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Local Democrats score huge victories

Party wins five of seven Canton Township board seats

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Riding a wave of change in Canton politics, a slate of Democratic candidates Tuesday won five of seven seats on a Canton Township Board of Trustees long dominated by Republicans.

The only GOP candidates to survive Tuesday's township board election were Pat Williams, who defeated Democratic rival Dr. Syed Taj for Canton's top job as supervisor,

and John Anthony, who narrowly earned his third consecutive four-year term as trustee.

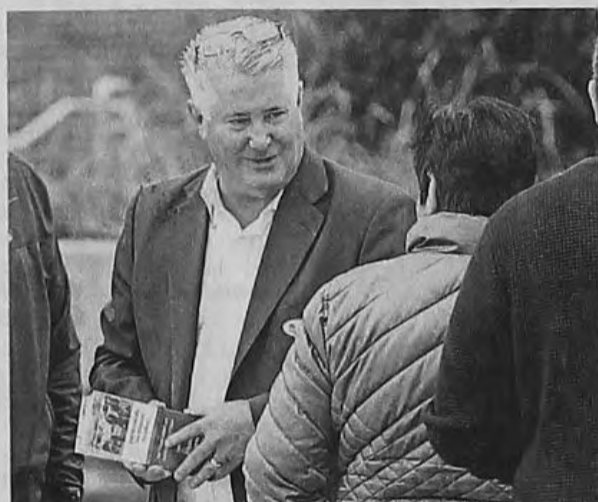
On the Democratic side, former state Rep. Dian Slavens ousted incumbent Republican Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin while Michael Siegrist, a Plymouth-Canton school board trustee, won the township clerk's race by defeating GOP hopeful Linda Obrec.

In an eight-way race for four part-time trustee seats, first-time Democratic candidates Anne Marie Graham-

Hudak and Sommer Foster clinched victory along with Democratic incumbent Steven Sneiderman and the GOP's Anthony. Tom Yack, a former 20-year township supervisor, was ousted after one term as trustee.

Retiring township Clerk Terry Bennett confirmed the unofficial vote tallies about 6 a.m. Wednesday after a long night of election workers tabulating absentee ballots. The new board takes office for four-year terms starting Nov. 20.

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Township Trustee Pat Williams greets voters at Canton High School during the last day of his campaign to become township supervisor.

LOCAL VOTES REFLECT NATIONAL SPLIT IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE

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Perennial Livonia political gadfly Leo Weber works the polls at Frost Middle School wearing a Donald Trump mask and passing out candy.

Voters in western Wayne County communities mirrored a divided national electorate as the contest for the White House ended on Tuesday.

Billionaire businessman Donald Trump, who won the presidency with at least 279 electoral votes in a stunning upset, fared well in Livonia, Plymouth Township and Garden City, but lost in other Observer-area communities to Hillary Clinton, a former first lady, senator from New York and Secretary of State.

Overall, Clinton outpolled Trump in the Observer's Wayne County communities, 107,092 votes to 89,079.

Voters from several communities, interviewed outside their polling places, had strong opinions about the candidates.

"Trump is too divisive, and love trumps hate," said Amy Buege of Plymouth Township, her latter phrase an echo of a Clinton campaign slogan. Buege added that some things Trumps has said about groups of people eliminated him "immediately" as a plausible choice in her view.

"Hillary all the way," said

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VIEWS FROM OUR TOWNS



"I went with Trump. It's the first time in 25 years I've voted Republican. I can't even believe it myself."

TERRY RATLIFF
Canton



"I think she will do more to help unions. Trump talks about getting rid of unions."

STEVE REEVES
Garden City



"Trump is a successful businessman, and our country is in dire straits financially. ... The middle class is falling apart."

DEBBIE LAROCQUE
Livonia



"I don't support either of them, but I personally voted for Hillary. I liked her a tad bit more."

CHRISTINA BOWIE
Livonia



"Trump's not qualified. ... I have watched the man my entire life, and I do not like him."

KURT ROSS
Plymouth Township



"I'm a lifelong Republican, and pro-life is very important to me."

JENNIFER BOUCHER
Plymouth



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Plymouth-Canton Marching Band nabs state crown

Chris Zygmunt
Correspondent

After months of rehearsals and local competitions, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band was crowned the MCBA Flight I Champion at Ford Field on Saturday, Nov. 5. This is the third straight first-place finish for the band and the 26th over the last 30 years.

The MCBA State Championships takes the top high school bands from around the state divided into four flights of 12 bands each based on enrollment. P-CEP per-

forms in Flight I, which pulls from the largest participating schools in Michigan.

The competition was one of the tightest ever, with P-CEP's score of 95.000 edging Rockford High School's score of 94.925. Along with the overall total score, awards are also given in three sub-categories. P-CEP won the award for best visual performance, with Rockford taking best musical performance. However, both bands tied for the best general effect award which carries the highest weight in final tabulation.



The P-CEP Marching Band drum majors and color guard accept the MCBA Flight I championship flag at Ford Field Saturday.

KRISTAN RODWELL

"The state of Michigan has some amazing marching bands we knew the competition would be tough," sophomore color guard member Kaleigh Pyko said. "Our goal this season was to do the best we possibly could and to improve at every competition. We achieved that goal at our state finals performance and it's a feeling I will never forget."

"This has been a fantastic year for marching band in the state of Michigan. So many programs are having banner years. I am very proud of the work we have done and will continue to do," said

Clayton Wachholz, P-CEP associate band director.

After the band's inspiring performance, P-CEP Director of Bands Jon Thomann thanked the students for "believing in the process." P-CEP's show entitled "Tangled in Gold" is a modern spin on the classic fairy tale "Rumpelstiltskin" and took many months to develop. The students spent hundreds of hours rehearsing from May through November to prepare for the competition. Some rehearsals can run from early in the morning until late at night.

Senior clarinet Emily

Layton appreciated the hard work and commitment required to compete at the state level.

"I'm proud of Plymouth-Canton and all of the bands that participated at states (competition) this year. Everyone works hard and it definitely paid off."

Despite the competitive environment in the stands, the students from the many bands shared an appreciation for each other due to the extreme dedication and hard work required to compete at the state level. Students often congratulated one another or wished good luck to their competitors in an inspiring show of sportsmanship.

"It was very exciting getting to see all of the other bands and students who worked just as hard as we have all season. We all gave 100 percent towards a great performance and enjoyed every moment of our experience at States," sophomore trumpet player Matthew Milanovich said.

After closing out the state competition, the marching band was hard at work again Monday preparing for the Bands of America Grand National Championship at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. There they will compete with over 90 bands from all around the nation.

The competition will be tough, but band members are excited to be going after taking a year off from national competition to perform in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena last New Year's Day.

Senior drum line member Nathan Rodwell is ready for the competition in Indy. "Winning states was great but I'm looking ahead to Friday at Lucas Oil Stadium. If we believe in ourselves, connect with each other and commit to having the best show, I believe we have a chance of making finals. As a senior I have never made finals at nationals and this would be the ultimate prize to finish up my four years."

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With an impressive 72.2 percent turnout among Canton's 67,280 registered voters, Williams, a two-term trustee, garnered 51.3 percent of votes compared to Taj's 48.5 percent. In raw numbers, Williams won 23,237 votes compared to Taj's 21,974.

Williams said Wednesday morning he will work together with the new Democratic majority

"The priority going forward will be pulling the new board together to start working on team-building," Williams said.

The board had just one Democrat, Sneideman, prior to Tuesday's election. It will now have five.

As vote totals trickled in Tuesday night and into Wednesday morning, Williams and Taj often traded front-runner status until absentee ballots had been counted.

"It was a roller coaster," Williams said, attributing his win to 30 years

of community involvement.

Slavens attributed her victory against second-term Treasurer McLaughlin to hard work during her six-year stint in the state House. Slavens captured 52.4 percent of vote totals compared to McLaughlin's 47.4 percent, accumulating 23,391 votes to McLaughlin's 21,158.

"I just think people know me. I have been knocking on doors since last March, talking to people and finding out what their concerns are,"

Slavens said, adding that "it will be a true honor" to serve as treasurer.

Siegrist, a Plymouth-Canton school board trustee who formerly served on the Canton Public Library board, garnered 50.9 percent of votes compared to Obrec's 48.8 percent in the clerk's race. In raw numbers, Siegrist won 22,508 votes compared to Obrec's 21,564.

"I'm humbled and I'm honored by the opportunity that voters just gave me," Siegrist said. "I think my deep roots in the community and my involvement over the years allowed me to establish the relationships with residents who felt like I was the right choice."

Bennett pledged to work with Siegrist during his transition to office.

Graham-Hudak, a fourth-generation auto worker and coordinator of the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach, became the top vote-getter among part-time trustee candidates with 22,429 votes.

"I'm happy that the five (Democrats) won and I'm sad about the two that didn't win," she said. (Taj and trustee candidate Dhaval Vaishnav lost their Democratic election bids).

"I think we all worked hard," Graham-Hudak said. "We did a lot of grassroots efforts and I think that helped a lot. We had a message of moving Canton forward. We knocked on doors and told the community that we were there to listen to them and not just talk to them."

Foster, a library board vice chair and director of policy and outreach for Equality Michigan, placed second among trustee candidates with 22,078 votes. Rounding out the four winners were Sneideman, a telecommunications professional who earned a second term with 21,941 votes, and Anthony, a retired FBI special agent who accumulated 20,235 votes.

