an even better Kellogg Park. I encourage all to dive into learning about how successful public spaces work, and once you do, I'm certain you'll agree the proposed plan does have merit and is worthy of exploring further.

**Scott Silvers**  
Plymouth

**Vote Siegrist for Canton**

Our son is unique. There are many educators who have made a tremendous impact on his life, but none have been as impactful as Mrs. Linton. Our son has a hard time sitting still and was not successful in other settings. Mrs. Linton's care and guidance has allowed us to erase the doubts we experienced as parents and we are thrilled that William is thriving in his educational life.

Michael Siegrist, a member of the board of education, went out of his way to help me secure a Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award that we presented to Mrs. Linton last month. Michael showed his commitment

by helping recognize such a wonderful teacher, and hopefully our district, will have more of that in the future. I am proudly casting my vote for Michael Siegrist for Canton clerk because of his integrity and commitment to our community.

**Art Colling III**  
Canton

**Vote Obrec, McLaughlin**

I know most of the candidates running for local office in Canton and can tell you that they are all good people. However, we do have to make a choice. For township clerk, that choice is Linda Obrec and for township treasurer, that choice is Melissa McLaughlin.

Linda Obrec is more than qualified and prepared to do a great job for Canton in the role of clerk. Filling the shoes of the outgoing Terry Bennett is a tall order. Very few people could actually do it successfully. Linda Obrec defines what hard work looks like and is ready for the job. She is a success in everything she does. If you spend five minutes with Linda, you see a person who is smart, honest, experienced and community oriented. She has the stuff we need for the a great future in Canton. Let's bring Linda Obrec to our township clerk's office.

Melissa McLaughlin is our township treasurer and I am so glad she is. If you ever talk with Melissa, two things become obvious. First, she loves our community. Second, she has been here her whole life. You won't find anyone more committed to our community. She has a deep institutional knowledge that is very rare. She knows our history and is committed to Canton's future. Her expertise and experience go far beyond the treasurer's office. We are lucky to have Melissa McLaughlin as our township treasurer. Let's keep her right where she is - working for Canton every day.

With Linda and Melissa running things along with my friend Pat Williams as township supervisor, Canton wins for years to come!

**Don Turner**  
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Although he attended Catholic grade and high schools, **Dorian Bellinger**, Council President of the Detroit Society of St. Vincent dePaul and Director of their Justice Initiative Prison Ministry, grew up non-Catholic and essentially non-Christian until "a God sent him on what he now calls "a Saul on the road to Damascus" conversion.



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# Boo! Motor City Ghost Hunters seek contact with spirit

**LeAnne Rogers**  
hometownlife.com

The buildings collected at the Westland Historic Village Park provide a look at the community's history and the people who have lived there.

One of those people is George Hubble, who lived in the Felton house. He was the stepson of the owner and died as a young man serving in the Civil War. His body was never returned home, but it's believed his spirit is back at the house.

"Wherever they were happiest the most is where they go," said Brenda Ozog of Motor City Ghost Hunters. "We play Civil War music. We were talking of Lincoln's assassination and heard someone say, 'That's disgusting.'"

It's not known if contact will be made with George Hubble or anyone else during a ghost walk at the Westland Historic Village Park at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28. The Motor City Ghost Hunters have donated their time to run the ghost walk of the historic buildings located at the park on Wayne Road, just south of Merriman.

"I've been with them for a couple of investigations. I've seen things in the houses that are not usually happening," Westland Historical Society president Jeff Koslowski said. "I didn't sense anything evil or something like that. A light would turn on or there was continuous clicking. It was something that would make you kind of question if you were really alone or if George (Hubble) was really there."

A Wayne resident, Ozog has been active in Motor City Ghost Hunters for five years. The group, all volunteers, spends most weekends on ghost hunts — some

private, others open to the public like the event at the historic village park.

"We've gotten a lot of good things in the Felton farmhouse. We research buildings so we can validate what we get. We've gotten full names," Ozog said. "We put a recorder out. It's believed that they (spirits) are on a different frequency. With the recorder, you hear things you won't hear with your ears (live), so we go back to hear the evidence."

When doing a public ghost hunt at the historic village park, Ozog said the groups are limited to seven to 10 people inside each home to avoid contaminating the spirit.

"We have a couple of tools. I have a spirit box. It's a broken radio that keeps switching frequencies," she said. "My paternal grandfather came through a lot. I knew him; he passed a couple of years ago."

## Who are ghost hunters?

The ghost hunters have a variety of education and professions — Ozog has a degree in psychology; other members include an engineer and an attorney — and range in beliefs from mainstream religions and Wiccans to atheists. The group takes a scientific approach to its investigations by eliminating likely causes for lights, sounds or other possible phenomena.

"First, we do a sweep. We document the temperature, the moon phase and humidity. We take it all into consideration," Ozog said. "Photos are all about shutter speeds and glare. There has to be something corresponding with what is going on. There needs to be multiple pictures to replicate it. If you can explain it or you can't explain it."

That scientific ap-

proach is something that Koslowski, a history teacher, appreciates.

"They are so quick to rule out anything — a light or shadow that was from a passing car. They don't glamorize it like on television," Koslowski said. "You feel like someone is trying to communicate with you, not scare you."

Other public buildings investigated by the Motor City Ghost Hunters include the Eaton County Courthouse, the Dearborn Historical Museum and farther afield to Port Huron and Ontario, in Hamilton and Niagara Falls.

"October is a busy time for us. I went to Fort George in Canada myself," she said. "There are a lot of people who have an interest in the paranormal."

With 27 active members, the group also does private investigations at homes upon request. "We do investigations in homes — we don't want kids to be scared in their homes," Ozog said. "Old wiring causes high electromagnetic fields. That can create anxiety you wouldn't feel otherwise."

## Different approaches

How the Ghost Hunters deal with paranormal disturbances varies based on the circumstances and the person's beliefs. "We had apartments that turned out to be built on an Indian burial ground," Ozog said. "We tell them to do smudging — use a sage stick for a Native American blessing of the house. We refer people to a shaman. It depends also on their religious beliefs. If they don't believe, it won't work."

Some people have to take control and tell an entity that they can't be in the home, she said.

For Ozog, interest in spirits and ghosts began



The Octagon House at the Westland Historic Village Park.

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The Felton farmhouse at the Westland Historic Village Park.

FILE PHOTO

with experiences she had as a child. "And starting as a teen I was seeing things of people who had passed," she said. "I did genealogy and research about who lived in homes."

This is the fifth public investigation done at the historic village park, in addition to a private investigation. The Ghost Hunters donate their services, so all proceeds from ticket sales go to the historic village park.

"Financially it has been very good for us — it's one of the bigger fundraisers. We put the money into the buildings," Koslowski said. "It is also good for research and digging deeply into the families that lived there."

For those attending the event, they can feel free to bring any ghost hunting equipment they possess. If not, the investigators will have an arsenal of ghost hunting

equipment on hand. On all public hunts, participants should dress accordingly for the weather as some areas may not be heated.

The cost for the event is \$43.19 with tickets available at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search for Motor City Ghost Hunters). There are limited spots available.

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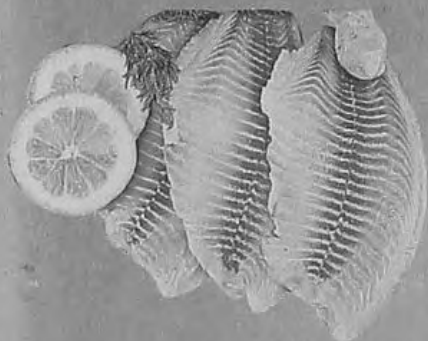


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## Making one more pitch

Rocks' inductee Willette would like to see original Plymouth athletes to get their due

Tim Smith  
hometownlife.com

When Tom Willette was a standout pitcher for the 1975 state champion Plymouth Salem Rocks, the baseball flew effortlessly out of his left hand — usually blowing past helpless batters at the rate of two strikeouts per inning.

Saturday night, Willette made another powerful pitch during induction ceremonies for the second class of Salem's Wall of Champions.

