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Few snags expected with new trash hauler

Toronto-based company takes over contract from Rizzo

Darrell Clem
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Residents whose garbage was being picked up by Rizzo Environmental Services shouldn't notice any significant snags in service from a new company that has taken over, area officials say.

If all goes as expected, officials say, the biggest change residents should see will be the phasing out of Rizzo's familiar red garbage trucks as new owner GFL Environmental, Inc., of Toronto rolls out its bright green trash haulers.

The change comes as the FBI investigates allegations in Macomb County that officials accepted bribes for helping

Rizzo obtain contracts.

"We expect no change in service," Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said, adding that 27,000 customers should receive the "high level of service" they have come to expect.

GFL (Green For Life) is expected to honor a contract that expires in 2020 in Canton, he said.

Brian Wilson, Livonia's assistant director of public

works, said Tuesday city officials were awaiting a meeting with the new company to discuss the changes, but he anticipated no significant disruptions in service.

"We would anticipate that any service the residents are used to at the curb wouldn't change," Wilson said.

As the new owner, GFL is expected to have the same local managers and work crews delivering trash-hauling

services, Wilson said. The company serves 55 communities in the region.

Kevin Roney, Garden City's public services director, said he expects a smooth transition as GFL takes the reins of garbage pickup that was turned over to Rizzo earlier this year for that city's 11,000 customers.

"I have every expectation that they will maintain the

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Ghost hunters search for spirits

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

Nine people gather in a darkened parlor. From a cabinet hinge hang six green jingle bells, tied together on a ribbon. A flashlight is set up on the old organ, and outside, the occasional headlights flash in its round mirror, casting spooky patterns on the curtains. Two iPads glow from opposite corners of the room, scanning for energy — voices — spirits.

At the Westland Historic Village Park, the Motor City Ghost Hunters — and a handful of brave visitors — are trying to connect with the great beyond.

Heather Anderson sat on the floor and spoke into a digital recorder. "October 28, Westland Historical Society, Felton farmhouse: 7:51 p.m."

Then she tossed it into the middle of the faded red oriental rug on the chilly farmhouse floor.

"Hello George?" she queried into the dimly lit room. "Are you home?"

Anderson is a researcher with the Motor City Ghost Hunters. She and her co-hunters, Melissa Boudewyris and Erin Doering, were trying to get in touch with George Hubble, who lived in the house and died as a young man at the Civil War battle of Spotsylvania.

Hubble's body was never brought home, but it's believed that his spirit remains in the area. "My explanation is, people go back to where they were happiest, and that's here," said Brenda Ozog of the Motor City Ghost Hunters.

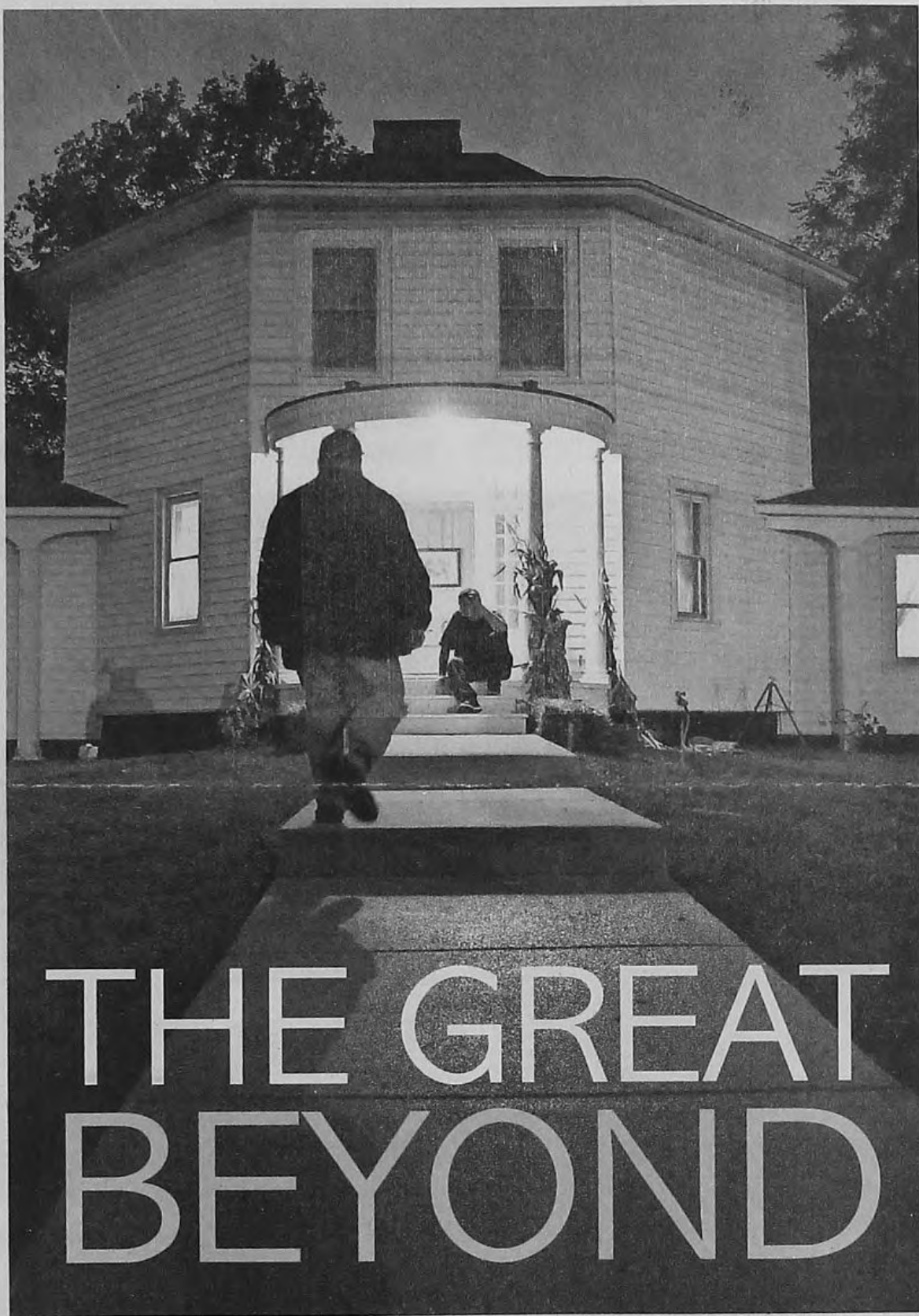
Anderson pulled out her iPhone and brought up "Battle Hymn of the Republic" on YouTube. It's an appropriate tune for the house, dating as it does from the mid-1800s.

As the tune ended, a dim creak came from the back room — like any old house settling. Or not.

"I'm a very big believer in, there's not a lot of coincidence in the world," Anderson said. "Things that seem random, probably when you look back at them ... they're probably not."

Most of the ghost hunters have had personal experience with the paranormal. Anderson once got a message from her father, who'd been deceased for several years. Ozog got poked at Fort George, by

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THE GREAT BEYOND

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The Westland Historical Society hosted a search for the paranormal with the members of the Motor City Ghost Hunters at the Westland Historic Village Park. The Octagon House is one of the stops on the tour.



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Motor City Ghost Hunter Heather Anderson sets up her gear for the evening.



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Dawn Gomall and Victoria Simoneau listen to fragments of words coming from an app.

Accused Super 8 gunman heads to trial

Darrell Clem
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Barring a plea deal, a 24-year-old defendant is facing trial amid charges he robbed a Canton motel at gunpoint after jumping over the counter and threatening a clerk.

Tevaughn Terrell Davis could face life in prison if he is convicted in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges of armed robbery, being a felon in possession of a handgun, assault with a dangerous weapon and felony firearm. A not-guilty plea has been placed on record for him.



Davis

Davis was ordered to stand trial after he voluntarily waived his right to a preliminary hearing Friday in Plymouth 35th District Court. His decision averted pretrial testimony.

Davis was charged after police say he 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 and no one was seriously injured.

Police say Davis, charged as a habitual offender, was captured at an Ann Arbor hotel one day after the Canton robbery. He has been in custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections on a parole violation as he awaited his latest court hearing.

Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said Davis was arrested after a joint investigation by 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.

During his arraignment on the latest charges, Davis was ordered jailed with a \$10,000 cash bond.

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 pointed a gun at the clerk," Wilsher said.



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Set (and keep) a budget for holiday shopping

Halloween is behind us, the leaves are falling and, before you know it, the holiday shopping season will be upon us. In fact, you are already starting to see ads touting holiday deals. It used to be that the holiday shopping season started after Thanksgiving, but that's no longer the case. It seems the holiday shopping season starts earlier and earlier every year. Because retailers are starting their holiday blitz, it's important that we begin thinking about our holiday gift giving sooner rather than later.



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

It is an old story that too many Americans overspend during the holidays. In fact, there are a significant number of people who used their charge card last year to buy gifts and have yet to pay for those purchases. The bottom line — the holiday season should be a time to enjoy our family and friends, not to cause us financial upheaval.

People need to plan for their holiday gift giving so they do not overspend. No one who cares about you wants you to have financial difficulty in order to buy them a gift. That's why now is the time to do some planning. The first step along the way is to decide whom you have to buy gifts for. You should start composing a list of those people so you can properly allocate your resources. Don't forget those cash gifts you may give to people who have helped you throughout the year. I wish I could tell you whom to give those types of cash gifts to, but it depends upon

your individual situation. Remember, when giving cash gifts to those who have helped you, you are rewarding them for their service — it is not an entitlement.

Once you know whom you're going to buy and give gifts to, the next thing to do is to set a realistic budget. You should know before you begin whom you're going to buy gifts for and how much are you going to spend. In other words, you must have a budget for all your holiday spending and that budget should be set before you hit the malls or go online to shop.

It is also important to

know how you are going to pay for your gift giving. Ideally, nothing should go on your charge card unless you can pay for the purchases before interest starts to accrue. Unfortunately, for many people, this is not realistic and they are forced to carry a balance on their charge card. A little planning can be of great benefit to you. Not all charge cards are the same. If you know you're going to carry a balance on your charge card, it is important to use a charge card with low interest rates. Don't get caught up in the perks and bonuses that the charge cards offer; if you are going to carry a balance, focus on the interest rate. On the other hand, if you are going to be able to

pay off your purchases when the bill comes, then interest isn't the primary concern; the grace period and the perks become more valuable. Before you begin your holiday shopping, you need to make sure you know how you are going to pay or finance the purchases.

I recognize that holiday gift giving is a tradition for many families. However, something I would encourage all families to do is to set some limits for holiday purchases. Whether it's limiting whom you give gifts to or setting a maximum price on a gift.

Good luck!

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Teen brings knife to school, tells cops he was bullied

A 15-year-old student accused of bringing a knife to Plymouth High School told police he was carrying the weapon because he had been bullied.

He didn't brandish the knife blade, a police report said, but he admitted taking the still-folded knife out of his pocket and tapping it on his desk after a female student made a rude comment to him.

The incident unfolded about 9:10 a.m. Oct 26 and ended with police ticketing the suspect for possession of a dangerous weapon. The boy also was facing school disciplinary actions.

A school-based Canton police officer said two students approached him

after second-hour class and reported that the boy had taken what was described as a large hunting knife out of his pocket. They told police they didn't notify the teacher because they didn't know how the suspect might react.

Police located the suspect and took him to the dean of students. He then reportedly said he has been bullied by other students who call him names. He said he couldn't think of a response, so he decided to scare them with a knife.

The report also indicated the suspect had been upset because his parents had taken a four-wheeler away from him.