Falling short in their campaigns were Yack (20,077 votes), Vaishnav (19,434) and first-time GOP candidates Darian Moore (18,921) and Geoffrey Boltach (17,761).

In the 21st District state House race, Democratic incumbent Kristy Pagan won her second four-year term by defeating GOP challenger Derek Moss, 28,262 votes to 19,295.

On his way to victory in 10th District Wayne County Commission race, Republican incumbent Joe Barone won 22,327 votes in Canton compared to GOP rival Nate Smith-Tyge's 21,047. The district also includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

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Plymouth Township honored in eCities study

Fourth year in a row for Five-Star recognition

Plymouth Township has again been rated a Five-Star community, along with 21 other communities in Michigan, for its efforts in fostering economic development.

The recognition was formally made Wednesday at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where the university-based Center for Innovation Research, nicknamed iLabs, conducts its annual eCities study.

The study, using public records and data supplied by the communities, is a look at entrepreneurial activity and considers such factors as the communities' growth, incentives, policies and education. It was the fourth year in a row that the township won Five-Star recognition.

"We are honored to have once again been recognized as a Five-Star entrepreneurial community," township Supervisor Shannon Price said in a press release. "Our staff community prides itself on creating a great economic development environment and working with our neighbors to better our region."

Plymouth Township has a property tax rate of 4 mills, the lowest of any community in Wayne County, and is home to the facilities of manufacturing companies large and small, including Troy Design and Manufacturing, Federal Mogul, LOC Performance, Robert Bosch, Red Viking and Toolco Inc.

The township is part of a regional effort to establish a high-tech



PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price and Jana Radtke, the township's community development director, with the township's Five-Star award.

business corridor along Five Mile between Beck and Napier; other participants are Northville Township, Wayne County, the state of Michigan, DTE Energy, the Michigan Land Bank and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. This initiative, led by Plymouth and Northville townships, has identified about 1,000 acres of land in the Five Mile corridor, most of it government-owned, that includes 500 developable acres being marketed as the Michigan International Technology Center.

"We have built a strong coalition to help promote the MITC and were delighted when the MEDC and Gov. (Rick) Snyder marketed the project on two foreign trade missions and located over \$4 million to help clean up the old prison property," Price said, referring to a former Detroit and then state prison that occupies much of the site.

The 22 Five-Star communities identified by iLabs have commercial construction totaling more than \$875 million, more than \$29 billion in

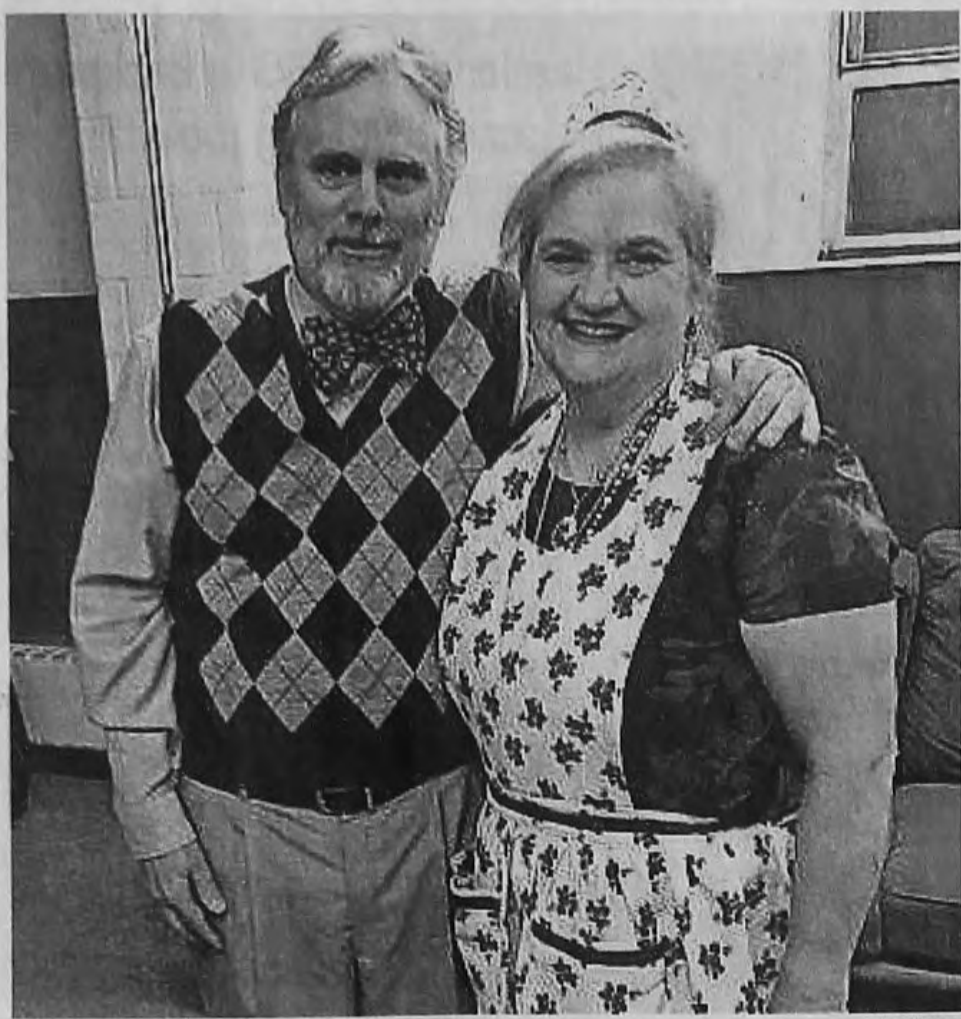
combined real and personal property, have added more than \$21 million in assets in the past year and have a self-employment rate that accounts for about 10 percent of the work force.

Neighboring communities also honored with a Five-Star rating include Farmington, Novi, Wixom, Ann Arbor and Ann Arbor Township.

This year's eCities study looked at 76 communities in 25 counties around the state.

"The eCities project highlights how local governments from across the state of Michigan are cultivating and supporting economic development," said Tim Davis, the director of iLabs. "These communities show how local governments can work in distinct and strategic ways to energize public spaces, while investing in businesses and job development."

Support for eCities is provided in part by the DTE Energy Foundation, Comcast, Plante Moran and U-M-Dearborn's College of Business.



Kirk and Sue Krekeler have performed together in at least 30 plays, including "You Can't Take It With You."

Art mirrors life for married actors

Sharon Dargay
hometownlife.com

Sue and Kirk Krekeler began acting together almost as soon as they married nearly 40 years ago.

The Livonia couple has performed in at least 30 plays at local community theaters, often portraying spouses or romantic partners.

"We kind of click when we're on stage. It is more comfortable, especially if you have to kiss. There's always a bit of a wall if you're kissing a stranger," Sue said. "I can tell if he forgot a line. He can tell if I forgot. I know I can depend on him and he knows he can depend on me. It makes it nice and we can rehearse at home."

"We are totally comfortable with each other on stage," Kirk added. "The hardest part is we tell each other what to do."

Sometimes they see themselves in the characters they play on stage. Their current roles in Spotlight Players' "Moon Over Buffalo" as two married actors hit close to home.

"It's almost us because it's about two aging actors. He talks about her being the oldest living ingenue. They argue with each other but deep down they really love each other," Sue said. "We do see each other in these parts. As I've gotten older there are fewer and fewer parts for older women."

"Moon Over Buffalo" runs at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 10-12 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 12-13, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$14 for seniors and youth.

Love and acting

The Krekelers have always had a passion for the arts. Sue got involved with theater at Redford High School in Detroit. Kirk played in the marching band. They first met at school when Kirk inadvertently knocked a stack



Kirk and Sue Krekeler perform in "Little Shop of Horrors."

of Sue's books off a podium in the auditorium where she was waiting for play rehearsal to start.

"I said, you better pick those up," Sue recalled. "And then I said, we're doing a play and we need a villain. Do you want to be a villain?"

He did. After that chance meeting they began dating and after graduating — he in 1973 and she in 1972 — they attended Central Michigan University together. Kirk studied broadcasting, although he now works as an instructional designer for the automotive industry. Sue got a teaching degree and teaches fifth grade in Livonia Public Schools.

They married in 1977 and while living in the Rosedale Park area in Detroit, Sue became interested in acting again. She was involved in three plays at Park Players before reeling her husband back onto the stage with a part in "You Can't Take it With You." Kirk had been playing percussion in the orchestra pit and knew how to play xylophone.

"They had a small part where this guy plays the xylophone and there are all these crazy characters. I tried out. I was terrible in it, but I had fun," Kirk said. "Then I tried out for the lead in 'Brigadoon' and from that point out we'd try out and luckily were able to play opposite each other."

They've acted without each other in a few plays, but generally audition together. They even performed as a family when their children, Wendy and Ken, were young. Ken, a graphic artist, also writes and designs his own comic book series and Wendy teaches theater camp in Northville, works with the educational theater company, Brainstormers! and acts locally. As a family, they performed in "The King and I" with Sue and Kirk in lead roles. Father and daughter shared the stage in "Guys and Dolls" two years ago at Park Players, with Wendy in the same part her mother had performed 30 years before.