"To the committee, I would ask that you look back earlier

than 1972 for future inductees, at least back into the '50s and '60s," Willette said, standing at the podium in the elegantly decorated Salem gymnasium. "If you looked at my picture over there, on the front of my uniform it says 'Plymouth,' it doesn't say Salem.

"We were Plymouth Salem. This ring I've got (for the state championship) ... it has a 'P' on it, it doesn't have an 'S.' We are the Rocks, we are the original high school. So let's not lose that heritage."

Willette emphasized the need to honor some of the long-ago

standouts while they are still alive.

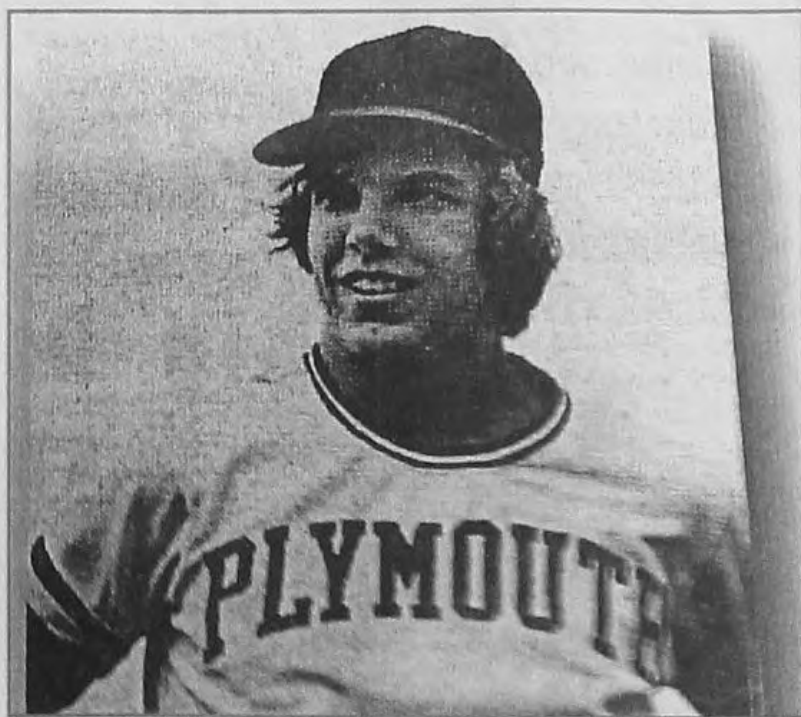
"I'd like to see an old-timers committee," Willette said.

"They do it with the Baseball Hall of Fame, they have an old-timers committee. So get some guys that know some of those guys.

"Like I told Anna (Britnell, of Salem's athletic department), 'Let's get some of these guys back before, unfortunately, they're gone.' We've lost so many people already."

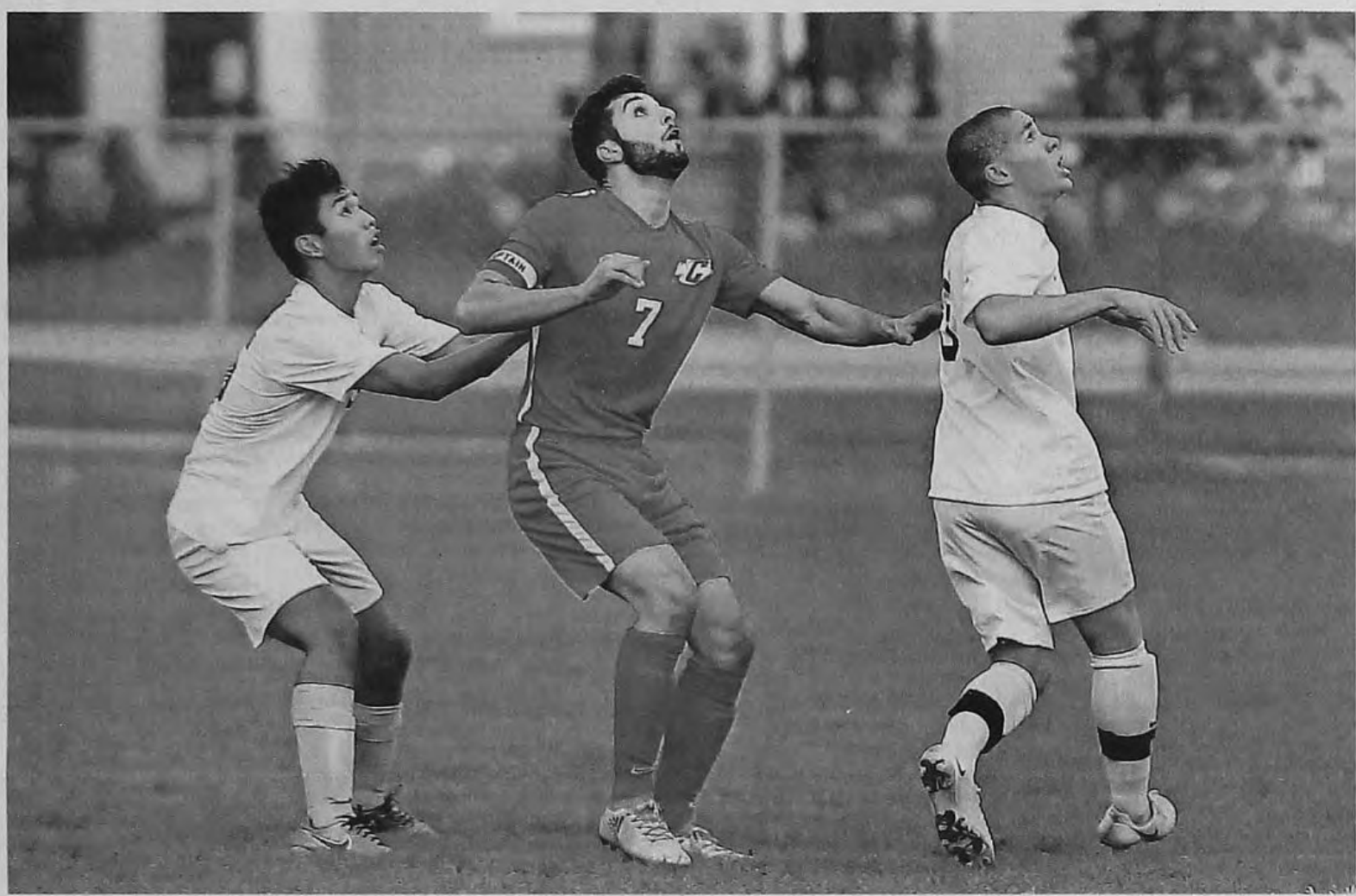
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SALEM ATHLETICS  
The school name on the front of Tom Willette's high school jersey says it all. He was a pitcher for "Plymouth" Salem's state champion 1975 team. He wants the original Rocks to be included in future classes of Salem's Wall of Champions.

DIVISION 1 BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS



Tracking a ball in flight during Tuesday's district contest are (from left) Plymouth's Ryan Wu, Canton's Mohamad Miri and Plymouth's Bennett Brooks.

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D1 BOYS SOCCER

## Salem scores early and often in 5-0 district win

Tim Smith  
hometownlife.com

Salem's first foray into the 2016 postseason was a winning one, as the Rocks defeated Livonia Churchill 5-0 in a Division 1 boys soccer district opener.

But Rocks head coach Kyle Karns and his players aren't about to get overconfident after Tuesday's lopsided win, what with Canton next on the schedule at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

"It's one of those where the boys know going into it who it is and the stakes of that game," Karns said. "We're going to prepare, we have a good session that we'll run tomorrow and make sure we're mentally focused for that game. Those Park games are always tough."

Knowing that high-scoring Canton senior forward Mohamad Miri will be facing them isn't about to faze the Rocks, either.

"We're aware, there's definitely players on our team that we're excited about too," said Karns, whose team improved to 10-6-3. "There's going to be a lot of talent on that field Thursday. We're ready."