The knife he was carrying was his father's, the report said. He told police he had the weapon in his belt at school and that at one point it fell out. He

had the knife in his back pocket when he was approached by police.

The boy's mother told police that he has been seeing a therapist.

Suicidal scare

A Canton man, worried that a woman he knows might be suicidal, asked police to go to her house to check on her well-being.

The woman was surprised when police arrived and assured them she had no intention of harming herself, a police report said.

The incident began about 4:15 p.m. Friday and police went to the woman's residence in the 49900 block of Proctor, west of Denton.

The 38-year-old man told police he had received text messages that the 29-year-old woman had slit her wrists and

was in a bathtub. He told police he couldn't go to the woman's house because of a prior domestic complaint that led to him being ordered by a judge to stay away, the report said.

When police arrived at the woman's residence, she was found uninjured and denied she had sent the text messages to the man. However, she refused to allow police to look at the text messages on her phone, saying she had personal messages she didn't want to share.

Liquid pot

Canton police arrested a 36-year-old Plymouth man amid allegations he had a liquid form of marijuana in a vaping device, a police report said.

The suspect was turning from westbound Michigan Avenue to eastbound when police noticed he disobeyed a traffic light, the report said. Police initiated a traffic stop about 10 a.m. Saturday. The driver was accompanied by a 33-year-old Plymouth woman.

Police could smell marijuana in the vehicle, the report stated, and learned that both the driver and the passenger had medical marijuana cards, which they showed police.

The driver told police he had the liquid form of marijuana in a vaping device in his front shirt pocket. The police report said this form of marijuana wasn't allowed with the man's medical marijuana card.

Police took the man into custody for possession of a controlled substance.

— By Darrell Clem

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level of service we have had since June, which has been good," Roney said. "I'm not overly concerned at all. Companies acquire companies all the time and they honor (existing) contracts."

Robert Nix, Northville Township supervisor, said officials there expect GFL to pick up garbage and do it on time, despite the changing of hands from Rizzo.

"In my opinion I think it will be business as usual," Nix said. "We'll have to wait to see how the transition is implemented, but based on the information we have received, we anticipate no change and no degradation in service. We expect the service to continue and be on time and consistent with the way it has been in the past."

Canton issued a statement Monday to let residents know that GFL Environmental had become a majority shareholder in Rizzo and would assume all day-to-day operations. The statement said GFL would be rebranding Rizzo's red garbage trucks to GFL's bright green color, along with the GLF logo.

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Main Street Opera to stage 'Amahl and the Night Visitors'

Main Street Opera Theatre will present "Amahl and the Night Visitors," one of the most popular American operas by Gian Carlo Menotti, Nov. 18-19, at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St., Plymouth. "Amahl and the Night Visitors" is a timeless story of the power of faith and the meaning of love. The one-act opera tells the story of Amahl, a poor crippled boy, who

lives with his mother in a village somewhere on the road to Bethlehem. When the Three Kings, following the star in the east, seek shelter for the night, the lives of Amahl and his mother are changed forever. Commissioned by NBC in 1951 and first performed at Studio 8H at Rockefeller Center, Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" has become an annual holiday tradition enjoyed by

children and families around the world. Running time is just under one hour. Children over the age of 5 are encouraged to attend with an adult. The opera is sung in English. Main Street Opera Theatre is based in Plymouth. Tickets are \$16 for students and seniors and \$18 for adults. To reserve tickets and for more information, go to www.mainstreetopera.org.



One of the Three Kings talks with Amahl in the Main Street Opera's production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

Goodfellows to help hundreds of families at Christmas

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com

Working to help struggling families have a Christmas, Canton Goodfellows volunteers and supporters are rolling out a multi-pronged effort to raise money and buy gifts. The group, dating back to the 1940s, is helping 324 children this holiday season. "That's about the same as last year," Goodfellows President John Spencer said. The group expects to spend about \$24,000 this season, most of it to buy gift cards so families can get food at Holiday Market and Meijer, he said. Volunteer Nancy Williams said help is still needed to sponsor about 50 children for Christmas by agreeing to buy gifts such as toys and clothing. To help, send an email to goodfellowscanton@yahoo.com. Goodfellows and Canton Leisure Services are teaming up to tackle this year's need and fulfill the motto of No Child Without a Christmas. Among the latest efforts: » A magic and comedy fundraiser featuring Dana Daniels and Psychic Parrot Luigi is set



Goodfellows President John Spencer says he is confident the organization will meet its goal.

FILE PHOTO

for Saturday, Nov. 5, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the main stage show is scheduled for 8 p.m. The night includes pre-show entertainment, a silent auction and a cash bar. Tickets are \$30 each. The event

is presented by McCabe Funeral Home. » A holiday food drive is scheduled for 4-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at Holiday Market, 520 S. Lilley. Donors are urged to give non-perishable food

items such as can goods, rice, macaroni and cheese, noodles, pasta, soup mixes, coffee, powdered juices, cereal, cookies, crackers, jars of gravy, bread mixes and other dry goods. "So many families are already struggling to make ends meet through-

out the year, so holidays can be an extremely difficult time of the year for them," Canton Recreation Supervisor Jon LaFever said. "Any donation and gifts from area residents make a huge difference in bringing joy to their lives during the holidays."

» Donations of new and unwrapped toys will also be collected Nov. 17 through Dec. 5 at several Canton Leisure Services locations, including the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway and the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. » Cash donations and gift cards are welcome and may be dropped off at the Canton Leisure Services Department, on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building. » Williams encouraged people sponsoring children to consider working in groups at churches, with civic organizations or with friends to buy gifts. "They've got plenty of time to shop and take advantage of sales," she said. » Spencer said a Goodfellows newspaper sales campaign is set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at various businesses in Canton. For more information, call 734-394-5360, send an email to cantongoodfellows@gmail.com or go to <http://www.cantongoodfellows.org>.
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GUEST COLUMN

Merritt: Why RESA vote is important for Plymouth-Canton

On the Nov. 8 ballot, there is a proposal near the end of the ballot labeled "Regional Education Enhancement Millage." The request is for voter approval of 2 mills to be levied for six years only, to assist with the operating expenses of each Wayne County school district. In Wayne County, because of our large enrollment, P-CCS would be the third largest beneficiary of this. The additional tax would raise \$385 for each student in the 33 Wayne County school districts. For Plymouth-Canton, this would



Monica Merritt
GUEST COLUMNIST

mean an additional \$6.7 million each year for six years.

The tax proposal says "enhancement." For P-CCS this means "catch-up." Why? Our state funding has been frozen or cut repeatedly since 2007-08. In 2007-08, we were receiving \$7,500 per student from the state. This school year we are receiving \$7,511

per student — only \$11 more than in 2007-08.

Anyone familiar with P-CCS schools, or reading about us in the media, knows what that has meant for us over those years of frozen or declining state funding. We have cut to the bone and there is no more to cut without seriously impacting teaching in the classroom.

The question we're being asked now is, if this tax proposal passes, what would you do with the money? First of all, we would use only about half of that money to help us with immediate needs.

What are these?

» \$1.4 million would go to reducing class sizes in grades 3-12 (we emptied kindergarten, first, and second grades from the increases we made again this year).

» \$1 million would go to security and safety systems. We would install security cameras inside and outside our middle schools and our elementary schools as needed. In all schools not having them already (the high schools and Liberty Middle School have them), we would install secure swipe-card entry systems.

» \$1.2 million would go to restoring cuts made over the past five years to the individual schools' teaching, office and media center supply budgets, as well as needed curriculum materials. It would also go to replacing dilapidated school equipment such as student classroom desks, tables and cafeteria tables not covered by the 2013 bond issue. It would also cover some school building preventive maintenance.

These immediate needs total \$3.6 million. The remaining \$3.1 million would be carefully

saved and set aside for other needs — of which there are many — and, depending upon future state funding levels, may even be necessary to fall back upon just to maintain the status quo.

I ask you please to check out further information about this at www.resa.net/millage and be an informed voter Nov. 8.

Monica Merritt is superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

LETTERS

To whom has Rizzo donated?

In all the coverage of the presidential election, people might have missed the recent stories about Rizzo Environmental Services allegedly bribing local officials across the state. In case you missed it, local officials have been charged with corruption in Macomb County and around Flint. So, when I see all the garbage trucks in Plymouth Township and Canton emblazoned with the Rizzo logo, I begin to wonder how this company got all the local contracts? Did Rizzo get no-bid contracts? Has Rizzo made political donations to local officials here in Canton and Plymouth?

I tried to check on both questions. Unfortunately, per an April 2, 2016, article in Crain's Detroit Business, regarding Rizzo's Canton contract: "the terms of the deal were not disclosed." Why the secrecy? I then checked out campaign finance reports to see to whom Rizzo's PAC and lobbyist have recently

donated. It seems that Pat Williams (Canton), Joe Barone (County Commission), and Shannon Price (Plymouth Township) have all received donations in 2016 from Rizzo.

The voters of Plymouth Township soundly rejected this kind of politics in the primary election. Thankfully, Shannon Price will no longer be a concern. However, the voters in both Canton and Plymouth would be wise to reject this kind of politics in the general election this November, as well.

They can say, "No!" A vote for Nate Smith-Tyge for county commissioner will say "No" to Joe Barone. A vote for Dr. Syed Taj for Canton supervisor will say, "No," to Pat Williams. A vote for Mary Siefert for Plymouth Township treasurer will put a watchdog on the incoming slate of otherwise unopposed candidates in Plymouth Township.

Tim Roraback
Plymouth

Questions Yack's attendance

The bare minimum requirement of running for office is living in the community. Township Trustee Tom Yack is running for re-election yet he doesn't spend much time in Canton anymore. He misses meetings and community events because his second home is in Florida. I understand going on vacation, but to miss so many meetings and disconnect from the community makes me question whether he is capable of continuing on the board.

Personally, I think our board members should live in this community full time and be present at board meetings. Yack isn't a full-time resident and shouldn't be on the board anymore.

Natalie Rogers
Canton

Vote Dian Slavens

Canton desperately needs a change! "Public servants" in our township have over these past years settled into a complacency that equates to

non-responsiveness, a lack of transparency, and no accountability. As a 40-plus year resident of Canton Township I deserve, as do all our residents, better customer service than that which has become status quo.

Part of the change we need must include individuals who have demonstrated that they can get the job done and represent all stakeholders. Part of this change must include Dian Slavens as our new township treasurer. I have known and followed Dian's community and public service for over 25 years. She has been a resounding force of change serving on the Health Policy Committee, Ethics and Elections, Senior Health Security and Retirement, Veterans Affairs, Regulatory Reform and Families Children and Seniors.

As our state representative, she initiated and supported diverse legislation. She made certain that state legislators shared in the same sacrifices all Michigan workers made when she voted to cut salaries by 10 percent, including her own. She spearheaded a crackdown on elder abuse, and was influential in banning smoking. Honest and ethical, Dian was one of only two members in the House of Representatives that voted against the Speaker of the House, who had been involved in unethical behavior. Yes, she did this at her own professional peril. It is time for honest and ethical township leadership. It is time for action, transparency and true representation. It is time to elect Dian Slavens.

Jan Tomlinson
Canton

On election day, voters will choose who will lead our township into the future. As a voter I've given consideration to my two options and came to the conclusion that Dr. Syed Taj is the only candidate uniquely qualified to hit the ground running on day one.

Kristy Petzold
Canton

Dr. Taj for supervisor

As chief of medicine of Oakwood Hospital, Dr. Taj proved himself to be a skilled executive as he oversaw every section of the Department of Medicine. Under his watch, Oakwood Hospital was rated one of Michigan's "Top Ten Best Hospitals."