"Wendy played the same part, was the exact same age as I was when I played it and on top of that she wore my costume that was made for me. It fit her perfectly," Sue said.

Forgetting lines

The Krekelers view their community theater work as a shared hobby. They rehearse their roles at home and sometimes direct each other. Knowing each other so well off stage has helped their performances on stage. During a performance of "High Society," Sue knew instantly that Kirk had forgotten his line.

"I could see it in his eyes he didn't know what to say," she recalled. While he ran off stage to peek at the script, she improvised until he returned.

Fewer lead roles are available for the couple today, but Sue said she doesn't mind.

"We love theater and watching theater and being in theater. We don't need the main parts. We don't even have to play opposite each other," she said.

"It's like a bug. You get the bug," Kirk added. "It's like a creative outlet that you don't get out of anything else."

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The cast of "Chicago - A Musical Vaudeville" this weekend at PARC in Plymouth.

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tic director of Forever After Productions. "High school students also get the opportunity to dig into more meaty and challenging material that they otherwise wouldn't get the chance to do in a school or youth theatrical setting."

General admission tickets are \$10 and are currently on sale for all six performances Nov 10-13: Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at www.iheartforeverafter.com or by calling Forever After Productions at 734-547-5156.

Man loses \$1,430 in Backpage scam involving job offer

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A Canton man who replied to a job listing on Backpage.com told police he was tricked out of \$1,430.

The 26-year-old victim said he was seeking a job as a warehouse assistant and communicated by email with the supposed employer. To get the job, he was told he would get a check in the mail and was instructed to deposit it into a bank account and transfer money to a charity that supports orphanages, a police report said.

He told police he was suspicious at first, so he convinced a friend to accept the check, deposit it into a bank account and then transfer it to him. Apparently then believing the process was legitimate, he agreed to the purported employer's instructions to transfer \$1,430 to a bank account after being told it was for charity.

It didn't take him long to realize the fake employer had canceled the original check and had, instead, swindled him out of \$1,430.

He reported the incident to police, who advised him to work with his bank to try to resolve the problem.

Identity theft

A 42-year-old Canton man applying for an auto loan learned his credit score had been lowered after someone opened a Walmart credit card account in his name in Florida and closed out the account while owing \$281.

The man notified police Friday after he went to a credit union on Canton Center Road and learned of the problem while applying for a loan. He told police the bogus account had been opened back in January.

The victim was contacting the bank to do a fraud investigation.

Neighbor troubles

A Canton man told police a neighbor has been harassing him off and on for years but has become more aggressive.

The neighbor problem is occurring on Congress, near Morton Taylor and Joy, and the man notified police Friday to report what he called an ongoing issue.

He said the female neighbor harasses him for parking his vehicle on the street and for the way he organizes his recycling bin. He said she also complained of loudness when he closes his vehicle doors. He said she uses foul language and that the confrontations have become more frequent.

The man didn't want police to take any action for now. He merely wanted to document the problem.

Dog bite

A 51-year-old man riding his bicycle near Lilley and Haggerty roads said he was bitten by one of two dogs being walked by a man and two children.

He said the man, children and both dogs fled the scene about 1:15 p.m. Friday.

He told police he was walking toward the man, children and dogs when one of the canines bit him hard enough to puncture his shoe and cause minor injuries to his foot. He stopped to call police and the group fled across Michigan Avenue. He told police he believed the dog was either a pit bull or a boxer.

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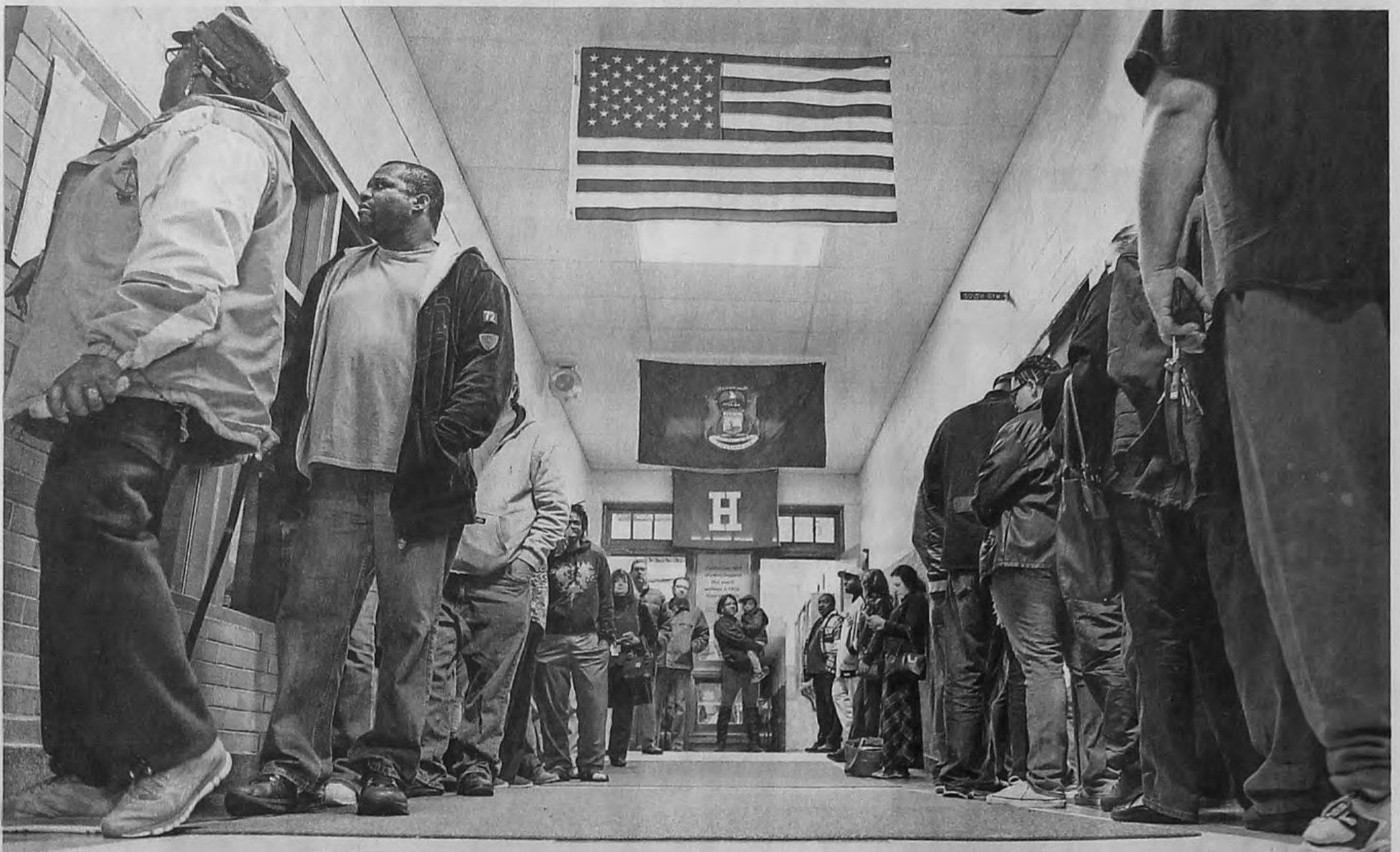
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Waiting to vote at Hilbert Middle School in Redford Township.

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SPLIT

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Mary Reed of Canton Township outside her precinct. "There's too much baggage with Trump, too much hatred. I don't like that."

Terry Ratliff, also of Canton, said both Trump and Clinton were "a joke," but ultimately decided on Trump.

"It's the first time in 25 years I've voted Republican," Ratliff said. "I can't even believe it myself."

Jacob Buoy of Canton, voting in a presidential election for the first time, was more positive about his choice, though.

"Trump is against globalism, and I feel that globalism is very hurtful for our nation," he said.

Yousif Issa of Canton voted for Clinton. A Muslim, Issa said he didn't like it when Trump called for a ban on Muslims traveling to the U.S. "I didn't take it seriously, but that was not appreciated," he said.

In Garden City, Robert Garry said he chose Trump because he's not a career politician, of which, he said, Washington, D.C., has too many. "In my opinion, it leads to corruption," Garry said.

Trump's pledge to build a wall on the U.S. border with Mexico also appealed to Garry.

"People are coming over here killing people, then we arrest them and send them back. Then they come back here and kill more people," he said.

"Secure the border. Bring the jobs back," said Dave Heinrich of Plymouth in explaining his choice of Trump.

Clinton, said Uzair Irfan of Plymouth, "more closely follows my views, and I do not believe the Republican candidate has a suitable resume to become president."

"I liked her better than the other candidate, Trump, who, I think, is very divisive," said Norm Cross after voting in Redford Township.

Minor-party candidates found some support in the western suburbs.

Marion Goff of Plymouth cast a vote for Jill Stein of the Green Party. "I couldn't support anyone else," she said.

In Redford, Danielle Siegrist voted for Libertarian Gary Johnson, but railed against what she said was Trump's disrespect of women and disabled people. "That's not OK. There's no reason for that," she said.