Off the hop

The Rocks got out early against Churchill, building a 3-0 halftime lead on goals by Thom-

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# Mo-momentum: Chiefs nip 'Cats on late goal

Canton wins 2-1, will next face Salem



Canton senior Matt Rockafellow (right) tries to deflect the ball away from Plymouth senior Anthony Iacopelli during Tuesday's district game.

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With overtime looming Tuesday night, the soccer ball flew over the wall of Plymouth defenders and found Canton senior forward Mohamad Miri in full flight.

The Canton co-captain never broke stride, getting Plymouth senior goalkeeper J.D. Visnaw to break one way, and then going the other to ultimately drill the ball into the half-open net with 3:08 remaining.

Just like that, the Chiefs took a 2-1 lead and that's how the Division 1 district opener ended at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity soccer stadium. It was the third close game this season

between the rivals; the teams previously split 1-0 decisions.

Canton head coach Mark Zemanski, whose 16-2-2 team will face Salem at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the district semifinal (the Rocks blanked Livonia Churchill 5-0), credited the heads-up play made by Alex Spratte that sprung Miri for the goal.

"(Spratte) turned and saw Mo making a run, so he just put the ball up there," Zemanski said. "When he's moving when he gets the ball he's very, very dangerous. That's what he was doing."

Time to finish it

And when Miri saw nothing but green grass between

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Keeping tabs on the ball Tuesday night are Salem's Jake Wymer (left) and Livonia Churchill's Uthman Babatunde.

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SALEM WALL OF CHAMPIONS

# HERE'S TO YOU

Salem's second induction class includes ex-NFL star, basketball stalwarts, district architects

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Gary Balconi glanced out at the smiling faces looking back at him during Saturday night's Wall of Champions induction ceremony at Salem High School.

Like virtually every other person to go up onto the podium, Balconi shook his head in utter amazement to now be part of the second class of outstanding Rocks athletes and teams forever enshrined on the wall across the corridor from the gymnasium.

Following the program, the former Plymouth Salem coach, teacher and athletic director tried to sum up what it means to not only have an annual soccer tournament named after him (the Gary Balconi Invitational), but be part of the school's permanent legacy.

True to form, Balconi tried to deflect any praise coming his way.

"You know, I just look at the support staff, the people I worked with ... I was surrounded by so many wonderful, wonderful athletes," Balconi said. "They all responded, we came together, we worked hard.

"The kids made me feel good and I tried to reward them and make them feel special also. Like I said, if I had my life to live over, I'd do it again because I enjoyed every day, many different positions, elementary, middle school and high school."

**Team effort**

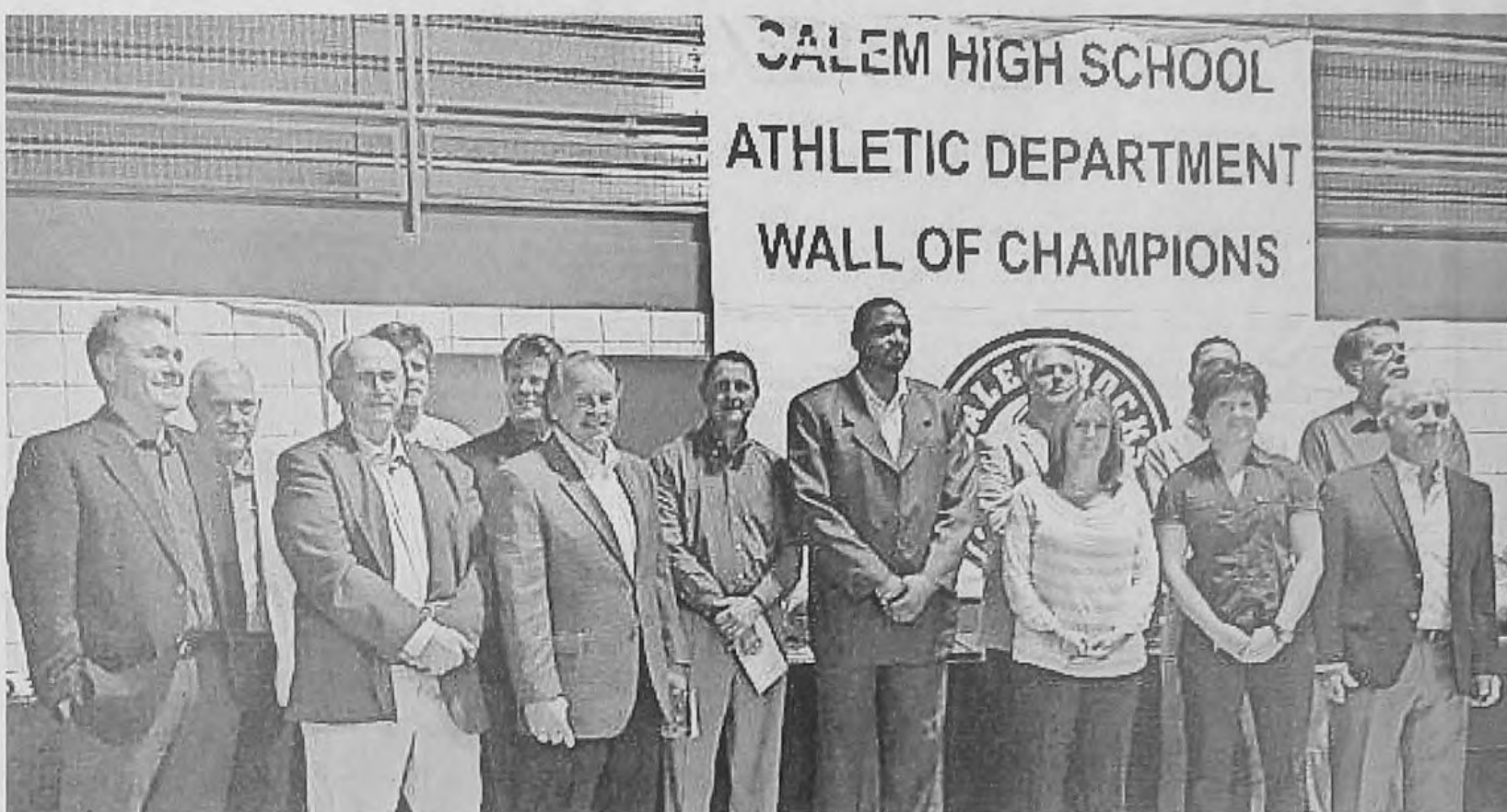
Asked how fellow inductees Paul Cummings and John Sandmann (both honored posthumously) might have reacted to being part of the new class of inductees, Balconi didn't hesitate to answer.

"They were both very humble, very kind and very warm," Balconi said. "I think they'd feel as I do, so fortunate that we were allowed to have these kids and these parents in our lives and to work together and enjoy the benefits of being together as a team."

Balconi got his start at Salem as a football coach from 1972-78, also branching out as head track and field coach (1975-91).

Eventually, he was assistant athletic director and, in 1996, the Balconi soccer invite was launched in honor of his efforts in constructing the current varsity soccer stadium.

"We had a lot of parent help; (athletic director) Paul Cummings worked along with me and let me run with it," Balconi said. "We wanted to build that facility. We had the property and parents were willing to



The newest inductees into Salem's Wall of Champions proudly stand at the conclusion of Saturday's ceremony.

help, we all worked together." Balconi was the last inductee of the evening, which featured the national anthem, a catered dinner from Rose's Restaurant and Lounge and introductions from master of ceremonies Bill Keith.

**'Gold' standard**

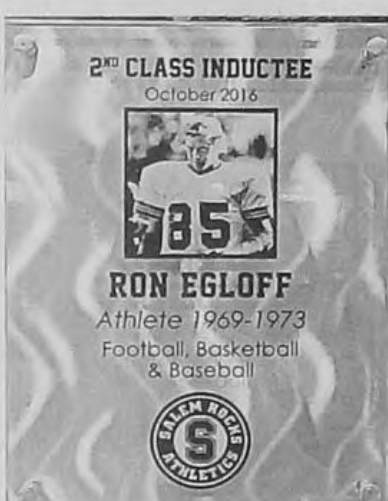
In addition to Balconi, Cummings and longtime athletic director Sandmann, the second class includes former National Football League player Ron Egloff, two-sport all-stater Jill Estey (a standout women's basketball player at the University of Illinois), all-world swimmer Ron Finley and standout basketball player James Head (who went on to play four seasons at Eastern Michigan University).