As a small business owner, Dr. Taj balanced budgets and guided his business through good and bad economic times.

As the only Democrat on the township board of trustees, he was successful at working across party lines to attract new business, lower personal property taxes and offset the rising cost of water.

As a father and husband, Dr. Taj understands what a great community Canton is to work, live and engage and understands where we can make improve-

ments. His perspectives, skills and experiences make him uniquely qualified for the job. I plan on voting for him on Nov. 8 and I hope you do too!

Tania Ganguley
Canton

Slavens for treasurer

I choose Dian Slavens as candidate for the treasurer of Canton Township. Dian Slavens acquired a great deal of experience dealing with local, county and state legislation when she served as our state representative for six years. We now have the opportunity to elect a treasurer who brings that experience to Canton Township.

Dian will bring transparency and accountability to Canton Township government. She is not afraid to speak up for good government. When she served in the House of Representatives, she was one of only two members to vote against the speaker of the house when he was involved in unethical behavior. She does not tolerate elected officials who use taxpayers' dollars and time to conduct business other than the people's business. In fact, some of our elected officials were caught campaigning and soliciting political donations from township vendors during the people's time.

Dian Slavens has shown how she is open to work with all people and not just those of the same political party. She will meet and work with all for the benefit of those who she represents. Partisanship does not serve our citizens well. We need elected leaders who will work with Wayne County leadership. Canton Township is dependent on a good relationship with the county, considering poor roads and traffic issues continue to be the bane of living here.

Dian will be a fresh voice who cares for the people who live here. She is open, ethical and hard-working. We need these attributes in our Canton Township treasurer. Please vote for Dian Slavens on Nov. 8.

Joan Noricks
Canton

Choose Dr. Taj as supervisor

Canton is home to the most dangerous intersections in the state. Haggerty and Ford roads is the most dangerous. We need to fix these roads. Since we are a township,

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LETTERS

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we are dependent on Wayne County for funding. I support Dr. Sayed Taj for Canton Township supervisor because he will work better with Wayne County than our current leadership. Dr. Taj has taken the time to develop positive relationships with Wayne County leaders. That is why Warren Evans has endorsed Dr. Sayed Taj for Canton Township supervisor.

Dr. Taj is a respected cardiologist. He was the head of the Cardiology Department at Henry Ford Hospital. Dr. Taj had also served one term as Canton Township trustee. I urge Canton voters to vote for Dr. Sayed Taj to be our next Canton Township supervisor.

Thomas Hartnett
Canton

Siegrist takes high road

I am appalled by the baseless, negative attacks on our candidate for Canton clerk Michael Siegrist and his family. I am worried about the state of our democracy. Whether it is the negative tone of the presidential election or the mess in Plymouth Township I know voters want something more. I wanted to see a substantive, issue-focused discussion on solutions for our residents. What I've seen are petty, partisan, personal attacks and swipes. I know that voters are disgusted and expect more.

It's the height of hypocrisy that the person asking outside lobbyists

and Novi-based super PACs to influence our election and slander a good man, is herself responsible for numerous violations of campaign finance laws that govern elections. She is busy talking about how Michael received a parking ticket four years ago, while she is accused of receiving illegal campaign contributions and not following reporting requirements. Instead of running a respectable campaign, focusing on the issues, she is trying to drag the race into the gutter.

I am personally grateful that Michael has chosen the high road, doing the people's work. I'm disappointed that Linda Obrec hasn't bothered to learn the rules that she would need to enforce if she is elected. Michael chaired the AV Counting Board over half a decade ago, serving our community when asked. His family doesn't deserve to be slandered by hypocrites looking for a "next step."

Charles Miller
Canton

Elect Dr. Taj

As former 14-year residents of Canton Township and involved in leadership roles in the community, we are asking voters on Nov. 8, to elect Dr. Syed Taj, as your next township supervisor.

Bob and I have been close personal friends with Dr. Taj the past several years. He has the integrity, personality and knows how to get things done. He is not one of the longtime entrenched politicians. This is a man who cares deeply about the community and will

represent everyone with total transparency.

You know the minute you meet him you find a sincere, genuine person who also has a great sense of humor.

Natalie and Bob Mosher
Alexandria, Va.

Canton needs cooperative leader

This election cycle has been long, divisive, and hateful. I feel like everywhere I turn there are personal attacks and negativity. I remember a time when our elected officials would work together to achieve results for their constituents, regardless of party affiliation. In this election, I am looking for candidates who will work cooperatively with anyone to get results.

For Canton Township supervisor, I am voting for Dr. Syed Taj because I believe he has proven himself to be a leader who works with people, even those he disagrees with, in order to best serve the people. When he was elected in 2008 as the only Democrat on the board of trustees, I was worried that he wouldn't have the ability to get much done because he was in the minority party. Instead, he was intentional about building positive relationships with his colleagues on the other side so that political differences could be set aside when important decisions were being made that impacted us all. Dr. Taj was effective at attracting business, lowering personal property taxes, and offsetting the rising cost of water.

Canton also needs someone who will work cooperatively with

Wayne County and other levels of government. It seems Canton frequently gets shortchanged receiving funding to fix our subdivision and main roads, as well as securing funding to relieve traffic congestion. This is largely attributed to the fact that Canton Township hasn't always been willing to cooperate with Wayne County. Dr. Taj has *already* built positive relationships with Wayne County's leaders and he has uniquely positioned himself to be a fierce advocate for Canton when funding is up for grabs. Right now, Canton is a donor township meaning we send more money to the county than we get back. Dr. Taj will work to bring more money back into our township. It is unacceptable that our roads are crumbling and we have three of the top ten most dangerous intersections in the county and two of the top ten worst in the state.

I am tired of petty politics, blame games, and divisiveness. I want Canton to be led by a man who has proven time and time again that he will work with anyone and everyone to get results. That is why I am voting for Dr. Syed Taj for Canton Township supervisor.

Lori Manoogian-Johnston
Canton

Canton needs change

I have been a resident of Canton since 1993 and have watched uncontrolled growth take place without any thought of infrastructure improvements, leaving our main roads overcrowded and dangerous. Statistics have proven this over

and over. Decades of poor infrastructure planning, combined with unrestricted subdivision and business growth, have left our township an obstacle course through which to maneuver. And the elected leadership of our township seem to want more and more of the same.

It's time to take a new path with realistic planning and a new focus to build the Canton community into a place for everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, or faith.

I urge everyone to vote for the Moving-CantonForward.com team for township board this year. Candidates Taj, Slavens, Siegrist, Hudak, Foster, Vaishnav and Sneiderman have the ideas and experience to lead our community into the future. Before our town becomes unlivable we must move away from old methods and start planning in a way that makes our roads safe.

Rev. Dr. Duke Morrow
Canton

Re-elect Pagan to state House

As a parent and a teacher, education is one of the most important issues I consider when choosing a candidate. Lately, public education in the state of Michigan has been under fire. More and more hard working families are not always able to access a quality education. The constant pressure that many school districts face because of budget shortages, including our own Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, is simply unacceptable. We need legislators who understand the impor-

tance of providing every child with a high-quality, equitable education. And we must vote accordingly.

Kristy Pagan understands the worries of families. She understands how we so badly want the best for our children and all too often feel like our state leaders do not want the same. She understands how for-profit charter schools actually hurt and undermine communities. She disagrees with the notion that our educational system should operate like big business where the bottom-line is how much money the shareholders make. Instead, Kristy Pagan understands that the bottom-line of our educational system should be how well-prepared are our children are to engage in our global society.

Kristy Pagan's heart is with our children. She knows that today, companies want to invest where the talent is and by investing in our children's education we will grow and expand our economy. That's why she's been fighting so hard to invest in our children's education. She's spoken up at school board meetings and on the floor of the Michigan House of Representatives to stand up for our children and fight for our communities. That is why I will be casting my vote for Kristy Pagan for state representative on Nov. 8. I encourage us all to do the same. A vote for Kristy is a vote for the success of our kids and the success of our entire community.

Adrienne Quinn
Canton

Help Plymouth Community United Way make a difference Nov. 12

Want to make a difference by helping a senior citizen or person with a disability?

Plymouth Community United Way is looking for volunteers to provide fall cleanup in Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships Saturday, Nov.

12. Volunteers will meet on the day of the event at Plymouth First United Methodist Church for a continental breakfast and instructions.

Check-in time is 8 a.m. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, garden tools and gloves and have their

own transportation to travel between homes. PCUW will supply the yard waste bags, which will be distributed at the church. Leaf blowers are also great help with larger yards.

All ages are welcome, but those under 18 need

to be accompanied by an adult. To volunteer, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or email randi.williams@pcuw.org by Friday, Nov. 4, for an

application. For more information and an application, go to www.plymouthunitedway.org. Serving the Plymouth, Canton and

western Wayne County area since 1944, Plymouth Community United Way addresses human service needs of individuals and families.

Plymouth library seeks vet photos

The Plymouth District Library is collecting photos of veterans and active military personnel for its second annual November "Honoring Our Veterans" display.

Photos can be submitted by emailing them to info@plymouthlibrary.org. The library staff can also scan original photos upon request. No personal information will be displayed with the photographs.

The library display will also feature a "white table" in November. Traditionally, the table is set with a white tablecloth, a black napkin and white candle, plus a plate with a slice of lemon and salt. An empty chair leans against the table. The display is modeled after the table in the children's book, "America's White Table," written by Margot Theis Raven and illustrated by Mike Benny. It is available for checkout at the



The Plymouth District Library's white table.

library. The tradition, little-known to the general public, of setting an empty table with a white tablecloth in remembrance of prisoners of war and those missing in action, had its beginnings with a group of fighter pilots who flew in Vietnam. What was started by the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association — the so-

called River Rats of Vietnam — has, during the intervening years, spread to other branches of the military where remembrance tables, or "missing-man tables," are set when units or commands gather for dinners or reunions.

For more information about the library's veterans' display, call 734-453-0750, ext. 4.

Essay contest for free braces for vets' kids

Dr. Nicole Teifer of Today's Orthodontics, with locations in Novi and Canton, announced an essay contest to give away more than \$12,000 in free braces to children of members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

This includes children of our men and women who serve in the five armed service branches: air force, army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and navy.

"We owe so much to our military and this includes their families, who sacrifice just as much. I am honored to give away braces to correct a child's misaligned teeth," Teifer said. "For many families, it can be difficult to afford the necessary treatment for their kids at the proper



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Dr. Nicole Teifer is sponsoring an essay contest for children of military service members, offering a chance at free braces.

time and our military families deserve our help and attention." Teifer mentioned that all children should be screened for braces between ages 7-9.

To enter the contest, children of military members can write an


essay of any length explaining what a perfect smile would mean to them. Verification of a father or mother's military service is required to be qualified. Entries can be delivered or mailed to either location of Today's Orthodontics in Canton or Novi. The deadline to enter is Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Today's Orthodontics + Pediatric Dentistry is located at 44110 W. 12 Mile Road in Novi; phone 248-306-9330. The Canton office is located at 44633 Joy Road, suite 300; phone 734-454-9200. Plans to open other locations in metro Detroit to address childhood dental needs are underway. Go to todaysortho.com for more information.



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GHOSTS

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Niagara Falls. One of the guests, Matthew Bowers of Canton, pulled up a photo on his iPhone and showed it around. It was from his co-worker's sister's house, and it showed a head that seemed to be disappearing into a door.

Boudewyris, who's a historic presenter at Greenfield Village, set a small antenna on the floor and opened up Echo Vox on her iPad. The ghost-hunting app works by flipping through radio frequencies. As it tuned in, a bunch of gibberish started coming through the speaker, in gasps and chokes.