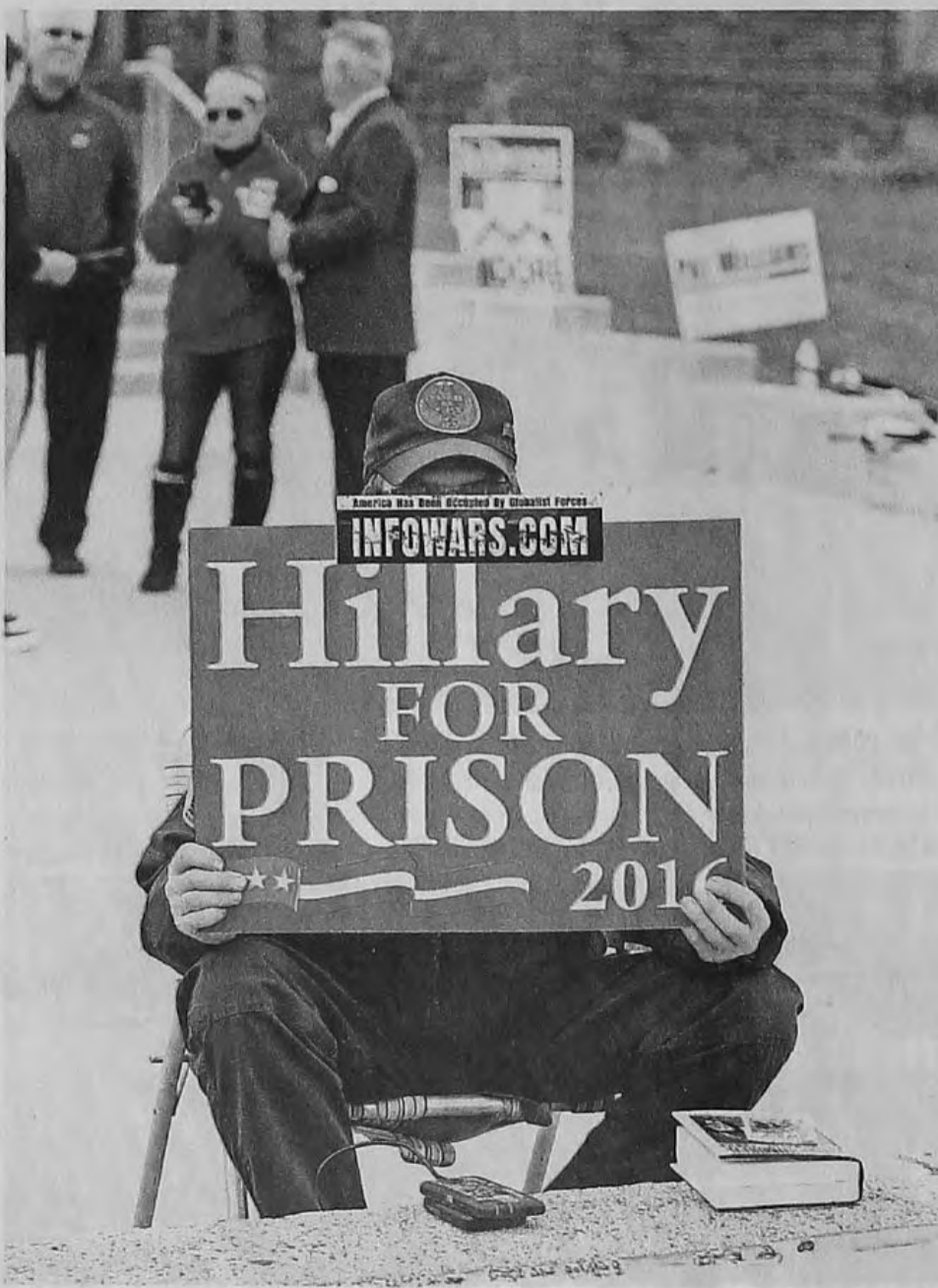
Steve Ibarra of Garden City touched on a theme often repeated in this election cycle in explaining his vote for Clinton.

"I really don't care for either candidate, but she seems to be the lesser of



Voters walk into the polls while Dale Yanka prepares to hoist the flag as election day begins at Kennedy Elementary in Livonia.

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This man did not wish to be identified, but it's pretty clear how he voted.

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Allison Wright votes at Precinct 11 at Hilbert Middle School in Redford Township.

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Voters arrive as the polls open at Kennedy Elementary.

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two evils," Ibarra said. Clinton, he said, would be better on the world stage when dealing with other countries.

In Livonia, Christina Bowie spoke similarly as she talked about her vote for Clinton. In 2012, she

said, the election was more focused on the issues and the candidates better represented the country.

"This election is not one I want the rest of the world to see. Not at all," Bowie said.

How Observer towns voted

Livonia: Trump 27,873, Clinton 23,941.
Westland: Trump 14,708, Clinton 20,961.
Canton: Trump 19,365, Clinton 26,169.

Garden City: Trump, 6,620, Clinton 5,310.
Redford: Trump 6,519, Clinton 16,216.
Plymouth: Trump 2,219, Clinton 2,924.
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Snyder signs overdose prevention bill

Kathleen Gray
Detroit Free Press

Even though the Michigan Legislature has been out of session for most of the last month, Gov. Rick Snyder signed more than two dozen bills into law in the last month.

Included in the new laws are a pair of bills that give immunity from prosecution to people who are found to possess drugs, but who are seeking medical attention for themselves or someone else who is experiencing a drug overdose. The bill expands already-passed Good Samaritan laws for teenagers in an effort to make sure that people call for help for their friends or family members without fear of getting arrested by police. Snyder also signed a package of bills that

strengthens the role of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, which reviews the conduct of police officers.

Other bills that became law in the last month are:

PA 289-305 (SB 92-96, 866-869, HB 5494-5501): Create and provide the powers and funding for the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, require certain probation records to be provided to the commission, and modify the definition of peace officer in state laws. Sponsors: Sens. Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton; Margaret O'Brien, R-Portage; Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge; and Reps. Vanessa Guerra, D-Bridgeport; Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit; Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township; Klint

Kesto, R-Commerce Township; Triston Cole, R-Mancelona; Jim Tedder, R-Clarkston; Kathy Crawford, R-Novi.

PA 306 (HB 4822): Require a minimum benchmark for reading by the third grade before a student can be elevated to the next grade level. Sponsor: Rep. Amanda Price, R-Park Township.

PA 307-308 (HB 5649-5650): Exempt individuals who possess illegal controlled substances from criminal charges if they are seeking medical attention for themselves or someone else in the event of a drug overdose. Sponsors: Reps. Al Pscholka, R-Stevensville; Sam Singh, D-East Lansing.

PA 309 (SB 956): Change the distribution of tobacco tax revenue money to the Capitol

Historic Site Fund so that increases won't occur if there is a decrease in the annual consumer price index. Sponsor: Sen. Jim Stamas, R-Midland.

PA 310 (SB 1007): Set the terms on how money is appropriated by the Department of Insurance and Financial Services to the Autism Coverage Fund to reimburse insurance carriers. Sponsor: Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.

PA 311 (HB 5106): Authorize active state service for Michigan National Guard members. Sponsor: Rep. Tom Barrett, R-Pottersville.

PA 312 (HB 5283): Provide for the distribution of unclaimed property account information to people who search for the owners of the property. Sponsor: Rep. Michael Webber, R-Rochester

Hills. **PA 313 (HB 5290):** Provide for budget appropriations for the school aid fund, higher education and community colleges. Sponsor: Rep. Al Pscholka, R-Stevensville.

PA 314 (HB 5639): Provide for reporting requirements for state veterans facilities. Sponsor: Rep. Holly Hughes, R-White River Township.

PA 315 (SB 981): Expands the eligibility of liquor license applicants to obtain a special conditional license. Sponsor: Sen. Wayne Schmidt, R-Traverse City.

PA 316 (SB 903): Change the requirement before a mineral rights owner and producers can request approval of a plan to operate multiple wells in an oil or gas reservoir. Sponsor: Sen. Tom

Casperson, R-Escanaba. **PA 317 (HB 5572):** Permit alternative fuel commercial users to calculate their fuel tax due on compressed natural gas based on a revised criteria. Sponsor: Rep. Mike McCready, R-Birmingham.

Veto: SB 987-990: Bills to change the way Michigan comes up with matching money to pay for the Health Insurance Claims Assessment. The Legislature passed a 6% use tax on the state's Medicaid-managed care organizations. Snyder said while he wants to find an appropriate solution for the state's match for federal dollars, he didn't think the use tax hike was the way to go.

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Eavesdropping, child porn case heads to trial

Darrell Clem
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A Detroit man is facing trial amid charges that he had child pornographic images on a cellphone that police say he also used to secretly videotape a woman in a workplace bathroom in Canton.

Barring a plea deal, 28-year-old Zaron Eugene Holley is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on a flurry of criminal charges that arose from the alleged incidents. A not-guilty plea has been placed on his record.

Holley was accused of placing his cellphone in a workplace bathroom and videotaping a co-worker who spotted the device and notified authorities, Detective Sgt. Dan Tray-

lor has said. The case widened after police, investigating the Sept. 26 workplace incident, say they found child pornographic images of juvenile girls on the defendant's phone. It is not believed he took the pictures.

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

A court clerk said Monday that Holley remains jailed with bonds totaling \$125,000/10 percent, meaning he would have to post \$12,500 for his release.

His troubles began Sept. 26 inside a workplace in the 6000 block of Haggerty Road. The allegations led to charges of eavesdropping by in-



Holley

stalling a device; capturing or distributing images of an unclothed person; and using a computer to commit a crime. The most serious charge is punishable by seven years in prison.