Also enshrined were Kelly Jaskot (a three-sport standout who played four seasons of women's basketball at the University of Detroit), brilliant baseball pitcher Tom Willette and the 1975 Rocks baseball team he pitched for, which won the state championship.

Egloff, a tight end for the Denver Broncos and San Diego Chargers, was part of Friday night's football halftime ceremonies introducing the newest members of the Wall of Champions.

He presented to his alma mater a gold football, part of Wilson's Super Bowl High School Honor Roll initiative; high schools across the nation are presented gold footballs to honor any graduates who were active players or coaches in a Super Bowl. Egloff played in Super Bowl XII for the Broncos.

"This is just unbelievable," Egloff said to open Saturday's string of speeches. "When we first got the email from Anna (Britnell) and Brian (Samulski, of the Salem athletic depart-



TIM SMITH

Ron Egloff's plaque on the Salem Wall of Champions. He followed his Rocks career with football success in college and the NFL.

ment), I didn't really know what it was going to be like.

"Just to walk in here and look in the hallway and see what you guys have done is amazing. I'm just blown away by the whole thing. It's really cool."

**Honored, humbled**

Estey — who excelled during the 1980s at Plymouth Salem in girls basketball and girls soccer — thanked all of her teammates and coaches for helping her grow into an all-state basketball player and Michigan Miss Soccer (in 10th grade).

She particularly gave credit to her basketball coach, the legendary Fred Thomann.

"Fred was a once-in-a-lifetime coach," Estey said. "I wish he was here to receive this award with me. He believed in me, he pushed me to be better every day."

Summing up how all of the honorees felt was Head, who tore up the basketball court during four seasons in the

**SALEM'S NEWEST INDUCTEES**

**GARY BALCONI:** Football and track coach won the Observerland Coach of the Year award in track and field in 1987. He also was assistant athletic director (1985-95) and was instrumental in the construction of the Park's varsity soccer stadium.

**PAUL CUMMINGS:** A football and baseball player at original Plymouth High School in the 1950s, Cummings went on to become a physical education teacher at all levels of the Plymouth-Canton district. He also was varsity football and baseball coach at Plymouth Salem before becoming assistant athletic director and (in 1985) director of K-12 athletics, health and physical education.

**RON EGLOFF:** Not only was Egloff a talented prep football player (1971-72), he was a standout baseball player at Plymouth Salem. Egloff was a first team all-stater in football, participated in the All-American Bowl and played football at Wisconsin. He then played nine seasons in the NFL, with Denver and San Diego.

**JILL ESTEY:** No matter the sport, Estey excelled in it — whether girls basketball or girls soccer, earning all-state honors in both during the 1980s. She received a full-ride scholarship to play women's basketball at Illinois, where she won the Lillian Speck Courtsiders Award for athletes excelling in leadership, academics and ability.

**RON FINLEY:** A four-year varsity swimmer (and three-time MVP) for the Rocks, Finley was undefeated his senior year (1977) in the 100 backstroke and was ranked in the top 10 in the nation in that event. He is a National Interscholastic Swimming High School All-American.

**JAMES HEAD:** Rocks longtime basketball coach Bob Brodie called Head "one of the best, if not the best" to play the sport at the high school and the statistics support the claim. Head led the Rocks to a 73-19 record over four seasons, establishing school rebounding marks for game and career. He had a distinguished college career at Eastern Michigan.

**KELLY JASKOT:** She was a go-to player at Plymouth Salem in girls basketball (all-state), volleyball (all-region) and softball (MHSSCA all-state) and went on to letter four seasons at the University of Detroit in women's basketball. A student of all of those sports, Jaskot returned to Salem in recent years to help coach both girls basketball and volleyball. She now is part of the basketball coaching staff at Mercy.

**JOHN SANDMANN:** He passed on a tryout with his hometown Brooklyn Dodgers to go into the U.S. Navy, but that merely opened the doors for his longtime career as a teacher, coach and administrator in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. That career spanned 37 years (1948-85) and he is credited with developing the athletic facilities that now comprise the Park.

**TOM WILLETTE:** His senior season for the Rocks featured a 14-1 record, 1.12 ERA and 179 strikeouts in just under 94 innings. He also was a .400 hitter and offensive catalyst for the 1975 state championship team.

**1975 BASEBALL TEAM:** Coached by the late Wayne Sparkman, the Rocks upset No. 1-ranked Canton in the district championship game and went on to capture the state title. The Rocks went 21-7.

1990s, earning all-state and All-America honors along the way.

Among his school records are most rebounds in a game (24) and career (856).

"I'm really blessed to be receiving this award," said

Head, whose sister Dena was part of the inaugural Wall of Champions class in February. "I'm speechless."

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**WILLETTE**

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other inductees Saturday, including all-state swimmer Ron Finley.

He noted several original Rocks from the 1960s, including Dick Michaels and Mike McCord. They swam at what then was Plymouth High School (later Central Middle School and now the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex).

"They were tremendous swimmers," Finley said. "I just hope this committee doesn't keep it to Plymouth Salem athletes, which started here in '71 or '72."

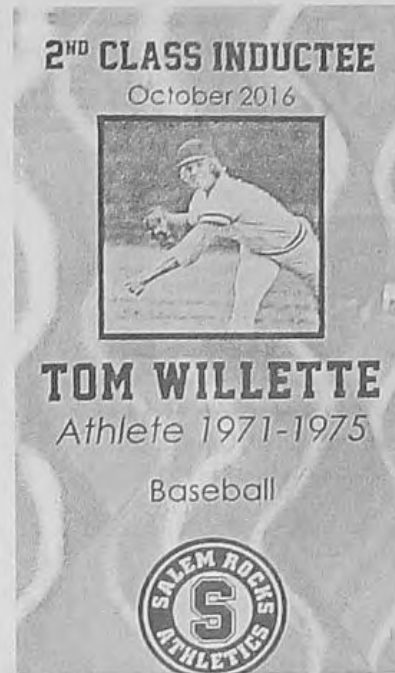
Britnell closed out the program with a promise to "reconvene as a committee and talk about the old Plymouth High School and see what we can come up with."

**Toasting teammates**

Willette was named to the second class, as was the Wayne Sparkman-coached baseball team that won the championship.

That team finished 21-7, with Willette the straw that stirred the drink (he went 14-1 with a 1.12 ERA and 179 strikeouts in just under 94 innings).

"I think what made Wayne a good coach was he was always prepared and he was able to



TIM SMITH

Tom Willette's plaque went up last weekend on the Salem Wall of Champions, along with those of eight others from school history.

adapt to the team he had," Willette said about the coach, who died at age 48.

A number of players from that Rocks squad were on hand for the induction ceremony, including Willette's friend and catcher, Vern Nagel, who introduced Willette.

"We knew we had a good team in 1975, but I don't think



SALEM ATHLETICS

This photo of the 1975 Plymouth Salem Rocks was included in the program for Saturday's Wall of Champions induction ceremony.

anyone thought we were destined to win the state championship," Willette said during the program. "Our No. 1 goal was to kick Canton's butt, because they were ranked No. 1 in the state that year. We did — we beat them 9-0 in the district finals.

"But without the support and talent of my teammates, I would not have achieved the individual success I saw that year. So thank you, and a big thank you to my catcher, Vern Nagel. There's always a special bond between a pitcher and a catch-

er."

**What if?**

The pitcher's high school career got him drafted by the San Diego Padres in 1975.

But he opted to pitch at North Carolina State University, where he was beset with elbow and shoulder woes that took miles off his fastball and years off his career.

Understandably transformed back to the mid-1970s for an evening, Willette said he had a wish.

"It would be to get on the mound for a day, with that full head of hair you see (on a near-by photo), not what you see here," Willette said. "And once again, be able to have that feeling of effortlessly throwing a baseball with great velocity.