"How many people are in the room?" Heather asked. She likes to start out with that question "because it's a hard fact we can verify — it means we might have something."

A voice came through the radio noise. "Twelve." Not quite. There were nine, sitting in a circle on metal folding chairs, while Jeff Koslowski from the Westland Historical Commission kept guard in the kitchen. But there would be 12 if you counted the two mannequins in the back room, someone pointed out.

More gibberish. Then, other voices started to come through, and some names — Doug, William, Mary, Mark — and then words. "Book." "Hidden." "Out."

"Out of the hospital?" Doering suggested.

Doering, a lawyer from the Lansing area, was on her iPad, studying the Ghost Radar Classic app. It tracks energy in a room and spits out any interesting words it detects.

"We ask questions in EVP," she explained. EVP stands for electronic voice phenomena. The theory is that when we die, we become energy that can be heard at different frequencies. Get-



Matthew Bowers of Canton shows a photograph made by a co-worker, evidence of an apparition in a house in Newberry, Mich.

ting a clear voice recording on the "ghost box" is every ghost-hunter's prize.

Anderson pulled out a spiral-bound notebook and started writing down words picked up by the two scanners. She has about half a dozen notebooks in her black ghost-hunter's toolbox, filled with research: census data, death records, historical facts.

"Study," came a voice on the speaker.

From the kitchen, Koslowski called out to the group. Inside the front closet, he said, are death records from Eloise, the former Westland mental hospital.

Koslowski pushed past a mannequin in the closet and brought out a slim, yellowed pamphlet, dog-eared with age. Handling it with a blue towel, he set it down on the living room floor and paged through it.

None of the names matched. But more than once, a voice has led the ghost hunters to some new historical discoveries — like the fact that George fought in the Civil War.

"The first time Motor City came out, we kept hearing that George

name," Koslowski said. From their research, Koslowski knew George died in 1862. But the census details weren't specific. Then, somebody played Civil War music at the Felton house and talked about Lincoln's assassination. "We caught an EVP of somebody saying 'That's disgusting' — very, very clear," Koslowski related.

And they kept hearing the word "honor." That prompted some research into military records — and a listing popped up for George in the 24th Michigan Iron Brigade.

"I don't necessarily want to say we found out through a ghost and yet, we never would have thought to look until we heard that," Koslowski said.

Koslowski admits he's never experienced anything unusual at the park, except during ghost hunts. "The only time I've ever really felt something is when we've actually had recorders and done investigations," he said. "I've definitely heard things that I know weren't there before."

The Motor City Ghost Hunters have investigated five times at the park. Once, they held a hands-

on investigation for elementary-age kids—and came up with a cold spot that had no source, moving across the floor of the old Felton farmhouse.

Koslowski felt it, and he was even more impressed than the kids. "It's cool, it's a lot of fun," he said. "It definitely makes you think twice."

Across the park, at the Octagon House, Sharon Reynolds and Mike Hanton were using three flashlights and a voice recorder to try to contact the Smiths or Guthries, the two families who once owned the home. Flashlights, she explained, are for yes/no questions. Spirits are said to turn them on and off by tapping them.

Reynolds switched off the lights.

"Did you possibly live here? Maybe in the mid-1800s?" she asked. No response.

"The late 1800s?" On cue, the two flashlights on the buffet went on.

Next, Hanton turned on what he called a broken radio. Spirits, he said, sometimes communicate through white noise. Every now and then, a word or a snippet of music came through the rhythmic swish-swish



Sandra Puente of Flat Rock tours the Octagon House.

of static.

"Motorcycle noise," Reynolds called out. It's called tagging, and all the ghost hunters do it so that things like traffic or somebody's stomach rumbling don't get confused with spirit sounds.

Later, they'll go through their audio recordings several times, listening for anything that might have been picked up. "You'll be surprised — you're going to hear us talking, and underneath it, you might hear a soft hello," Ozog said.

But it's not like the ghost-busting shows on TV, she said. For one thing, there's a ton of research. When they're investigating a house, she said, the first thing they do is check for faulty wiring. An abnormally high electromagnetic field can give people wacky dreams or make them feel like someone's watching them. Next comes research on the property to see if anyone died there. Not until then is it time for investigation.

Ozog summed it up. "You sit in the dark for hours and talk to nobody. That's the 'sexy' part of ghost hunting."

Anderson's favorite part is giving people a sense of closure. "I love being able to say 'no,' to put rumors to rest," she said. "There's always the 'No, he didn't shoot himself in the garage, he hung himself in the basement.' But 95 percent of the time, they're not true."

Plus, she gets to hang out at museums at all hours of the night — usually in places where the public can't go.

Reynolds had to agree. "I really get something out of it," she said. "I think it's the history — I guess I'm a nerd about it."

The Motor City Ghost Hunters don't charge for their investigations, and all the money from ticket sales goes to the museum. "For us, it's half hobby, half help," Hanton said. "The historical societies are struggling so bad — this is our hobby, and a way to give back."

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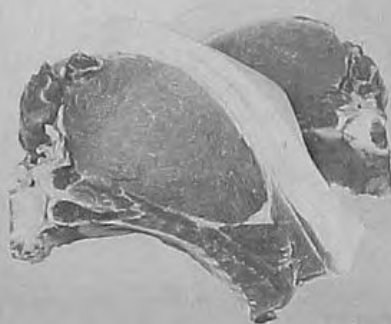
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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Line 'em up: Work ethic sparks Chiefs

Playoff rematch with Saline is next up for Canton

Evan Paputa
Correspondent

Northville found out last Friday night that Canton's offensive line is a force, paving the way for explosive running backs Reid McDonnell, Julian Thornton and Markus Sanders to run through holes and beyond.

Led by McDonnell, who cracked the 200-yard plateau and scored four touchdowns, the Chiefs routed the Mustangs, 55-19, in the Division 1 pre-district match-up. Thornton and Sanders also had big games. And now, Canton will try to keep things going this Friday at Saline in the district championship.

Although the running backs get the publicity, props go to Canton offensive linemen Lou Baechler, David Gunnis, Jake Warner, Max Mulvaney, Michael Maes, Patrick Lenczewski and Chase Meredith, who were constantly winning the battle at the line of scrimmage all night against Northville.

"I'm very proud of them (offensive line). It's tough," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "They line up and they work like dogs in practice. It's no fun until game night."

"But if you're an offensive lineman, you love coming off the ball and smacking and rolling people. That makes practice that much more fun."

The running backs are just as complimentary.

"Our O-line set the tone for us tonight by opening up all of those big

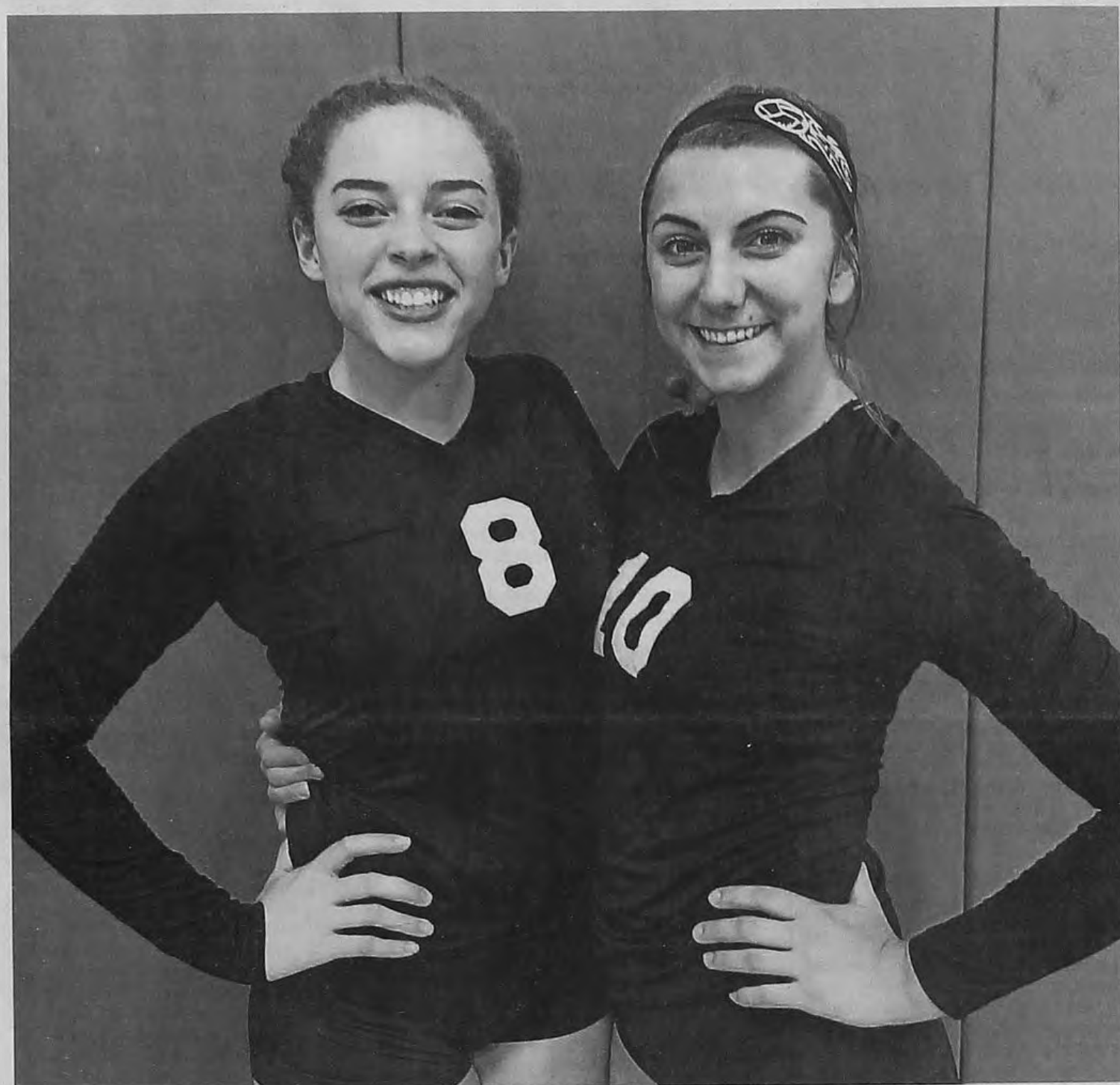


MICHAEL VASILNEK

Canton's Markus Sanders rips through the line of scrimmage during a recent game against Westland John Glenn.

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SEASON OF CHANGE



PCA ATHLETICS

Devon Burns (left) and Ruth Doty both came to Plymouth Christian after Taylor Baptist Park closed over the summer. The seniors have helped spark the Eagles to another strong season.

GOODBYE, HELLO

PCA gives players new lease on volleyball life

Tim Smith
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People might lose their jobs, but it doesn't happen often where kids lose their schools.

For Devon Burns and Ruth Doty, that's what happened in June, when Taylor Baptist Park closed its doors after 42 years. But Burns and Doty each both prayed a lot — hoping to find a welcoming place to study and play volleyball in their senior year.

Those prayers were answered in just a few weeks, as Plymouth Christian Academy opened its doors on all fronts. Burns and Doty, who are senior outside hitters/right-side hitters for the Class D title hopeful Eagles, can't believe their good fortune.

"It took a great deal of prayer on me and my parents' part," Burns said. "We prayed that God would make where he wanted me to spend my senior year completely clear."

"I am very blessed to say He did exactly that and, as soon as we walked into the doors of PCA, we knew that it was the school for me."