Prosecutors lobbed new charges at Holley after they say they found child pornographic images on his phone. That led to three counts of possession of child sexually abusive material and three counts of using a computer to commit a crime. He also could face seven years in prison on those counts.

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Author pens novel partly based in his hometown

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Livonia native Steven Arnett has finished and published his third book. And much of the book's setting will be familiar to many folks who have lived in Livonia for many years.

The author, a graduate of Bentley High School who now lives in Georgia, recently published "The Labyrinth," a thriller chronicling the history of a man run over by a car in New Hampshire after he is discovered by a local sheriff and tells the tale of a (fictional) murder that took place in Livonia.

Arnett said growing up near the Plymouth and Middlebelt intersection behind the Wonderland shopping center inspired

him to include local details in his novel, including the former wooded area north of the intersection near the railroad tracks.

"I remember that area behind the old Sibley's lumber yard. In those days, behind the lumber yard, it was all woods and fields," he said in an interview with the Observer and Eccentric. "It just seemed to be a good fit for the story."

After graduating from Bentley, Arnett attended Michigan State University, where he majored in English literature. Later on, he decided to give writing a shot. Since then, he's written two other books: "Winners and Losers" and "Death on Lake Michigan."



Arnett

Arnett said his most recent novel was one he's worked on for many years, making significant changes in recent months to prep for publishing. It was released earlier this fall.

Many Livonia residents will recognize places and portions of the book, including fictional news articles cited in the story published in the Livonian, a former newspaper published in Livonia back in the day. The villain of the tale, Arnett said, is based on someone he went to high school with.

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The fall woods of Kensington Metropark glow golden on Monday afternoon. The park, located near I-96 and Milford Road, features miles of biking and hiking trails and lots of water to explore.

A fall's day at Kensington Park



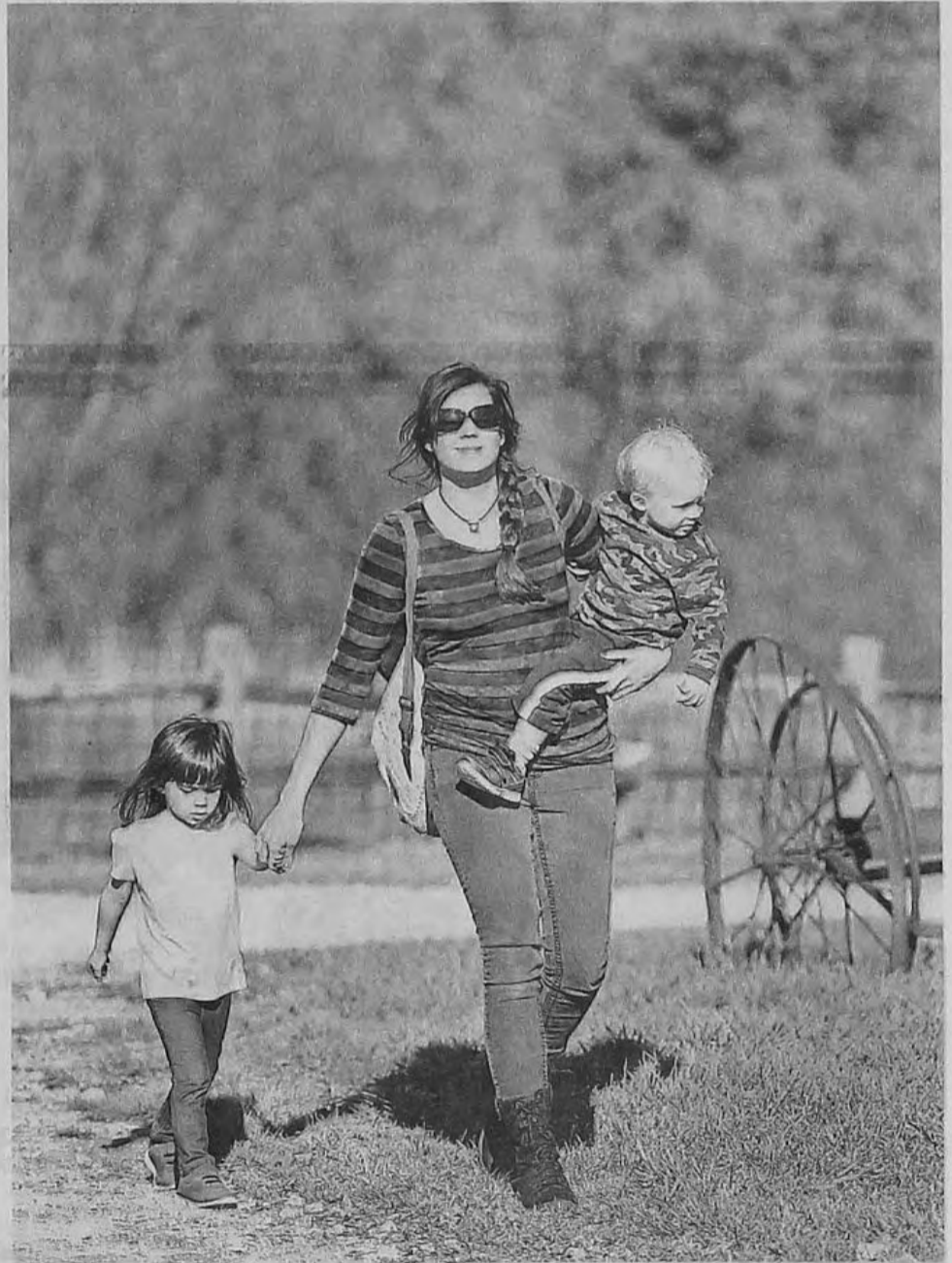
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Roger Raak takes off on a Monday afternoon paddle on Kent Lake at Kensington Metropark. Raak said he was looking for an American bald eagle which was said to be visiting the area.



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A tulip poplar leaf nestles in a branch of a Japanese Maple on Nov. 7.



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Katlyn Vallier walks through Kensington Metropark's farm center on Nov. 7 with her children Lilly, 4, and Kent, 2.

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Skiing is a big part of the Michigan winter experience. Here is a skier at Boyne Mountain.

Kathleen Lavey
Lansing State Journal

From a new chairlift at Caberfae Peaks to an innovative instructional program at Mt. Brighton, Michigan ski operators are gearing up for the season.

"There are a lot of things going on this winter that people should be aware of," said Mickey MacWilliams, executive

Snowsports Industries Association.

Caberfae Peaks, near Cadillac, will add a triple chairlift to serve the North Peak complex, taking skiers 1,561 feet up and offering a 360-degree view of the Manistee National Forest.

Boyne Mountain will offer new shops in its village, including a new spa experience.

association itself are offering a variety of deals for learners and frequent skiers.

At Mt. Brighton, for example, guests who pay \$349 for a series of four, two-hour skiing or snowboarding lessons during January will get skis or a snowboard to keep at the end.

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January has been designated learn-to-ski month in Michigan, and resort operators will offer a variety of lessons and programs as well as discounted lift tickets.

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Fashion designer Mila Pershyna wants her customers to look stylish and feel comfortable in practical and versatile clothing.

"Those are the key words for every single piece I do," she said. "I design for women and I hear what women want. I don't design just for me. I listen to you."

But the 35-year-old Bloomfield Hills woman does take a cue from her own lifestyle – a busy mom juggling career and family – when creating outerwear for her MP Fashion collection. That means making some coats that can easily expand to accommodate changes in physique, including pregnancy, with sleeves that roll up to adjust for arm length and jackets that flatter the back with peplum styling.

"I know so many women have a problem, even if they're not pregnant, with the lower body or they have a stomach and they have a problem finding the right coat. It could fit on top, but not on the bottom," said Pershyna, who is expecting her second child.

"There's a lot of functionality to everything I do. You can buy just a regular-style coat in the store, but something that is timeless and versatile – if you gain weight, lose weight, if you are pregnant – five to 10 years from now, I want you still to be able to wear the coat. I want it to be an investment."

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Models, wearing Mila Pershyna's designs, strut the runway in New York. SUBMITTED




Capes designed by Mila Pershyna. JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Mila Pershyna shows a jacket she designed while studying for her master's degree at Wayne State University. It's part of a sample sale at her Sylvan Lake studio. JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER


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Three important financial deadlines approaching

By the time you read this article, the election will be over (yay) and we will have a short reprieve until they start talking about the next election. There's no doubt that elections are important and their outcomes do affect us. That being said, there are some deadlines that are rapidly approaching that in a way can affect our day-to-day lives much more than a presidential election. The first of these deadlines is a little less than a month away.

Dec. 7 is the deadline for seniors to decide on their Medicare Prescription D Plan. This is the only time of the year when you can make changes in your plan. If you currently have a Medicare Prescription D



Rick Bloom
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Plan and you do nothing you will be automatically renewed for another year. For many people that may not be a problem but for others it could result in substantially higher fees and costs. My recommendation is that you take this opportunity to do a new search to determine what would be the best Medicare Prescription D Plan for you. Not what was the best plan for you last year but rather, the best plan moving forward. Companies change their cost structure and their plans and that is why it is important to redo your

search. The sooner you begin the process, the better. I recommend that you start your search on Medicare's website at www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan.