"And then, to turn and see my brother (Rob) standing in left field and turn again and see my greatest fan, my dad, sitting at the top of the bleachers."

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ling for a 50/50 ball Tuesday night is Plymouth's Bennett Brooks (middle), double-teamed by Canton's Hurley (left) and Brett McGue.

## CHIEFS

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nd Visnaw, with time in ation running out, he what he had to do. re been in one-on-one ions many times and I d that if I take it from ngle, I'm probably going s it," said Miri, who also d Canton's other goal and l for the season. "So my ption is to take it out wide ore from there when s no goalkeeper in the

naw, who was brilliant ghout the night, with rous scoring bids finding s though he were a magave props to Miri — a r teammate in the Livoty Soccer Club. sed to play with Mo; I what was coming," Visaid. "You just do your o get in front of it. He's a f a player and I did what I t just wasn't enough." lowing a scoreless openminutes, action and g chances immediately d up in the second half. Jordan Forney rolled the ide of the net with Visut of position. ments later, Visnaw led to rob an in-close e by Ryen O'Meara. ally, with about 24 minemaining, Miri scored the

night's first goal. He received a perfect ball from Spratte, then cut inside as though a running back looking for a hole in the line of scrimmage.

Miri then drilled the ball into the center of the Plymouth net.

But the Wildcats only needed 20 seconds to respond and even the score at 1-1. Scottlar Chakrabarty booted a low shot past Canton goalkeeper David McGrath with 23:43 left.

The teams kept up the back-and-forth pace, with overtime looking likely — that is, until Miri struck again.

Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich praised his team for playing "with a lot of heart and (leaving) it all out on the field. ... We played them three times tough. This was a great group of boys that really came together well and put our program going in the right direction."

According to Plymouth's Ryan Wu, "we missed chances, they missed chances. It was an even game, I thought it could have gone either way."

### One-sided bracket

Understandably dejected about the loss and end of his high school career was Plymouth senior co-captain Anthony Iacopelli, who was all over the pitch to no avail as the Wildcats finished 9-7-5.

Iacopelli said it is a tough pill to swallow for better teams

to experience a one-and-done postseason situation.

"Whoever makes it out of this (district) is going to the state finals," Iacopelli said. "It's got to be seeded."

He mentioned Detroit Catholic Central, the No. 5 team in the state, losing Monday to Novi.

"I have a lot of friends on CC and a lot of them are going to play college soccer," Iacopelli added. "It's sad to see people go home early."

"On the other side of the bracket (at P-CEP), we have Wayne Memorial and John Glenn; the final game's going to be a mercy. It's a shame. The competition is on one side of the bracket. It's not fair."

Meanwhile, Miri knows from experience that the Chiefs are just getting started in what they hope is a championship march. He was part of the 2014 state championship team, but missed last year, when Canton made it to the D1 finals, due to injury.

"It's a great feeling (to win), it's a good boost," Miri said. "But we're not done yet. We've got Salem next round, which I believe is going to be an even more difficult game."

"This is just one win, one step of the six-step way. It's not done yet. We still got a lot to do."

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## PREP CROSS COUNTRY

# Plymouth, Canton both excel at meets

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Led by excellent showings by Carter Solomon, Ethan Byrnes and Brandon Boyd, Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team finished second Saturday at the Gabriel Richard Invitational.

The Wildcats nearly caught No. 5-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer, which won the invite with 69 points.

Solomon ran 15:54, putting him in sixth place on the school's all-time list. Byrnes and Boyd were right behind him, with respective times of 16:04 (seventh) and 16:20 (eighth).

"We now have three current runners (Byrnes, Solomon, Boyd) that have all broken into the Plymouth top 10 all-time list," Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz said.

Other Plymouth finishers included Jarrett Warner (25th, 17:03), Adam Stepek (36th, PR of 17:19), Jacob Steward (60th, 17:58) and Bassil Syed (63rd, 18:04).

Mikosz said Byrnes and Solomon currently are ranked in the top 30 in the state, with Boyd ranked No. 47.

» Canton's varsity boys cross country team competed Friday at the River Rat Open at Willow Metropark, placing second overall and putting up 18 season and/or personal bests.

At the top of the list was senior Zac Clark, third on the day with a school-record time of 18:58. Coach Bill Boyd said Clark now owns school records for seven invitationals, including league and regional meets. His latest achievement bested Miles Felton's 2010 time at the state finals.

Other strong Chiefs performers at the River Rat Open included Shane Andrews (16:30), Nick Socha (16:59), Andrew Lake (17:10) and Zach Carey (17:17).

### Wayne County girls meet

Plymouth's and Canton's varsity girls cross country teams finished seventh and ninth, respectively, Oct. 8 at the Wayne County Champi-

onships at Willow Metropark in New Boston. Winning the team race was Salem with 86 points.

Plymouth (158 points in the team standings) was paced by senior Annie Bonds, who placed sixth with a time of 19:15 and earned all-county honors (and a medal).

Bonds exceeded her previous personal best at Willow Metropark by nine seconds, coach Alice Ahearn said.

"With only eight points separating us from fifth place, of course I'm looking at ways we could have hit that spot," Ahearn said. "But I really couldn't be happier with the way the varsity girls ran and the JV had a huge day."

"This is just what you want to see at this point of the season. This is a competitive race with many talented runners and I felt our girls performed tremendously."

Other strong showings by Plymouth runners included freshman silver medalist Lily Tiplady (14th, personal record of 19:42), twin sister Izzy Tiplady (36th, PR of 20:39), Ana White (20:58) and Arwa Hararwala (21:00).

Closing out the varsity were freshman Laura Bonds (21:03) and sophomore Emily Britton (21:04).

» Canton registered 229 team points, with sophomore Anna Nagelhout leading the team with a 13th-place time of 19:38, which earned her a medal.

Other Chiefs to compete were freshman Olivia Gatto (49th, 20:54), senior Shikha Advani (54th, 21:02), senior Kate Cotham (70th, 21:36), junior Shilpa Pindolia (73rd, 21:45), junior Veena Salih (89th, 22:18), sophomore Carly Smith (90th, 22:20), sophomore Claire West (93rd, 22:30) and sophomore Sydney Keyes (96th, 22:39).

"Our whole team did really well," Canton girls coach Kevin Palmer said. "Mostly every girl who ran either got a personal record or a season best time."

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## SALEM

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no, Jamie Crosby and tian Freitag. Setting up f the goals was Crosby, ason Warras also picking assist. hat's been a focus for us ar, to always come out , set the tone," Karns said. is to get three quick ones, good."

e Salem lead could have much bigger if not for outstanding and aggressive goalkeeping by Chargers' Michael Lubonja. e's been doing that all We put him in such bad early," Churchill head Matthew Grodzicki said asked about Lubonja's effort. "All the credit in orld to Salem, they ed blood in the water and all's in there and they led it home." lem padded the lead to 4-0 first 10 minutes of the d half, with Dono fin; Mikey Schwartz's passay. Dono got everything shot and yet the diving aja nearly made a miracstop. He got most of the out it trickled in.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Salem's Michael Schroeder (left) tries to elude pressure from Churchill's Noah Anson during Tuesday night's district match-up.

With about 20 minutes left in the contest, played on the varsity turf field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, a pass by Michael Schroeder from the right side of the field was re-directed in by Freitag.

"(The win's) great for the team, it's great for everyone's momentum," Freitag said. "It's bringing us up to the next game, it's really preparing us. I think we really played good as a team tonight."

"Our communication and

quick play, quick passing, really brought us to the next step."

Following the fifth goal, Grodzicki lifted Lubonja (who received a warm ovation from Churchill fans for his efforts) and put in sophomore Jacob Soullier to finish the game.

Earning the shutout for the Rocks was senior goalkeeper Andrew Kozan, who wasn't tested often. But he came through when needed.

"They had a few chances here and there, so he kind of was up to the task," Karns said. "But to be mentally focused, sometimes those are tough games, too, when you're not being tested all that often, to be mentally into it the whole game."