Concurring was Doty, noting that "lots and lots of prayer" led to her

choosing Plymouth Christian.

"We were looking at another school, but the Lord redirected us here," she said. "The minute I walked in, I knew that was where God wanted me."

Redirected

That's not to say a lot of their hearts remain at the shuttered Baptist Park, a K-12 school where they met and grew up with numerous friends.

"I was heartbroken, confused and in a complete state of shock," Burns said about the school closing. "I sim-

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FIVE NATIONS TOURNAMENT

U18s score early, often in tourney opener

U.S. scores in bunches, routs Switzerland, 7-2

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After weeks of playing against college and United States Hockey League teams, international hockey apparently suits the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-18 team just fine.

Proof of that was Tuesday's 7-2 victory over Switzerland at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, jump-starting the 2016 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament.

"I thought the score was pretty indicative of how well we played," U.S. head coach John Wroblewski said. "It looked we came out with a lot of tenacity and a will to touch pucks first and get pucks down to the net. Guys played with a lot of speed and a lot of detail tonight."

The outcome really never was in doubt, as a 2-0 lead after one period turned into a 4-1 edge after 40 minutes. But the U18s made completely sure of that thanks to a three-goal barrage during the first 5:26 of the third period.

Finding the range during that span were Brady Tkachuk, Brighton's Logan Cockerill and Jacob Tortora to

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Celebrating one of Team USA's goals in the third period Tuesday are local products Tommy Miller (No. 12) and Sasha Chmelevski (No. 25).

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Canton topples Rocks to open district play

Chiefs prevail in three sets, move on to face Mustangs in Class A district semifinal

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It doesn't happen often that a player in the midst of a serving hot streak takes a seat before she is done with the run.

But Canton junior libero Emily Meredith was fine with Chiefs head coach Brandon Larkins pulling her after a seven-point run early in the third set of Monday's Class A volleyball district opener against Salem.

Canton won 25-20, 25-20, 25-13 to advanced to Wednesday's semifinal at Plymouth. The Chiefs will square off against Northville, ranked No. 6 in the state. Also in the district is No. 1-ranked Novi, which was scheduled Wednesday to play Plymouth.

The KLAA South Division co-champion Chiefs (18-2-0 overall, 9-1 in the division) trailed 4-2 when Meredith stepped up to the line. She reeled off seven consecutive points, including an ace to make it 9-4.

But right after the ace, Larkins called her to the bench and inserted senior Olivia Zander in her place — Zander served two more points before the Rocks earned a defensive sideout.

"It (usually) doesn't happen," Meredith said with a laugh. "I wasn't taking my time with my serve and the last serve hit the net (and bounced over). So he switched us out so that I could recuperate."

Repeating the pattern

Larkins noted the switch wasn't punitive, but because he's seen the same kind of pattern from Meredith all season.

"She has a tendency that if she gets on a roll, she gets a little too amped up," Larkins said. "So the (serve) before I took her out, she got a little fast with her toss."

"I knew she's done it all season, where she gets rushed and the next one's in the net or 40 feet out of bounds."

Against elite teams such as Northville, Novi and any others they might face should they get through districts, the Chiefs cannot afford to give away "free points."

Meredith did close out the victory with two service points. She had a solid all-around game, with 13 defensive digs and five aces.

"It was exciting (to end the Rocks' season), because they beat us in five last year (during the first round of districts)," she said.

Other strong performers for the Chiefs included seniors Sabrina Giacomini (25 assists), Gina Giacomini (10 kills), Gabby den Boer (six kills) and junior Samantha Pashigian (four kills).

Despite the defeat, Salem senior outside hitter Kendall Gillen said she enjoyed her final season of high school volleyball.

"It's been a tough season, but we've grown as individuals and as a team," Gillen said. "We've become much closer this year."

"I think we came out with a good



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Getting set to serve the ball during Monday's Class A district contest is Salem's Kendall Gillen.

fight and knowing what we had to do. It didn't happen."

According to the KLAA website, the Rocks were 2-8 in the KLAA Central Division.

Gillen said the Rocks, also including seniors Rachel Watson and Jackie Bonnell, struggled on serve-serve against Canton.

"Their offense is really tough to play back row with," Gillen said. "I think they always have the great energy on the court."

Big tests ahead

And now, the Chiefs will look to get onto a postseason roll. Larkins said it won't be easy because of teams such as Northville and Novi to contend with.

"We've played Novi before, we've been tough with them," Larkins said. "The opportunity is there, we just have to find the consistency a little bit more, that we showed in the last set."

Meredith was even more direct in what the Chiefs will have to do to succeed the rest of this week.

"I think we're just going to keep ourselves level-headed," Meredith said. "We're going to have to go out banging, swinging and we can't just go up and then dip down."

"We have to be consistent throughout the whole game."

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PEGGY PAULSON
Sharing a lighthearted moment during a recent Plymouth Christian game are Devon Burns (left) and Ruth Doty.

VOLLEYBALL

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ply could not wrap my head around the fact that the school that I had attended since kindergarten would suddenly not exist.

"Before I had even started kindergarten, I had a perfect picture in my head of myself graduating from Baptist Park and, when that picture came crumbling down, I was devastated."

According to Doty, she planned to graduate from Baptist Park, just as her brothers did.

"My entire life revolved around the school; my parents worked there," Doty said. "I attend the church and that's where I met my best friends."

"So you can imagine hearing the news that Baptist Park was no longer opening left me speechless and my first thought was, 'God what are you doing?'"

Both landed squarely on their feet and in the gym at Plymouth Christian.

The Eagles cruised to the championship in their Michigan Independent Athletic Conference division (9-1) and are now gearing up for Class D districts, which began Wednesday (against Lutheran Westland at PCA).

Of course, both former Wildcats had anxious moments, wondering if they would be able to make the Eagles for a chance to close out their high school careers.

"I was aware of the competitive program here at PCA and the thought of me not playing or making the varsity team did cross my mind," Doty said.

Burns was also worried about her short-term volleyball future.

"I was very familiar with the volleyball program at PCA and I was informed that tryouts were going to be very competitive this year for only a small number of positions," Burns said. "It was very intimidating and the thought of not playing the sport that I love during my senior year was terrifying."

Perfect fit

Their fears quickly dissipated, especially after PCA head coach D.J. Kellogg and returning players saw the newcomers during preseason practices.

Fast forward a couple of months to this week's start of districts. Kellogg certainly is thrilled that the former Baptist Park players not only made the Eagles roster, but have been strong contributors.

"They participated right away and connected with the team immediately," Kellogg said. "The PCA girls made multiple comments to me during summer workouts and team camp how well they were fitting in."

"It was very important to our team and overall program to get them, because they are both great young ladies on and off the court."

"They not only provide additional

senior leadership to the team, but their volleyball skills have contributed to our success this season. I couldn't imagine the season without them."

Kellogg said he could personally relate to the two girls' plight, because he changed schools when he was a youngster.

He stressed how important it was for him to have sports for an outlet and that, obviously, turned out to be the case for Burns and Doty — two of eight displaced Baptist Park players to compete for various PCA varsity teams this fall.

"I knew how difficult it was to be separated from a lot of lifelong friends and have to try fit in at a new school," Kellogg said. "So in that regard, I felt bad for them and all the other students that had to suddenly find a new school."

"As in my case, sports provided the means to fit in quickly and I was excited to have them at the school and, ultimately, on the team."

Oh, so welcoming

Burns and Doty now cannot believe how fast they were welcomed, turning a potential negative into as much of a positive as possible.

"All the girls on the team made a huge effort to reach out to Ruth and I during our time of hurt," Burns said. "The people of PCA are what makes it such a great place to be and their sensitivity to us BP kids has been such a blessing."

"Even though my heart will always be with Baptist Park, I am so blessed to be at PCA. I am getting the opportunities to be part of things that I never could have dreamed of."

Doty added that the love shown them from their PCA teammates "was insurmountable. Through this process, I have developed many strong friendships that I know will continue on for the rest of my life."

Something else that could last a lifetime are the bonds of a championship. The Eagles have the talent and experience to give it a good shot.

Last season, the Eagles reached the Class D semifinals before falling in four sets to Battle Creek St. Philip.

The team, led by fourth-year seniors Olivia Mady and Divna Roi, is determined to get past that hurdle this time around.

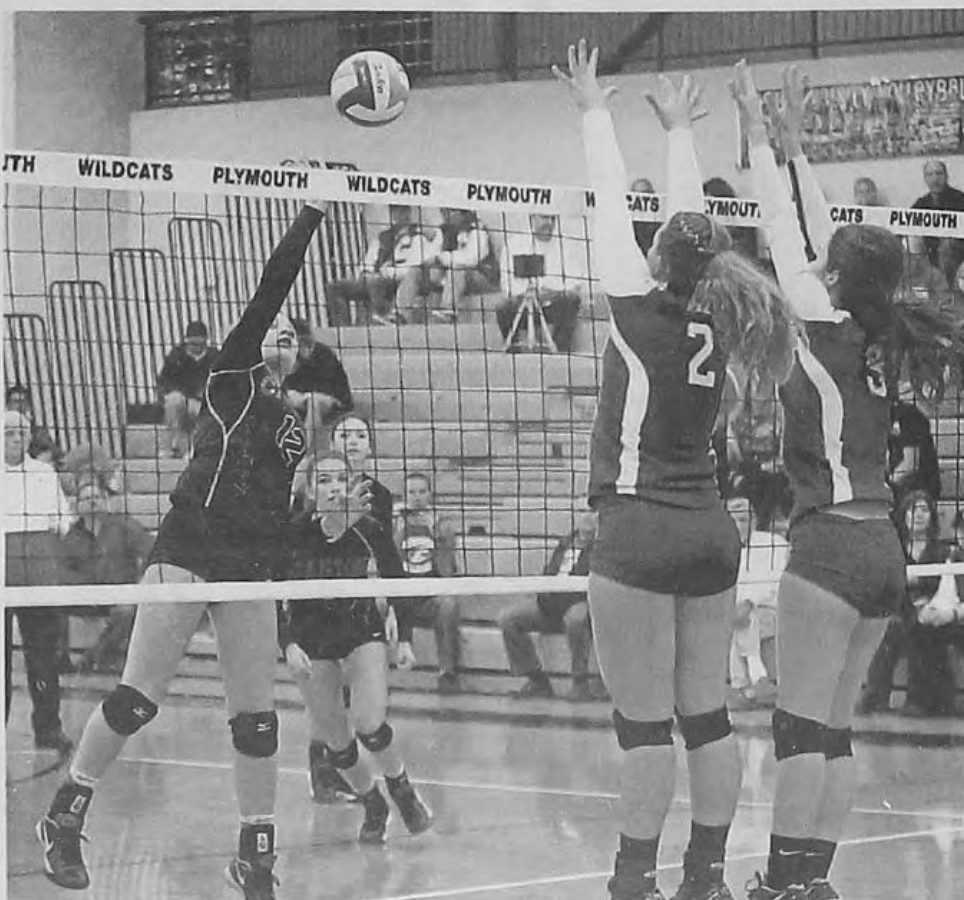
With players such as Burns and Doty adding depth and talent to the rotation, another long, successful postseason run is within reach.

No matter what happens this month, both of the PCA newcomers will always cherish 2016-17.

And that will include next spring's graduation ceremonies, on a different stage than they ever expected.

"The thought of me wearing purple and gold on graduation day is quite ironic," Doty said. "But I am most thankful to be graduating from such an amazing school that I have grown to love."

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Canton's Olivia Zander (left) tips the ball over the net Monday. Trying to block the tip are Salem players Kendall Gillen and Calee Nesler (right).