Remember, when you do your search for a new prescription drug plan, focus on the medications you are frequently taking. Keep in mind that what is good for one spouse doesn't make it good for the other spouse. Each spouse must do their search independently.

Another deadline is rapidly approaching and this one is Dec. 31 and it deals with Roth IRA conversions. Converting traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs can be a substantial benefit. After all, you're moving money that was growing tax

deferred into money that will grow tax free. In addition, Roth IRAs are not subject to minimum required distributions and thus, you can let the money grow tax free for as long as you choose.

A Roth IRA conversion is not for everyone and you need to look at your individual situation to make sure that it's economically feasible. My general rules are that you must have the money without touching the funds that you are converting to pay the additional tax liability. In addition, by converting money into a Roth IRA you don't put yourself into a higher tax bracket and you can leave the money in the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years. If you meet these criteria, a Roth IRA con-

version can be beneficial. Unlike new contributions into a Roth IRA, just about everyone is eligible for a Roth IRA conversion. However, one thing to keep in mind is that if you are over 70½ and are taking required minimum distributions, you cannot convert that amount. You can convert anything above and beyond that amount if you choose.

For those of you who have flexible spending plans, many of you are facing a Dec. 31st deadline to spend the money within the plan or you lose it. Some plans allow you to extend the period but many do not. Therefore, this is an excellent time to review your flexible spending plan so you can understand the terms and conditions. If you

find that you have a Dec. 31 deadline, now is the time to make sure that you spend that money wisely. You don't want to wait for the last second and either lose the money or spend it on something you really don't need.

Deadlines are serious and in most situations there are no extensions. Therefore, if you are affected by one of the rapidly approaching deadlines, there is no longer time to procrastinate; now is the time to get it taken care of.

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key to her signature outerwear designs that are sold in boutiques and through online retailers. She also creates a more limited line of dresses, slacks, tops and skirts for her online store and for sale at her Sylvan Lake studio.

Unique styles

"Last year, I carried her coats and they all sold out. Clients love them," said Yelena Reiber, owner of Silhouettes, LLC, a boutique in Farmington Hills. "At the moment, I have a lace-up tunic dress with a collar and it's multi-color stripe. I personally have a couple of her things I wear, a coat and a top. The coat I have, I haven't seen anything like it."

About 90 percent of Reiber's inventory comes from Europe, where she finds designs that other local stores don't carry. But she also likes the idea

that Pershyna makes many of her pieces in Michigan. Although large production runs, mostly for coats, are made at factories in New York, Pershyna designs, cuts patterns and makes samples in her studio. Most of the fabric Pershyna sources is domestic, although she plans to use some Belgian textiles for next year's collection.

"Why I carry Mila is that they are different. You can walk into 20 stores and won't see the same styles," Reiber said. "I will be looking at some coats for this year. I especially like what she had at the New York Fashion Week."

Pershyna, who founded her company in 2013, was among 36 designers who showed their work Sept. 10 at The Hotel Pennsylvania through Plitz New York Fashion Week. Hundreds of fashion shows take place during the twice-annual New York Fashion Week. The Plitz event gives up-and-coming, as well as seasoned, designers a



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Mila Pershyna advertises her clothes as 100 percent made in the USA.

chance to buy a runway package that includes, models, staging, lighting, photos and more. Their work is reviewed and must be approved by the event organizers before they are allowed to participate.

"It gave me more confidence in my work. I want to do a European show next," Pershyna said. "I was there to show what I could do, that I could handle a big show, the stress. Many designers would be very excited. That is a big step. I was pretty optimistic

only because I have so much experience."

Playing with dolls

Her study in fashion design started with paper dolls and culminated in a master's degree from Wayne State University in 2013. Pershyna, an only child, taught herself to make doll clothes while growing up in Belarus. She started by drawing and cutting fashions for paper dolls and then moved on to scraps of fabric from pillow cases and old clothes for her Barbie-style doll.

As a teen, she sewed all of her outfits and was known as a trendsetter at school.

"What probably pushed me to sew for myself was I wanted to be different. It was during the USSR time and you didn't have access to European clothes," she said. "If I had been born after the USSR fell apart, I don't think I'd be making anything now because I was forced to do something for myself, to be a little different."

After getting a bachelor's degree in linguistics in Belarus, she moved to Michigan in 2002 with the hopes of working to make enough money to pay for more education back home. She saved enough money for school, but ended up taking classes at Oakland Community College. At the same time, she worked in retail. Her resume includes managing a Lens Crafters store and a Sigrid Olsen store. Both experiences helped hone her business skills.

Pershyna considered

attending law school, but her husband, a Russian native who is a photographer and fine artist, urged her to look into fashion design programs. They met in 2005 and married two years later.

She gave birth to their son with just two classes left before completing her master's degree at Wayne State University. In 2012, she left her year-old son and her husband at home in Michigan to pursue a four-month internship with Diane Von Furstenberg in New York.

"It was a difficult decision to let me go," she said. "If I hadn't had that experience I wouldn't be where I am now. I wouldn't have started my company."

Her advice for other entrepreneurs is to build their brand "little by little, start slow." She bought sewing machines and clothing bags from garage sales and uses old store shelves for cutting tables.

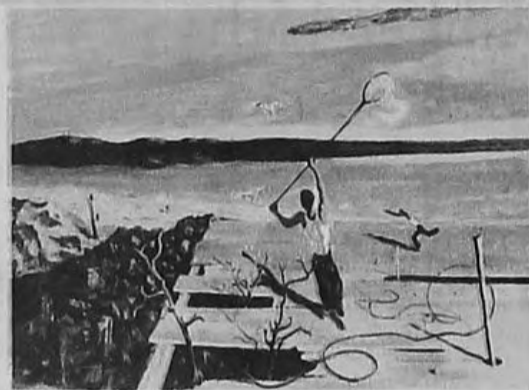
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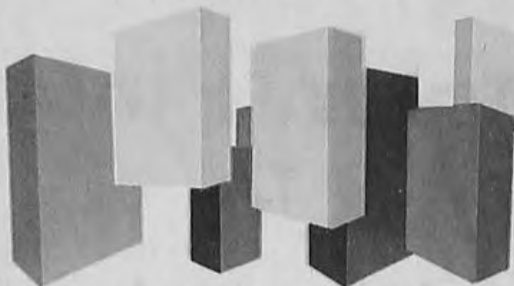
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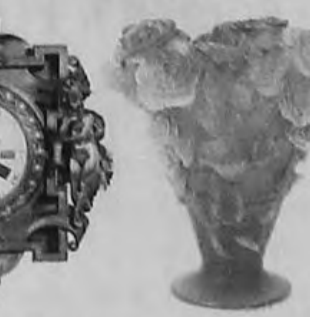
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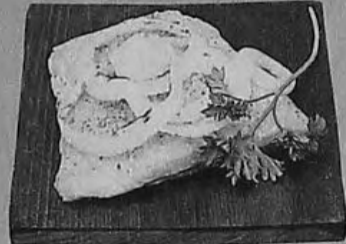
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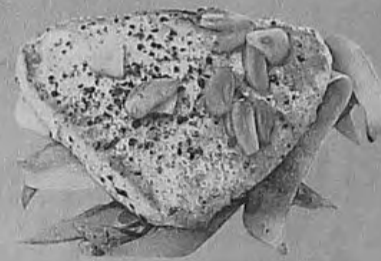
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D1 BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Park all-state trio stays the muddy course

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The home stretch was muddier than usual Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

That didn't matter to Ethan Byrnes, Zac Clark and Carter

Solomon — three runners from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity boys cross country teams who finished the Division 1 race in Brooklyn with all-state numbers.

"Running at MIS is quite the experience," said Byrnes, a sophomore from Plymouth

High School who finished 10th with a time of 15 minutes, 55.6 seconds, the fastest of any Observerland performers.

"After running it last year, all I wanted to do was make a better showing.

"So coming into the home stretch, the only thing I really

thought about is trying to pass as many people as I could. At that point you put everything you have left out there."