Grodzicki, whose team finished 10-7-1, gave kudos to his players — especially the seniors whose high school careers ended Tuesday.

"I just want to thank all our seniors. It's never easy to lose, especially in the first round," he said. "But we had a great year, very proud of our team."

"The kids fought to the end and (the loss) doesn't define what we did this year. We'll move forward and we'll be fine."

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## DIVISION 1 GIRLS GOLF FINALS

# Novi second, Plymouth 10th at Forest Akers East

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Novi broke new ground in Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 girls golf state finals held at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East.

The Wildcats, posting three consecutive top 10 showings coming into the tournament, earned their best finish in school history by taking runner-up honors to Rochester, which captured its fourth state title in school history and first since winning back-to-back crowns in 2008-09.

Rochester's two-day total of 310-308—618 was 21 strokes better than the Wildcats, who shot 327-312—639.

Rounding out the top five in the 18-school field were Bloomfield Hills (321-327—648), Traverse City West (324-328—652) and Saline (322-339—661).

Traverse City West's Anika Dy took individual medalist honors with rounds of 72-71 for a two-day total of 143,

while Clarkston's Meghan Deardorff (74-71—145) and Bloomfield Hills' Mikaela Schulz (72-73—145) were two strokes off the pace.

Novi senior Alexa Hatz shot 78-69—147 to place fourth, while junior Abby Livingston tied for ninth with 75-76—151.

### Plymouth recap

Plymouth capped off another successful season, finishing 10th overall at the Division 1 state finals.

Erin Johnson again led the Wildcats with lows of 76-80—156. Next were seniors Rachel Kristian (89-87—176) and Heather Muir (92-88—180). Sophomores Shae Zydeck (80-91—171) and Kaitlyn Elledge (89-92—181) were again solid contributors.

» Salem senior Darby Scott, who was an individual qualifier, finished with a two-day score of 81-78—159.

Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.

## FOOTBALL

# Franklin flexes muscle against Plymouth, 40-7

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wered by an arsenal of on weapons that included ke" and an ever-improving launcher, Livonia Franklin football team turned Saturday's matinee against host out into a "Patriots Day" ration. xing its muscles from the ng kickoff, Franklin rolled its way to an untedly one-sided 40-7 vicver the Wildcats in a game icked off at noon. hts playoff-qualifying

sixth win securely under wraps, the Patriots (6-2) will look to strengthen their bid for at least one postseason home game when they travel Friday to Novi in a KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover match-up featuring two second-place divisional teams.

Plymouth saw its postseason hopes dashed as it suffered its fifth setback of the season against three wins. The Wildcats will put the wraps on an uncharacteristically tough year Friday night at Livonia Stevenson.

First-year senior quarterback Jacob Clark gave the Wild-

cats fits as he completed 3-of-6 passes for 38 yards, rushed for 93 yards on 11 carries and commanded the Patriots' read-option offense with precision.

Franklin's balanced power running game was led by Nyasinu "Nuke" Crowell, who churned out 102 yards on just eight carries.

Crowell busted scored on runs of 6, 56 and 19 yards.

Plymouth avoided a shutout when Darius Timmons followed up his own interception with a 1-yard plunge.

Franklin out-gained Plymouth 387-188 in total yards and



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth running back Darius Timmons fights for extra yardage as Franklin's Ke-mauri Heard offers resistance.

racked up 21 first downs compared to the Wildcats' nine.

Backup quarterback Zack Beadle was a bright spot for

Plymouth as he completed 4-of-8 passes for 58 yards and had 55 yards on six carries. Timmons had 43 yards on eight carries.

RELIGION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

CONCERT

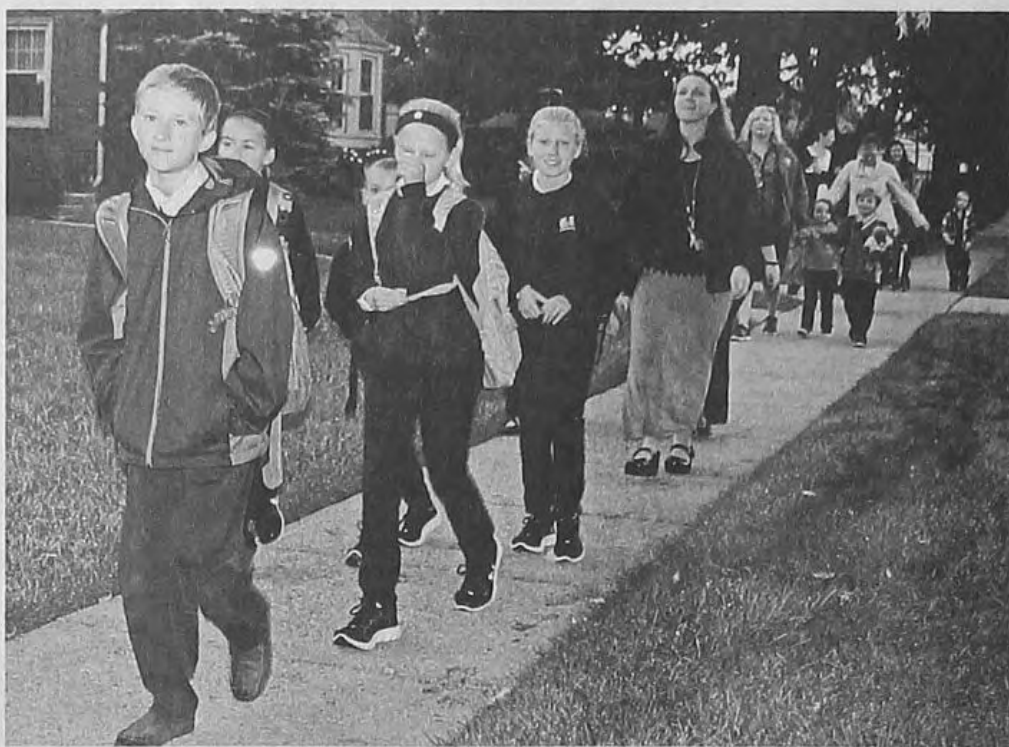
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23  
**Location:** Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington  
**Details:** The Praise Band and Mass Choir from Community Church of Christ in Detroit will sing and play gospel music for the worship service. Salem's Sanctuary Choir also will sing  
**Contact:** 248-474-6880

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23  
**Location:** Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 707 E. Lafayette, Detroit  
**Details:** The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit performs hymns and liturgical songs from different Orthodox Christian traditions  
**Contact:** Olga Liskivskiy at 248-252-8184; Olga-liss0910@gmail.com

CONCERTS

**Time/Date:** 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23  
**Location:** Afternoon show at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, Plymouth; evening show at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham  
**Details:** Detroit Lutheran Singers show, An American Sampler, with works by Aaron Copeland, Dave Brubeck, and more. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors and students, 12 and over. Buy tickets at the door or online



Youngsters from St. Michael the Archangel Church walk to school Oct. 5, celebrating Walk/Ride Your Bike to School Day. More than 50 students, teachers and parents participated in the national program. Students who lived too far to walk or ride met with teachers at Mies Park and walked from there to the school on Hubbard, near Plymouth Road. The school's student Green Team sponsored the event at school.