CHIEFS

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holes," Thornton said.

Running the way McDonnell, Thornton, and Sanders did against Northville can be attributed to dedication to the weight room. Baechler noted that this is his "strongest" team in his 19 years at Canton.

"All of our guys are strong," Baechler said. "This isn't the biggest team we've ever had, but it is the strongest team we've ever had, as far as in the weight room. Even our small guys, look how skinny (Thornton) is. He's stronger than a mother in the weight

room."

Baechler said the running backs "block extremely hard and take pride in that. And Markus (Sanders) is just a tough kid to tackle. All three are solid guys and have been playing really well these last eight weeks."

Canton moves onto the district championship game, where it will see a familiar foe, Saline (10-0). The Chiefs and Hornets have met in the regional final the past two years, with each team winning once; Canton won 27-7 last season.

Beating Northville was just the first step in Canton's journey.

"We've got bigger aspirations. This is just another team in our way," Baechler said.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Canton again tops KLAA South field

Chiefs capture fourth consecutive division meet with complete team effort

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Canton again demonstrated supremacy Saturday at the KLAA South Division Championships, with wave after wave of outstanding performances at Westland John Glenn.

The Chiefs, also first in the division in the dual meet season, won the division meet for the fourth consecutive season with 663.5 points. Finishing next were Plymouth (504) and the host Rockets (301).

"The team came together to lead the Chiefs to a great win," veteran Canton coach Ed Weber said. "This was a fun meet. So many girls had best times in their races. Part of our earning a varsity letter is a best time in the final meet."

Spearheading the Chiefs was senior Meghan Mans, who won the 500 freestyle "in convincing style" with a time of 5:23.60, outdistancing Plymouth runner-up Kathryn Waters (5:40.14).

Mans also was part of the victorious 200- and 400-yard freestyle relay teams and was second in the 50 free with her personal best time of 25.46, trailing only John Glenn's Sidney Aloisi (25.17).

"Meghan will begin resting for the MHSAA D1 state meet this week," Weber said. "She's been training extremely well this season and takes on every challenge I throw at her. Currently, she has qualified in the 200 IM and 500 freestyle."

Joining Mans in both of the Canton relays were Jessica Clark and Sophia Balow, with Jenna Leppke and Katelyn Waligora both taking part in one of the quartets.

Aloisi was part of the Rockets' 200 medley relay, along with Hannah Cizauskas, Kera Sells and Alanha Rudd, and also prevailed in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.98).

Clark won two individual events for Canton, the 200 free (personal best 1:58.62) and 100 fly (1:00.03, good for a D1 state cut), while Balow's time of 58.24 earned her the top spot in the 100



The Canton Chiefs celebrate after winning the KLAA South Division championship meet Saturday at Westland John Glenn.

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Canton senior Meghan Mans competes during the 500 freestyle at the division meet Saturday.

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free.

There were numerous events in which the Chiefs showed the stellar depth that has become a program trademark in recent seasons, Weber noted.

Meanwhile, Annika Wang took second place in 1-meter diving, with her 294.75 total just behind first-place Natalie Yurgil of Livonia Churchill (306.80). In third was Plymouth's Olivia Richmond (285.85).

Rounding out individual winners were Wayne Memorial's Olivia Hustad (100 backstroke, 1:12.98) and John Glenn's Kera Sells (200 IM, 2:16.70).

The Chiefs now will compete at the KLAA Conference Championships slated for Nov. 4-5 at South Lyon East.

KLAA SOUTH DIVISION GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET
Oct. 28-29 at John Glenn H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 663.5 points; 2. Plymouth, 504; 3. Westland John Glenn, 301; 4. Livonia Churchill, 293; 5. Livonia

Franklin, 289.5; 6. Wayne Memorial, 166.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Sidney Aloisi, Hannah Cizauskas, Kera Sells, Alanha Rudd), 2:00.53; 2. Plymouth (Elizabeth Breda, Kelsey Peregor, Kathryn Waters, Alyssa Crisp), 2:02.41; 3. Livonia Franklin (Caitlin Jodway, Lauren Niemiec, Paityn Santi, Cheyenne Franklin), 2:03.21; 4. Plymouth, 2:05.45; 5. Canton, 2:05.46; 6. Livonia Churchill, 2:11.22.

200 freestyle: 1. Jessica Clark (Canton), 1:58.62; 2. Santi (LF), 2:07.42; 3. Alicia Beene (Wayne), 2:12.94; 4. Grace MacLellan (P), 2:14.43; 5. Caroline Whitaker (P), 2:14.51; 6. Caitlyn Marsac (Canton), 2:14.85.

200 individual medley: 1. Sells (JG), 2:16.70; 2. Jenna Leppke (Canton), 2:20.28; 3. Sophia Balow (Canton), 2:25.64; 4. Danielle Tabar (Canton), 2:25.84; 5. Regan Peregor (P), 2:26.03; 6. K. Peregor (P), 2:26.28.

50 freestyle: 1. Aloisi (JG), 25:17; 2. Meghan Mans (Canton), 25.46; 3. Sophia Brylinski (LC), 27:16; 4. Franklin (LF), 27.88; 5. Crisp (P), 27.90; 6. Meadow Maturon (Canton), 28.18.

1-meter diving: 1. Natalie Yurgil (LC), 306.80 points; 2. Annika Wang (Canton), 294.75; 3. Olivia Richmond (P), 285.85; 4. Beth Henderson (P), 277.90; 5. Tori Silvester (P), 275.50; 6. Rachel Socha (Canton), 248.90.

100 butterfly: 1. Clark (Canton), 1:00.03; 2. Sells (JG), 1:01.63; 3. K. Waters (P), 1:01.68; 4. Santi (LF), 1:05.26; 5. Allison McConnell (LC), 1:06.70; 6. R. Peregor (P), 1:06.73.

100 freestyle: 1. Balow (Canton), 58.24; 2. Maddy Hagood (LC), 1:00.61; 3. Franklin (LF), 1:01.07; 4. Beene (Wayne), 1:01.25; 5. Katelyn Waligora (Canton), 1:01.56; 6. Kaylie Seifert (Canton), 1:02.46.

500 freestyle: 1. Mans (Canton), 5:23.60; 2. K. Waters (P), 5:40.14; 3. Chrissy Brown (P), 6:03.39; 4. Cizauskas (JG), 6:07.85; 5. Brylinski (LC), 6:19.64; 6. Emiri Rutman (Canton), 6:24.48.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Clark, Balow, Leppke, Mans), 1:46.85; 2. John Glenn (Aloisi, Rudd, Cizauskas, Sells), 1:48.66; 3. Churchill (Katelyn Liebau, McConnell, Brylinski, Hagood), 1:53.38; 4. Plymouth, 1:54.38; 5. Wayne, 1:58.17; 6. Canton, 2:00.88.

100 backstroke: 1. Olivia Hustad (Wayne), 1:05.72; 2. Jodway (LF), 1:06.10; 3. Breda (P), 1:08.82; 4. Ellie Caruso (Canton), 1:10.90; 5. Ruthie Seltz (Canton), 1:11.11; 6. Waligora (Canton), 1:11.48.

100 breaststroke: 1. Aloisi (JG), 1:12.98; 2. Leppke (Canton), 1:14.03; 3. K. Peregor (P), 1:14.78; 4. Vy Nguyen (P), 1:15.05; 5. Kaylee Yang (P), 1:19.76; 6. Jamie Maertens (LC), 1:21.78.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Mans, Waligora, Balow, Clark), 3:54.18; 2. Plymouth (K. Peregor, K. Waters, MacLellan, R. Peregor), 4:01.44; 3. Franklin (Franklin, Jodway, Niemiec, Santi), 4:05.88; 4. Churchill, 4:08.81; 5. Canton, 4:09.93; 6. Plymouth, 4:15.64.



Salem's varsity girls cross country team celebrates after finishing second at the regional. The Rocks move on to the state meet. From left are Hannah Jeffress, Bridget Nelson, Gabby Mancini, Erin McCann, Hallie Younglas, Jessica Hughes and Shea Wilson.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Salem qualifies again for state finals

Rocks finish second at D1 regional to earn seventh consecutive spot in state meet

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It was fitting that the weather warmed up to keep pace with the hot pace being set by Salem's varsity girls cross country team.

With temperatures reaching the 60s Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston, the Rocks finished second in the team standings at the Division 1 regional — earning a seventh consecutive trip to the state finals.

Salem registered 91 points, trailing only regional champion Northville (42 points). In third with 103 points and also qualifying as a team was Livonia Churchill.

At the top of the charts individually were Northville's Ana Barrott (first, 18:35.2) and Churchill's Kathleen George (second, 19:01.2).

In addition to George taking runner-up honors, other scorers for Churchill included senior Caroline George, 16th (19:59.9); junior Gabrielle Swider, 23rd (20:31.8); senior Christina Murphy, 30th (20:49.7); and freshman Sierra Greener, 32nd (20:53.8).

Novi, led by individual state qualifiers Katherine Ray (third, 19:06.1), a sophomore, and Michelle Jecmen (ninth, 19:33.5), a freshman, fell just eight points short of the third team qualifying berth.

"The weather jumped up by 20 degrees today, but these ladies were ready for the challenge," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "Qualifying for the seventh year in a row as a team is pretty special."

"This group, led by Shea Wilson, has found their identity during championship month."

Wilson, a junior, was 10th in the individual standings with a time of 19:38.7. She was followed by teammates Gab-

by Mancini (14th, 19:51.7), Hannah Jeffress (19th, 20:15.6), Hallie Younglas (20th, 20:20.3), Bridget Nelson (28th, 20:45.2), Erin McCann (34th, 20:56.5) and Jessica Hughes (43rd, 21:27.8).

Qualifying as individuals from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were Canton sophomore Anna Nagelhout (12th, 19:46.2) and Plymouth senior Annie Bonds (15th, 19:55.1). Other additional area individual state qualifiers were sophomore Erin Seibert (Franklin), seventh, 19:23.8; freshman Cassie McDougall (Stevenson), 19:51.1.

"Annie has always been a dedicated athlete with a tremendous work ethic," Plymouth head coach Alice Ahearn said. "I'm happy that she gets to extend her season again this year. She deserves it."

Plymouth placed sixth in the team standings with 143 points, while Canton came in eighth with 158.

Following the plan

Patience and a game plan helped the Rocks, Gerlach noted.

"We knew going in that there were going to be many girls that would go out to hard in the first mile," he said. "We ran aggressive, but waited to put the pedal to the floor until the middle mile."

According to Gerlach, whose team continues to build momentum (the Rocks were impressive Oct. 20 with a third-place finish of 97 points at the Kensington Conference meet at Huron Meadows), his team "wanted to be the hunter instead of the hunted" at the regional.

"Beating a good team like Churchill (ranked No. 12 in Division 1) was one of our goals at the regional finals after we beat them by one point at the (Wayne County) championship," Gerlach said. "Shea Wilson and Gabby Mancini ran incredible. They stepped up today and earned themselves a regional medal and individual state qualifier status."

The state meet is Nov. 5 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Rocks run well in 'toughest' regional

Salem finishes fifth, but has one individual qualifier

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Even though Salem's varsity boys cross country team won't be taking a bus down I-94 to Michigan International Speedway for Saturday's state finals, the Rocks end the season knowing they were close.

In fact, Salem veteran head coach Steve Aspinall ventured to say that his squad really brought it last Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston — finishing in fifth overall with 138 points.

Unfortunately, so did the other teams in what he labels the toughest region in the entire state "with eight really solid teams" led by Novi and Northville, who finished first and second with 54 and 87 points, respectively.