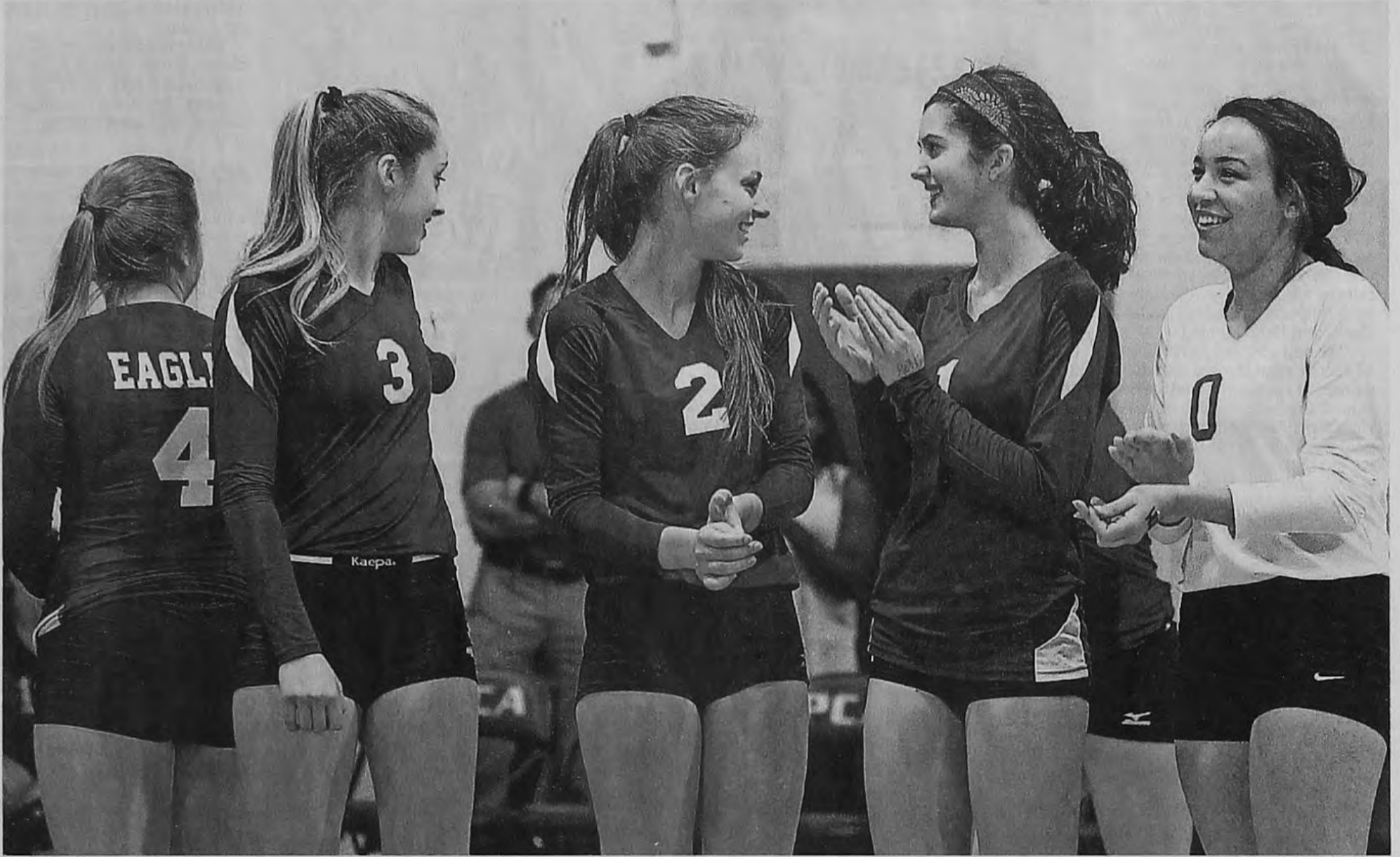
He passed Canton senior Clark and Plymouth freshman teammate Solomon, but not by much. Clark completed the 5,000-meter race 15th overall

(15:59) while Solomon's time of 16:01 earned him 18th place. The top-30 finishers earn all-state honors.

"It was honestly pretty brutal because it was so muddy and you are sinking into it,"

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PREP PROFILE



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Plymouth Christian senior co-captains Olivia Mady (No. 1) and Divna Roi (No. 0) share a warm moment with teammates (from left) Abigail Pray, Grace Kellogg and Robin Albert during Friday's Class D district final.

EAGLES IN FLIGHT

Fourth-year players Mady, Roi lead Plymouth Christian on and off volleyball court

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

In the blink of an eye, Olivia Mady and Divna Roi have gone from wide-eyed freshmen to sages of the volleyball court at Plymouth Christian Academy.

And whether both fourth-year varsity Eagles celebrate the culmination of their prep careers with the elusive Class D championship banner remains to be seen — this week, PCA is competing at the Morenci-hosted regional.

Yet whatever happens won't take away from the legacy the winning tandem has helped establish since 2013.

"If we had a hall of fame or retired jerseys, both would definitely be included," said PCA head coach DJ Kellogg, who in his second year at the helm.

The team captains would go in as hall-of-fame people, too.

"They both provide leadership to our team in different ways, but both with great humility," said Kellogg, whose daughters Grace and Gabriella are on this year's conference and district champions. "Olivia is the encouraging leader who speaks softly with her words, but speaks loudly with actions. She fights for every point and encourages the rest of the team to do the same.



PCA ATHLETICS

Olivia Mady (left) and Divna Roi have been together as PCA volleyball teammates since ninth grade.

"Divna leads by the high standard she sets for herself and the team. She is her own biggest critic and demonstrates to the girls how to challenge themselves at practice and in games."

Not just them

Of course, both Mady and Roi deflect such praise right back to their coaches and teammates.

"This is an incredible group of girls to play with," said Mady, an

TERRIFIC TANDEM

Olivia Mady: The senior outside hitter is a 17-year-old Northville resident. Her mom is Ellen Mady. Owner of a 3.97 GPA, she is a member of the National Honor Society and is active in several PCA clubs including Spanish Club.

Mady began playing volleyball in fourth grade and her career bumped to a new level with Club Extreme in Novi. She then played at Legacy Volleyball and Team Detroit Volleyball Club. At PCA, she has earned several MIAC and MHSAA volleyball honors.

Although she does not intend to play college volleyball on scholarship, she will pursue a business administration degree.

Divna Roi: The Plymouth resident, 17, lives with parents Dwayne and Vesna Roi. Her GPA is 3.96 and she is in the National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society. Roi's volleyball career began at age 12, when she played for Club Extreme. Later on she joined Legacy, Team Detroit and Michigan Elite.

The senior libero, like Mady a fourth-year varsity player and team captain for the Eagles, would like to play college volleyball at Spring Arbor University.

outside hitter who even in ninth grade displayed the serious at-net skills a senior would covet. "We all

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Rocks, Chargers don't slip at MIS

Girls cross country teams hold their own in Brooklyn

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Michigan International Speedway welcomed the cream of the crop in varsity girls high school cross country Saturday.

Despite a muddy course and elite competition, both Livonia Churchill and Salem did not slip too badly — finishing 17th and 18th, respectively, in the Division 1 team standings.

The Chargers posted 396 points while Salem garnered 459. Kensington Lakes Activities Association rival Milford won the race with 150 points; in second was Ann Arbor Pioneer (172) while another KLAAs team, Northville, registered 178 points for third overall.

Leading Churchill were senior twins Kathleen George and Caroline George, who just missed all-state (top-30) honors with respective times of 19:06 (36th) and 19:16.2 (40th).

"We had a 1-7 spread of only 47 seconds but the issue in this caliber of race is that our pack is near the bottom third of the finishers," Gerlach said. "Our goal was to be in the top 20 and we did that."

"We also wanted to beat Churchill and put all seven of our runners in front of their fourth, but came up short."

Spearheading Salem was junior Shea Wilson, placing 61st with a time of 19:49.8. She was followed by sophomore



Shea Wilson, of Salem, sprints toward the finish.

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Hallie Younglas (85th, 20:09.2), sophomore Gabby Mancini (87th, 20:09.4), junior Hannah Jeffress (112th, 20:30.6), senior Erin McCann (114th, 20:31.6), sophomore Madison Grant (121st, 20:35.2) and sophomore Bridget Nelson (125th, 20:37.4).

Other Churchill finishers included junior Gabrielle Swider (62nd, 19:54.3), senior Christina Murphy (135th, 20:51), freshman Sierra Green-

er (147th, 21:08.2), senior Hailley Pampreen (177th, 22:04.2) and senior Raquel Zwick (179th, 22:15.5).

According to Gerlach, that the Rocks were able to hang with the top squads was a testament to their determination and talent.

"This team found its identity the last month of the season," Gerlach stressed. "We were a true team without a

true low scoring front runner.

"Shea, Gabby and Hallie once again led us with another great performance. They showed that hard work truly does make a huge difference."

Although Plymouth senior Annie Bonds just missed all-state honors in the individual rankings, she capped off her successful prep career finishing 140th with a time of 20:15.8.

"Annie Bonds had a great season," Plymouth coach Alice Ahearn said. "The regional and state meet races didn't quite go the way she was hoping but all in all, she had a strong finish to her high school career."

Livonia Franklin sophomore Erin Seibert placed 133rd with a time of 20:12.3.

"Not her best race of the season," coach Dave Bjorklund said. "But she had a great year with a personal best time of 18:57 at Wayne County (second place overall), seventh place at the KLAAs conference meet, and seventh at the MHSAA regional. We are looking forward to two more great years out of her."

Other area finishers included Canton senior Anna Nagelhout (115th, 20:03.2) and Livonia Stevenson freshman Cassie McDougall (157th, 20:27.7).

PCA all-stater

Plymouth Christian Academy sophomore Sienna Ruitter placed 24th in the Division 4 girls cross country finals with an all-state time of 20:13.8.

Freshmen Danae Moriarty (21:42) and Eva Warmbler (23:04.6) also ran well for PCA, finishing 82nd and 153rd, respectively, out of 237 finishers.

"I am proud of the commitment these athletes showed over the hundreds of miles each runner completed during this fall season," Eagles head coach Rod Windle said. "Girls cross country (is a young team) and we are hopeful about what we can accomplish in the off-season to prepare ourselves for next year."

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Plymouth junior Ethan Byrnes (left) and Northville's Ben Cracraft are in lockstep during the Division 1 boys cross country meet.

TRIO

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Clark said. "And you've already been sprinting down that back stretch against everyone. You always think the finish is just around the corner."

"You are tired and you are racing everyone, and you think you are about done and then you're not. It's hard to judge exactly where to start going all out."