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**FUNDRAISER**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. auction of homemade gifts, crafts, food, services, Saturday, Oct. 22  
**Location:** Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton

**Details:** Proceeds to Habitat for Humanity. Free-will offering for dinner. Call for dinner reservations  
**Contact:** 734-495-0035  
**HEARTS AND HANDS SUNDAY**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30  
**Location:** Salem UCC, 33424 Oakland Ave., Farmington  
**Details:** The fifth Sunday of the month is dedicated to mission and outreach projects. The project for October is a shoe box filled with pancake and muffin mixes for Neighborhood House community families. A potluck brunch will be held during the outreach project  
**Contact:** 248-474-6880

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 22  
**Location:** Visitation North Spirituality Center, 7227 Lahser, Bloomfield Hills  
**Details:** Joni Scott, director of religious education at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Detroit, will present "Martin Luther King Jr.: I Have Decided to Stick with Love." Participants will learn about the life journey that led King to become a "voice for the voiceless." Suggested donation is \$25  
**Contact:** 248-433-0950; visitationnorth@ihmsisters.org

**PARADE OF PARTIES**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22  
**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Shop in-home vendors and local crafters. Lunch available. Prize drawings. Admission \$1  
**Contact:** Laura Goodman at 313-937-2233

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 22  
**Location:** Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn  
**Details:** Clothes, shoes, purses, linens, housewares, small appliances, toys, with \$2 bag sale on Saturday. Cash sales only  
**Contact:** 313-581-2525

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**Time/Date:** 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23  
**Location:** Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** Costumed kids, accompanied by their parents, trick or treat in the parking lot at the church. Event includes snacks and bounce house  
**Contact:** 734-425-7280

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**Time/Date:** 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28  
**Location:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Children, accompanied by a parent, grandparent or other adult, trick or treat in the parking lot at church. Both adult and child may dress in costume. Bring your own treat collection bag  
**Contact:** 734-522-6830; christoursavior.org

**WHY BE CATHOLIC**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** Dorian Bellinger, director of St. Vincent dePaul's Justice Initiative Prison Ministry shares his conversion story  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

**WORKSHOP**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29  
**Location:** Visitation North Spirituality Center, 7227 Lahser, Bloomfield Hills  
**Details:** Sister Marry Ellen Sheehan will facilitate "Conscience, Discernment, and Church Teaching." Participants will explore the meaning and

practice of conscience and pastoral discernment and dissent in relationship to Church teaching. Registration deadline is Oct. 26. Suggested donation is \$25  
**Contact:** 248-433-0950; visitationnorth@ihmsisters.org

**NOVEMBER CONCERT**  
**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12  
**Location:** Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Pianists Ralph and Albertine Votapek play music by Mozart, Gershwin and more. Tickets are \$28 general admission and \$25 for seniors and students. Order tickets from Joyce Cheresch at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348  
**Contact:** vivaceseries.org

**DINNER DANCE**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 p.m. dancing, Friday, Nov. 4  
**Location:** Italian-American Hall of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Irish Pallottine Fathers 49th Annual Dinner Dance tickets are \$65 per person. For tickets contact the Pallottine Mission House at 734-285-2966 or Sheila Cassidy at 586-242-5013  
**Contact:** IrishPallottines.org

**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. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** 313-534-9000

**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May  
**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Ezekiel. Bring your own 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.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386  
**Contact:** facebook.com/stinnocentredford

**EXERCISE CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Time/Date:** 6:45-7:45 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday  
**Location:** 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

**FOOD SALVATION ARMY**  
**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. second Saturday of the month  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** Food pantry assists nutritional needs of the needy  
**Contact:** 734-421-8451; standrewsepiscopalchurchlivonia.org

**HEALING SERVICE THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX BASILICA OF SAINT MARY**  
**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:** 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 at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

**MOMS 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 kindergartners  
**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 hope.  
**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. Thursday  
**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  
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**ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information

**RECYCLING RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**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@Connectionchurch.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  
**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

**FIRESIDE CHURCH OF GOD**  
**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@firesidechog.org

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Saturday  
**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available  
**Contact:** 734-421-8451

**ST. THOMAS A' BECKET CHURCH**  
**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly  
**Contact:** Margaret at 734-838-0322

**WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**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 free.  
**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 additional information

**WAY OF LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
**Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May  
**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth  
**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.  
**Contact:** 734-637-7618

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KNOCH



**MARY ALICE** formerly of Westland, wife of the late Arthur Louis Knoch, Sr., went to her eternal rest on October 16th, 2016. Mary was born in Detroit on June 10th, 1934, to Robert Leo and Mary Geraldine (Parkanski) Hart. In addition to her parents and husband, Mary was preceded in death by her sister, Betty Achin, and brothers Bernie, Danny, and Gordon Hart. Survivors include her sister Claudia (Jerry) Johnson; daughter Kathleen Mary (Jim) Nelson, of Ann Arbor, and their two children Andrew and Malia; son David Arthur and his wife Cheryl, of Kentucky, and their three children Daniel, Shannon, and Brendan; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. In the early 1950s, Mary agreed to a blind date with a young man home on leave from the Air Force. That young man, Arthur, swept her off her feet and in 1953 the two were united in a marriage that would last nearly 60 years. After raising two children, Mary returned to the work force as a medical administrative assistant and devoted her energies to community involvement, including as a volunteer at the Westland Friendship Center, serving as a member of Westland's Commission on Aging, and contributed to our democratic process as an election poll worker. In her retirement years, Mary enjoyed traveling the globe with her husband, visiting her grandchildren, admiring Michigan's lighthouses, and cheering on the Detroit Tigers. The visitation will be Thursday, October 20th from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. and on Friday, October 21st from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (between Sheldon and Beck). The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday, October 22nd at 10 a.m. at St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland, MI 48186. Mary will lie in state at the church on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. until the Mass. Rite of Committal will follow at Michigan Memorial Park, Huron Township, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio St, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60611-3201 and /or the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Rd, Westland, MI 48185; envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church. To share a memory of Mary, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

MACHNAK

**STEVEN A.** Age 95, Passed away October 15, 2016. Preceded in death by his wife, son and daughter. Will be dearly missed by his grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

PALMISANO



**WANDA NATALIE (HAMIALO)** age 90, of Holland, Michigan, formerly of Livonia, Michigan, passed away peacefully on October 14, 2016, surrounded by her loving family. A Funeral Service will be held at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan, on Friday, October 21, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. Wanda was born November 8, 1926, to the late Anthony Hamialo and Frances Kuzenski Hamialo of Detroit, MI. She was the wife of the late Dr. Ignatius James Palmisano (Livonia, MI) and dear sister of the late Albert Marshall Hamialo (Farmington Hills, MI and Edina, MN). She was the sister-in-law to the late Jean Galinas Hamialo, Mary Palmisano, Angela Palmisano, Frank Palmisano, Sam Palmisano, and twins Ann Palmisano (Rizzuto) and Sister Antoinette Palmisano. Survivors include her seven children: John (Maureen) Palmisano; Dave (Dori) Palmisano; Steve (Kim) Palmisano; Nancy Palmisano; Pete (Maggie) Palmisano; Bob Palmisano; and Dan (Jodi) Palmisano; and 18 grandchildren: Mike, Pat, Brent, Sarah, Drew, Gary, Jack, Leah, Michael, Jenna, Elizabeth, Sam, Taylor, Matt, Mark, Beth, Reagan, and Abby. Wanda was a resident of Livonia for 55 years. She grew up in Hamtramck and Detroit, and was a graduate of Cass Technical High School in Detroit where Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh (mother of Charles) inspired her to pursue a degree in education at Mercy College of Detroit and later went on to teach grade school science. A longtime member of St Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia, MI, Wanda taught catechism for many years. She was a conversationalist, an avid reader, and homemaker. Wanda loved to travel, with every summer family vacation incorporating US history lessons with trips to Yellowstone National Park, Mt Rushmore, Gatlinburg, Philadelphia, Mt Vernon, and more, while other trips included many medical conventions as the wife of a general surgeon. Wanda will be interred, next to her husband of 53 years, at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, Southfield, MI. Her family is deeply appreciative of the care provided to her by American House Senior Living Community (Holland, MI) and Hospice of Holland (Holland, MI). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made online to The International Rett Syndrome Foundation at www.RettSyndrome.org Visit www.lakeshorememorial.com to leave a message or memory for the Palmisano family. Mom, you have left impressions on our hearts that will never be forgotten. Na zdrowie [Nazdroh-vee-ay]—Here's to you!