Also making the state finals was third-place Livonia Stevenson (133), while Detroit Catholic Central placed fourth with 134 points.

"Coming into the meet, we were expected to finish eighth based on personal bests," Aspinall said. "We ran very well, with each of our top four guys running new lifetime bests to finish in fifth place, only five points out of qualifying for the state meet as a team."

"The teams we beat (Plymouth, Churchill, Canton) are all very solid teams as well. To qualify individually, it took a time of 16:16 — that is by far the fastest time in the state."

Aspinall's team will be represented at the state meet in Brooklyn by Salem sophomore Luke Haran. He ran 16:05 to finish ninth overall and earn a spot as an individual qualifier.

"I am extremely proud of Luke's effort," Aspinall said. "We were in the toughest region ... and to qualify is a great honor. He will now set his sights on trying to run under 16 minutes (this) weekend."

Also qualifying as individuals from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were Plymouth junior Ethan Byrnes (fourth, 15:55.9), Plymouth freshman Carter Solomon (fifth, 15:57.1) and Canton senior Zac Clark (10th, 16:05.1).

Salem's second finisher, junior Ryan Exell (23rd, 16:37) moved into the top 30 in school history.

"Ryan has worked as hard as anyone in our program the past couple of



Salem sophomore Luke Haran was ninth at the regional to earn a spot in the state finals.

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years and it is nice to see him enjoy the success of his hard work, as he is now healthy and running great," Aspinall said.

Rounding out Salem's finishers were senior Alex Kroll (31st, 16:59.6) and junior Alec Teodori (36th, 17:12.1), both running lifetime bests.

Also finishing for the Rocks were sophomore Shane McKimmy, senior Tyler Dew and junior Andrew Beyer.

"It is always a goal to finish our season with a positive team performance and we did that," Aspinall said. "I am so proud of my guys, who ran smart, competed hard and executed a great race plan."

Plymouth recap: In addition to Byrnes and Solomon, the Wildcats (sixth, 143) were paced by Brandon Boyd (25th, 16:39.70).

Finishing 48th was Adam Stepek (17:23.5), while Jarrett Warner (61st, 17:38.6), Bassil Syed (67th, 18:06.4) and Gary Jones (72nd, 18:09.5) rounded out the Plymouth lineup.

Canton recap: Clark made the state finals and the Chiefs (eighth, 158) nearly had a second individual qualifier in Shane Andrews, 16th with a time of 16:16.5 (the top 15 qualify).

Other Canton finishers were Nick Socha (32nd, 16:59.9), Zach Carey (38th, 17:13), Andrew Lake (62nd, 17:49.8), Grant Hoffmeyer (66th, 18:05) and Daniel Jimenez (80th, 18:31.7).

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

PCA boys claim D4 regional crown

Vicars, Windle spearhead Eagles to victory

Tim Smith
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With the top two finishers and three runners in the top five, Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys cross country team cruised to the Division 4 regional championship Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Leading the Eagles to victory were overall medalist Aaron Vicars (17:32.9) and runner-up Seth Windle (17:48), but that one-two punch had plenty of help as PCA finished with 44 points — well ahead of the second-place team, Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (60).

"I am thrilled for the team's success at regionals this year," PCA head coach Rod Windle said. "We have enjoyed working out together this summer and through the season. Making it to states as a team is a rewarding accomplishment."

Vicars, a sophomore, and Seth Windle, a junior, had plenty of PCA company near the front of the line. Finishing in fifth place with a time of 18:21.5 was Quinn McLaren.

Remaining finishers were Ian Hay (13th, 19:13.6), Caleb Godin (23rd, 20:19.3), Eric Moore (30th, 21:44.1) and Aaron Geisler (34th, 23:37.1).

"Aaron Vicars and Seth Windle anchored our team again at the regional finals," coach Windle added. "Quinn McLaren, Ian Hay and Caleb Godin also ran inspiring races that secured our victory."

"Even though Eric Moore and Aaron Geisler and Kyle Sedgewick didn't score in the top five, they have been working to improve every day along with their teammates."

The Eagles will compete Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in



Plymouth Christian Academy's boys cross country team celebrates after winning the Division 4 regional championship at Willow Metropark.

Brooklyn at the D4 state finals.

Finishing in fifth place in the boys team standings was Lutheran Westland, which had two individual qualifiers in Matt Reddeman (10th, 18:42.6) and Doug Tishler (11th, 18:45.4).

Also finishing for the Warriors were Jacob Adams (24th, 20:29.8), Ian Gruenhagen (25th, 20:41.9), Nate Reddeman (26th, 20:50.3), Joey Seta (29th, 21:25) and Carter Kovacs (31st, 22:09.6).

Girls recap

On the girls side, Plymouth Christian finished fourth in the team standings

with 68 points, although the team will send three runners to the state finals as individual qualifiers.

The overall medalist was PCA's Siena Ruiter, with a time of 20:59.3.

In second place from Plymouth Christian was Danae Moriarty (21:10.3), while Eva Warmbier also qualified thanks to her 10th-place time of 23:31.2.

Joy Chamberlain (22nd, 25:09.9), Jordan Reed (33rd, 28:50.9) and Ella Godin (36th, 30:19.7) also ran for PCA.

"I am so happy for the three girls that qualified for states," Windle said. "And I am proud of Joy Chamberlain,

Jordan Reed and Ella Godin, who ran courageous races for different reasons.

"Jordan has been our fifth runner all season despite the foot pain she runs with at every race. Her senior leadership has been an important part of this year's team."

In fifth place among teams was Lutheran Westland (101), although both Riley Day (fifth, 21:43.8) and Selena Fack (13th, 23:38.5) qualified for the state meet as individuals.

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U.S. NTDP Under-18 forward Scott Reedy (right) battles against Switzerland's Lionel Heughebaert during Tuesday's tournament game at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

HOCKEY

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open a 7-1 advantage. Setting up two of the goals was defenseman Tommy Miller of West Bloomfield, who ended up with three assists. Northville's Sasha Chmelevski also drew an assist.

On Cockerill's shorthanded goal at 4:28, Miller said he just slid the puck down the ice as part of the penalty kill. He then looked up to see the red light on behind Switzerland goaltender Joel Messerli.

"That was kind of a weird goal," said Miller, who lives with his parents and attends Walled Lake Western. "I just kind of iced it down for the penalty kill and I looked at him and he has a breakaway and he scored. ... You have to do all the little things."

Quick start

Team USA was off and running early, when Evan Barrett scored a goal at 2:53 of the first. That lead was doubled with just nine seconds remaining in the period, when Tortora buried a shot.

U18s goaltender Dylan St. Cyr (25 saves) got into the offensive act to help his team take a 3-0 edge at 4:02 of the second period. He lofted a perfect stretch pass that Barratt collected in full stride down the right wing in the neutral zone.

Barratt then slid a cross-ice feed in front to Mishmash, whose shot sailed over the crossbar. But Mishmash dug out his rebound behind the net and stuffed a wraparound at the right post as the Switzerland defense was slow to recover on the play.

"Anytime you can get on the score sheet, it's a pretty cool feeling," St. Cyr said. "But, obviously, just trying to make the right play and my team finished it off for me."

Switzerland quickly responded, however, when a centering pass by Stephane Patry was slammed in by linemate Justin Sigrist at 5:17. That sliced the Team USA lead to 3-1.

The home team then took its turn answering with a goal at 13:30 of the period. Defenseman Max Gildon rushed up ice and took a shot on Messerli that the goaltender blocked, but was unable to cover.

Swooping in to poke the rebound into the goal was forward Randy Hernandez.

St. Cyr, the 5-8 goalie from Northville, stood tall to keep it a 4-1 game in the final two minutes of the period. After the defense coughed the puck up inside the Team USA blue line, Noah Etter broke in, only to be denied.

The goaltender said it never gets old to don the USA crest and compete on home ice during international tournaments.

"In front of home fans, it's always cool to perform in front of them," St. Cyr said. "Every time you win and you get that home crowd cheering for you it's a pretty cool feeling."

Team USA was scheduled Wednesday to face Sweden and the Czech Republic at 7 p.m. Friday before closing out the five-day tourney with a 7 p.m. Saturday contest against Finland (3-0 winner earlier Tuesday against Sweden).

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COLLEGE SOCCER

Schoolcraft women win Region XII

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The Schoolcraft Lady Ocelots are moving on to bigger things — and warmer climes — after winning the NJCAA Region XII women's soccer tournament.

Led by tourney MVP Emily Bondy, Schoolcraft (13-2) rolled to a 2-0 win over Muskegon on Saturday and a 3-1 triumph Sunday over Cincinnati State in the final.

With the sweep, Schoolcraft captured the regional crown for the second consecutive season under the coaching of Dave Carver. Next up is a trip to the NJCAA nationals, slated to take place in Melbourne, Fla. from Nov. 14-19.

Garnering goals against Cincinnati State were Katie Vitella (from Ellis Jenkins), Raven Buck (assisted by Livonia's Lauren Wynns) and Jenna Smith on a penalty kick.

Against Muskegon, Bondy netted the game winner with a goal at 18:16 of the opening half, an unassisted tally against keeper Mickey Wall (who stopped six of eight shots).

The Lady Ocelots tacked on a goal late in the second half by Smith, who chipped in the rebound of a boot by Raven Buck.

Making only two stops for the shutout was Schoolcraft goalie Lauren Auspitz.

There were numerous standouts all weekend for the Lady Ocelots. In addition to Bondy (MVP) and Region XII Coach of the Year Carver, Schoolcraft players making the All-Region Tournament team included defender Megan Schulz (of Farmington), forward Smith (of Milford), midfielder Colleen McKay (of Rochester Hills) and forward Katie Vitella (of Sterling Heights).

Men fall short

Schoolcraft's men's soccer team, unfortunately, did not enjoy the same level of success, falling 4-0 to Cincinnati State in the Region XII semifinal.

The Ocelots, who shared conference championship honors with Ancilla (7-1), ended the season with a 12-4-1 record.

Area athletes on the squad include forwards Jordan Whitt (Livonia), Aidan Shennan (Canton); midfielders Jacob Rosen (Livonia), Ethan Labrosse (Howell); defenders Alex DeFlorio (Livonia), Mikel Ibanez (Farmington Hills), Hector Aguirre (Farmington), Carlos Rivas (Farmington); goalkeeper Cameron Gwinn (Brighton).