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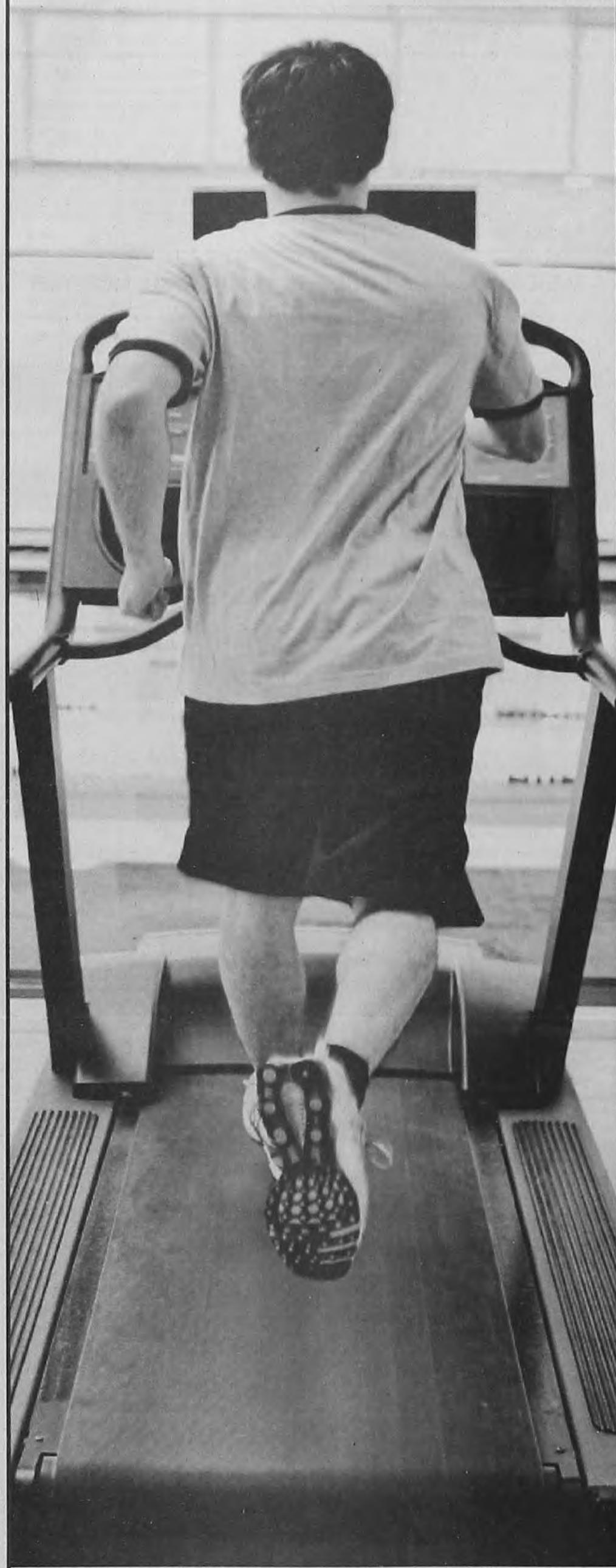
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Broilers, e.g.
  - 6 Incited, with "on"
  - 11 Emit violently
  - 15 Jules Verne captain
  - 19 Holy artifact
  - 20 Persona
  - 21 Witty Bombeck
  - 22 In between
  - 23 Wine-loving actress?
  - 26 Ruination
  - 27 Tot's "piggy"
  - 28 "The horror!"
  - 29 "— be a pleasure"
  - 30 Meter inserts
  - 31 Fixed charge
  - 33 Like pretty decent wine?
  - 38 "Son of," in Arabic
  - 39 Actress Garr
  - 41 Used to live
  - 42 Untold eras
  - 43 Pirate's place
  - 44 Olympic sport that wine drinkers compete in?
  - 50 Wears
  - 51 Knead
  - 52 Academic URL ender
  - 53 Lured (up)
  - 57 Exam giver
  - 59 Comedian telling jokes about wine?
  - 64 Cedar, say
  - 66 Egg cells
  - 67 Franz's skit partner
  - 68 In the way of
  - 69 Spanish pot
  - 72 Vegetable piece dipped in wine?
  - 76 "Fix" at the vet's
  - 77 Brazilian hot spot, in brief
  - 78 Autumn pear
  - 79 — and aah
  - 80 Lamar of "Algiers"
  - 82 Wine-sipping nightclub vocalist?
  - 87 Adventurous
  - 91 Response to "Am not!"
  - 92 Negative or positive thing
  - 93 Klutzy person
  - 95 Bush-league
  - 96 Wine aficionados' electoral race?
  - 102 Fancy resort
  - 105 Juan's "two"
  - 106 Wedding vow
  - 107 Plumlike fruit
  - 108 Feel sorry about
  - 109 Wine-fancying jazz trumpeter?
  - 114 Graphic material with no gray areas
  - 116 See 60-Down
  - 117 Bridal bio word
  - 118 Work measures
  - 120 Fix illegally
  - 121 Muddy earth
  - 122 Planetary features formed from wine?
  - 128 News tidbit
  - 129 Opera tune
  - 130 Queasy
  - 131 "The Brandon — Story" (1998 film)
  - 132 Sutures
  - 133 Banana skin
  - 134 Horses' runs
  - 135 Build upon
  - 1 Round figure
  - 2 Back bones
  - 3 Top
  - 4 West African country
  - 5 Zool., for one
  - 6 Two-options-only
  - 7 FBI figures
  - 8 West African country
  - 9 Big head
  - 10 The, to
  - 11 Make sure of
  - 12 Madrid art museum
  - 13 Grounded bird
  - 14 Ear clogger
  - 15 Big wheel
  - 16 PC-to-PC notes
  - 17 Mickey's girlfriend
  - 18 City in Texas
  - 24 Bellboy, often
  - 25 More flighty
  - 30 Huge guns
  - 31 Viewed thing
  - 32 One who's expiating
  - 34 MYOB part
  - 35 Road coater
  - 36 Toon unit
  - 37 — polloi
  - 40 Radio's Don
  - 45 Terra —
  - 46 Really hate
  - 47 Joseph of ice cream
  - 48 Raw fish dish
  - 49 PC image file
  - 54 Vault (over)
  - 55 Raines of old Hollywood
  - 56 Pivotal WWII event
  - 58 Military info-gathering
  - 60 With 116-Across, "Mildred Pierce" actress
  - 61 Betray by finking
  - 62 Every single
  - 63 Tattooed
  - 65 "Anyone —?"
  - 69 Ocean threat
  - 70 Fibbing type
  - 71 Ear piece
  - 73 — out (depict something via charades)
  - 74 Drench, in dialect
  - 75 2003-07 Fox teen drama
  - 76 Arab country
  - 78 Ponder
  - 81 Get a bit wet
  - 83 Sci-fi ability
  - 84 "... or — thought"
  - 85 Cuts into
  - 86 Arena yells
  - 88 Firmly fixed
  - 89 Not pressing
  - 90 Wave to, say
  - 94 Easy victims
  - 97 Chaney of silents
  - 98 Suffix with 9-Down
  - 99 Idaho county
  - 100 Typed guffaw
  - 101 A bit wet
  - 102 Hindu sages
  - 103 Foo's gold
  - 104 British prince
  - 110 Swarms
  - 111 Actress
  - 112 Like princes
  - 113 Famous fable writer
  - 115 Did it wrong
  - 119 Bring down, as a building
  - 122 Q-Tip's style
  - 123 Hot temper
  - 124 Woodsy, e.g.
  - 125 Egg — yung
  - 126 Hellenic vowel
  - 127 — Paulo

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5	3	5	4	3	7	8	9	6	1
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### WORDS

- ABFRACTION
- ABSCESS
- ADA
- AMALGAM
- BITEWINGS
- BLEACHING
- BONDING
- BRIDGE
- BRUXISM
- CALCULUS
- CEMENTATION
- CLEFT
- COMPOSITE
- CRANIOFACIAL
- CROWN
- CURETTAGE
- CYST
- DEBRIDEMENT
- DENTURE
- ENAMEL
- FISTULA
- FLUORIDE
- FOUNDATION
- GINGIVITIS
- GUMS
- IMPACTION
- IMPRESSION
- INLAY
- JAW
- MALOCCLUSION
- MANDIBLE
- NOVOCAINE
- PROPHYLAXIS
- SCALING
- XEROSTOMIA

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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