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NOVEMBER CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Livonia Civic Chorus performs "Celebrate Freedom" concert with musical selections honoring veterans and first responders. Admission is free. Donations of such items as men's white socks, gift cards, and toasters, will be accepted for Vets Returning Home, which provides a living environment and support services to 250 homeless veterans. Free will offerings also will be accepted for The Police Family Survivor's Fund and the Wounded Warrior Project

Contact: 734-542-9071; info@livoniavictorchorus.org

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

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11

Location: Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills

Details: The American Boychoir performs. Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$10 for seniors and students

Contact: kirkinthehills.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

Details: The Ehnas Quartet performs music of Mozart, Bartok and more. Tickets are \$30, \$27 for senior citizens, \$10 for students under 25 with identification. Pre-concert refreshments served at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: 586-5353; chambersoloistsdetroit.org

CONCERT

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: David Roth, singer-songwriter, performs. Tickets are \$20

Contact: unityoflivonia.org; 734-421-1760

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Time/Date: 9:15 a.m. to midnight, Monday, Nov. 7

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Eucharistic adoration for religious freedom, and respect for life

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; livoniastmichael.org

LIVONIA CARES

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Nov. 14

Location: St. Collette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Livonia Cares, an organization consisting of Livonia Churches, Goodfellows, and local government, invites churches to attend a luncheon and find out if the organization is a good "fit." Livonia Cares helps individuals and families in need, resolves problems and points them in the right direction

Contact: Linda at 734-522-6830 or Mary at 248-471-1322

THANKSGIVING EVE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: Worship service

Contact: 734-427-3660

VETERAN'S DAY MASS

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. color guard and flag raising, 10 a.m. Mass, Sunday, Nov. 6

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: An informal reception will follow the Mass. It will include letters of thanks and military tribute made by St. Michael School students

Contact: livoniastmichael.org; 734-261-1455, ext. 200

DECEMBER CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4

Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: An Advent Pageant of Lessons, Carols & Sing-a-long features the Adult Choir, Children's Choir and Contemporary Ensemble of the St. Aidan Music Ministry. Admission is a \$5 donation and two canned goods to benefit the church's Christmas food baskets program

Contact: 734-425-5950

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; stan-drewsepiscopalchurchlivonia.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@tbsm.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: Ethan 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

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, 14 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. 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

TOUR THE SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: A Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

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Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

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Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

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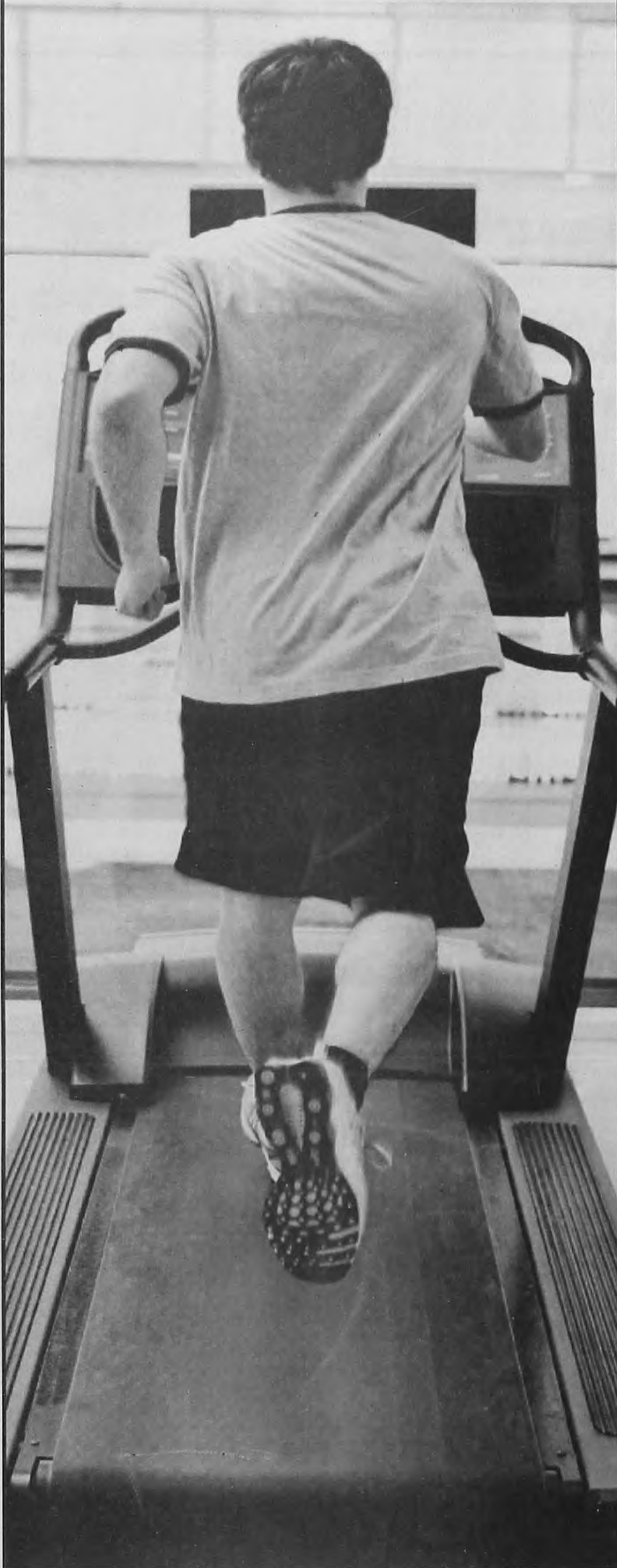
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Roman
 - 4 Took off on
 - 8 Overflowing (in)
 - 13 Comes into being
 - 19 Pal from way back
 - 21 TV sergeant played by Phil Silvers
 - 22 Put a new front on
 - 23 What a table had when Sitting Bull was sitting at it?
 - 25 1994 sci-fi action film
 - 26 Tailless cat
 - 27 Secretive govt. group
 - 28 Small city's package deliverer?
 - 30 Eight-armed mollusks
 - 33 London lav
 - 35 Muslim chief
 - 36 Marshy inlet near Boston?
 - 45 Atty.'s org.
 - 48 Bang, as a big toe
 - 49 Supper crumbs
 - 50 Long oar
 - 51 Actor Max
 - 53 Spanish cheers
 - 55 Carne — (Mexican steak dish)
 - 59 Vicinity
 - 60 Vigor, in music
 - 61 Coup d'état?
 - 65 As dry as —
 - 67 Prefix with tourism
 - 68 1998 Australian Open winner
 - 69 Fast at installing canoe stabilizers?
 - 78 Award in the ad business
 - 79 P.O. item
 - 80 Directive
 - 82 Unfeeling person's fake-out?
 - 91 Mid-voyage (card game)
 - 93 Strep of film
 - 94 Plum cousin
 - 95 Class fixture
 - 96 Ringo on drums
 - 98 With
 - 103-Across, frozen dessert brand
 - 101 Cop in a drug bust
 - 103 See
 - 98-Across
 - 104 Like an ogre wearing his facial disguise?
 - 110 Graf — (ill-fated German warship)
 - 111 Notch shape
 - 112 Inner layer
 - 116 "My poetry is terrible compared to Maya's"?
 - 122 Hearing thing
 - 125 Dog in "Garfield"
 - 126 Setting
 - 127 Messed up during a film shoot?
 - 131 Really stuck
 - 132 "Paradise Lost" figure
 - 133 Mongoose cousins
 - 134 How china is often sold
 - 135 Noodles
 - 136 Alternative to Bloomie's
 - 137 That ship
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Vodka drink, informally
 - 2 Hipbone-related
 - 3 "— buy that!"
 - 4 "La Cage — Folles"
 - 5 Alternative to a Word file
 - 6 Early utopia
 - 7 Colorants
 - 8 — Dhabi
 - 9 Vogue editor
 - 10 Actor — Anna
 - 11 Give a bias
 - 12 Large wasp
 - 13 Stella — (beer)
 - 14 Renovates, for short
 - 15 "— one ..."
 - 16 Indian dress
 - 17 "Behold," to Caesar
 - 18 Foreteller
 - 20 Plump and healthy-looking
 - 24 Soft rock
 - 29 "Still the King" cable channel
 - 31 Faux —
 - 32 Schoolyard rejoinder
 - 34 "Well now!"
 - 37 "Star Trek" helmsman
 - 38 \$5 bills, in slang
 - 39 Forest buck
 - 40 Shell rival in Canada
 - 41 Curious as —
 - 42 Cosmonaut
 - 43 Muffin topper
 - 44 — Bator
 - 45 "SOS" band
 - 46 7/4 cookout
 - 47 The vowels
 - 52 Rice-A- —
 - 54 "Let it stand"
 - 56 Datebook
 - 57 Elk cousin
 - 58 Intro drawing class, maybe
 - 62 "— bin ein Berliner"
 - 63 Carols
 - 64 Ship of myth
 - 66 Shoe brand
 - 70 Model Heidi
 - 71 French department
 - 72 Former queen of Jordan
 - 73 Gambling venue, briefly
 - 74 Website IDs
 - 75 Alum
 - 76 Ill-fated Ford
 - 77 Witherspoon of Hollywood
 - 81 Garden tool
 - 82 Wallet filler
 - 83 Play starter
 - 84 Main role
 - 85 Harp cousin
 - 86 NASDAQ cousin
 - 87 "In the Valley of —" (2007 film)
 - 88 Arm bone
 - 89 Beer topper
 - 90 Not tame
 - 97 "Twilight" vampire —
 - 99 Small stream
 - 100 Prop- ending
 - 102 15-season CBS series
 - 105 About to bat, e.g.
 - 106 Division: Abbr.
 - 107 Fortify
 - 108 Feat
 - 109 Bad-mouth
 - 113 Concepts
 - 114 Late inning
 - 115 Swan cousins
 - 116 Skater Kulik
 - 117 Olympus — (volcano on Mars)
 - 118 Big Ten gp.
 - 119 Klutzy sorts
 - 120 Folk wisdom
 - 121 Yves' yeses
 - 123 \$\$\$ sources
 - 124 Emu cousin
 - 128 Raised rails
 - 129 Comic shriek
 - 130 This yr.'s 75-Downs

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WORDS

S A D E J R D C U Q I C I N O R H C I A ACUPUNCTURE GLUCOSAMINE
 A P S B V L Y P A R E H T A U Q A E E E AEROBIC GOUT
 R A I I F I Y N Y R P T E N D O N G R AGONY IMMUNE
 A S C N T J T T I U P Y T X W Q C I A O ANGIOGRAPHY INFLAMMATION
 N R W U E I O A I T T A T G L H G C L B ARTHRITIS JOINTS
 G H T O P E R I R N I B L I U Q I I I I AUTOIMMUNITY MEDICINE
 E E L H L U X H N E U O U T L A U D T C BONES MOBILITY
 I U E U E L N E T T N M R R U I P E R Q BURSTITIS MYOSITIS
 S M S N F R E C R R S E M D S N B M A J CARPAL TUNNEL PAINFUL
 O A E J U N A N T C A B G I N I N O C M CARTILAGE RANGE
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 I M A B A V E R T E B R A E Y N O G A T DEGENERATIVE TENDON
 C A N G I O G R A P H Y N C S P D B Q I ENDORPHINS THERAPY
 S S N I H P R O D N E N Y H J T S N X S EXERCISE VERTEBRAE
 V U N O I T A M M A L F N I D I A M N H
 I M T G L U C O S A M I N E Y A A F N Q
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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Crossword Answers

CIT	APED	AWASH	ARISES
OLDBUDDY	BILKO	REFACE	
STOUXFEET	UNDER	TFORCE	
MANX	NSA	TOWN	COURTIER
OCTOPT	LOO	EMIR	
MASSACHUSETTS	BAYOU		
ABA	STUB	ORTS	SCULL
BAER	OLES	ASADA	AREA
BRIO	OUS	TING	OPERATION
ABONE	ECO	PETR	
QUICKION	THE	OUTRIGGER	
CLIO	LTR	ORDER	
CALLOUSONES	BLUFF	ASEA	
GALLEY	MERYL	SLOE	DESK
STARR	SARA	NARC	LEE
HIDEOUS	BEHIND	AMASK	
SPEE	VEE	LTINING	
IMNOANG	GELOU	EAR	ODIE
LOCALE	FOULED	THESCENE	
TNAFTX	URIEL	MEERKATS	
ASASET	PESTS	SAKIS	SHE

Word Search Answers

ACUPUNCTURE	GLUCOSAMINE	GOUT	IMMUNE	INFLAMMATION	ISOMETRICS	JOINTS	MEDICINE	MOBILITY	MYOSITIS	PAINFUL	RANGE	RHEUMATOID	SPINE	STIFF	SWOLLEN	TENDON	THERAPY	VERTEBRAE
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