Home stretch

Solomon agreed that the final 800 meters were most taxing.

"Either you hold your position or give it up to another runner," Solomon said. "The excitement of the crowd is what pushed me forward and kept me going."

Michigan International Speedway is unique, especially compared to the long and winding courses of the regular season, because it culminates with runners making their way into the grandstand area — where all spectators watch with pride as the athletes cross the finishing line.

"The course at MIS is cool because it's in a race track and there are hundreds of people watching and hundreds who are racing," Clark noted. "... I definitely appreciate how everyone cheers, especially before and after the race. I really

like the support I get because it really helps.

"The end stretch is probably the coolest part...when you come back into the stadium, you are coming into the back curve and it's really quiet and the closer you get to the end, the louder and louder it gets."

Byrnes said the venue itself provides an extra boost of energy as tired runners close out the race, their season — and in some cases, their high school careers.

"It's the final race and you just need to show what you're really made of," Byrnes emphasized. "The fans cheering, that's something completely in it of itself."

"The cheers from not just your team and coaches, but also from friends and family really give you that extra boost of speed you need and gets the adrenaline pumping."

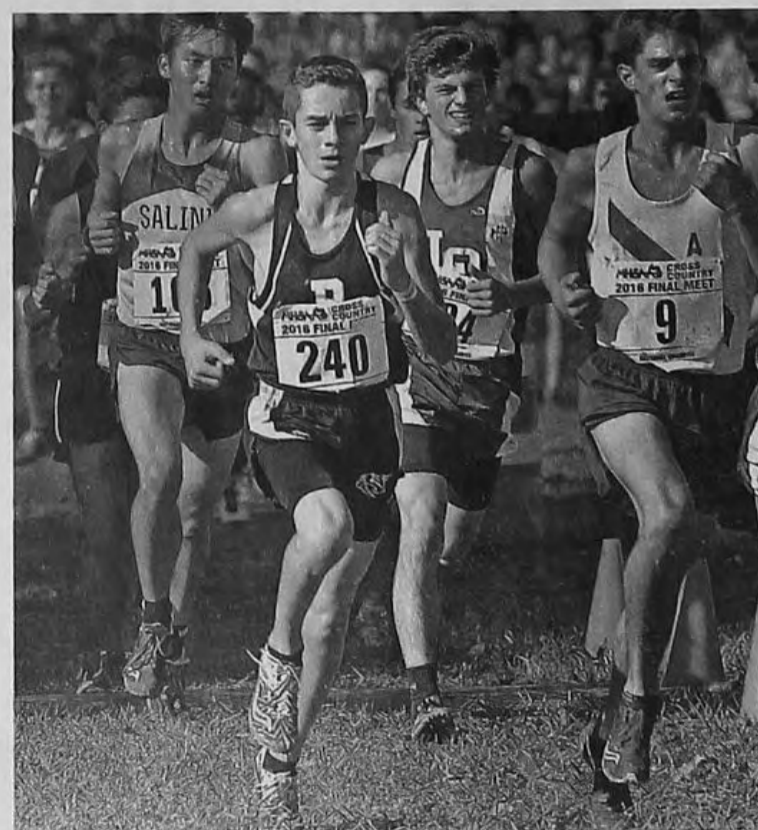
That extra energy helped Solomon to close it out. "Running at the state meet was an unforgettable experience," Solomon said. "The atmosphere at MIS was something like no other. "I had many goals from the beginning of the season, and becoming an all-state athlete was a major one. The final 800 meters of the race were the hardest."

In addition to the hundreds of talented runners in one place — including Livonia Stevenson senior Jack Balint (51st, 16:28.2) and Salem sopho-



BRYAN ANDREWS

Plymouth's Ethan Byrnes (from left), Canton's Zac Clark and Plymouth's Carter Solomon are all smiles after receiving all-state medals following the Division 1 state finals at MIS in Brooklyn.



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Staying on an all-state course is Plymouth freshman Carter Solomon.

more Luke Haran (53rd, 16:29.8) — another challenge was MIS itself.

Saturday's course was muddier than usual because it was torn up by previously run girls and boys finals for Divisions 2, 3 and 4.

"Coming around that turn, you instantly hit deep mud and everyone is trying to pass you," Byrnes explained. "It hurts, but you have to tough through it because your team is counting on you. That part of the course is easily the most physically and mentally draining part."

"When it's all said and done, you feel accomplished and

relieved that you have just ran with the best of the best in the state."

Well done

With Byrnes and Solomon both earning all-state honors, they put a new entry in the Plymouth record book, Wildcats coach Jon Mikosz said.

"Both Ethan and Carter ran great," Mikosz said. "It was the first time in school history to have two all staters in one year. Ethan's 10th-place finish was also the highest finish in Plymouth history. Carter is the first freshmen to my knowledge in P-CEP history to be all-state as a freshman in cross



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Sprinting for the finish line Saturday is Canton senior Zac Clark.

country. "They both got out fast and stayed in the top 35 the entire race."

Although Salem's Haran could not join the Park trio on the all-state podium, his coach, Steve Aspinall had plenty of praise to dole out.

"He ran a solid race in his first experience at MIS," Aspinall said. "It is always a bit of a different feel when you are there by yourself and he did a great job with meet preparation and managing nerves. I know that he learned a lot from the experience and it will serve him well in the future."

"It was great to see the success of the Park runners, with both Plymouth guys and Canton's runner earning all-state honors. All three teams will return talented and experienced runners in 2017 and I expect some great competition in the new KLAAs."

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USA HOCKEY

Team USA tops tournament field

NTDP U18s defeat Finland to capture Five Nations trophy

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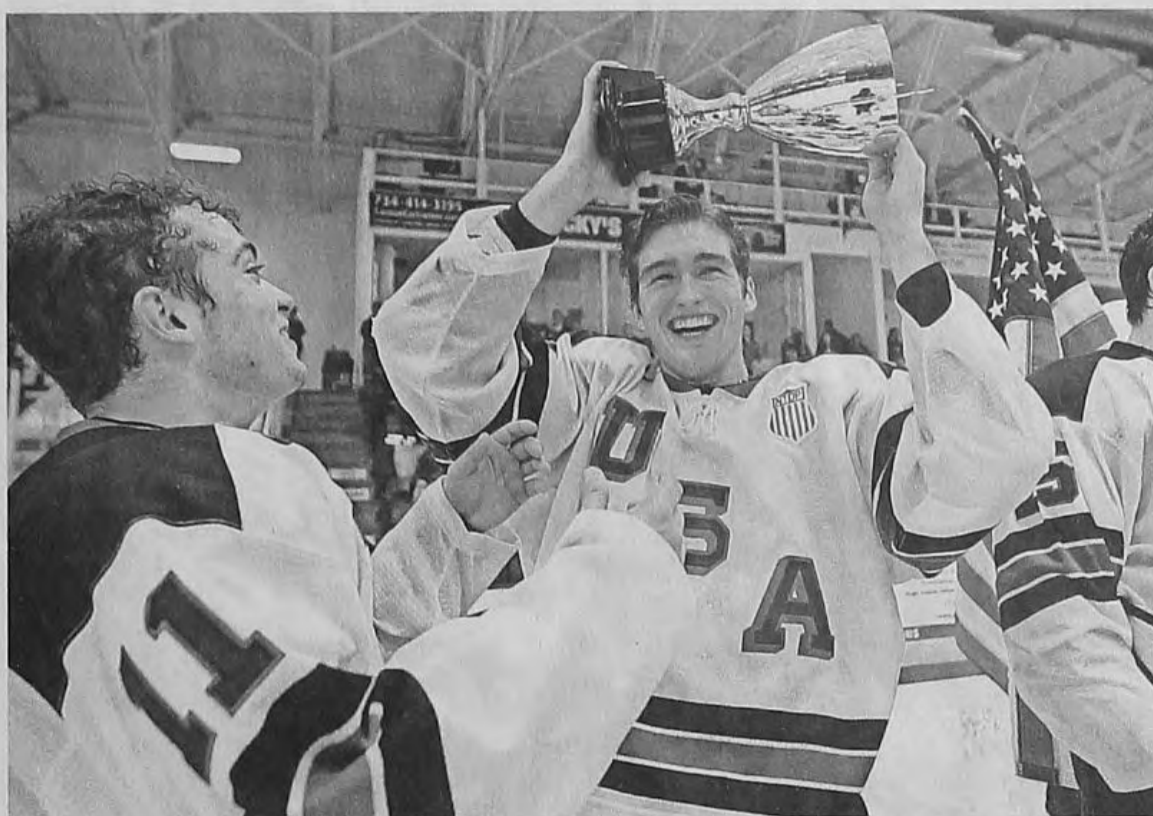
International hockey tournaments are suiting the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-18 team just fine.

Team USA defeated Finland 3-2 Saturday night to win the 2016 U-18 Five Nations Tournament title at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

An early goal by defenseman Tommy Miller (West Bloomfield) got the U18s going and the host team never trailed after that, picking up its third win in four Five Nations contests (picking up nine points, two more than Sweden).

Propelled by a 50-shot night, Team USA now has won nine of the last 10 international events.

"Our players were ready from the beginning of the tournament and our shots on goal and possession stats showed that," U18s head coach John Wroblewski said. "We played a determined style of hockey that evolved throughout the



Scott Reedy hoists the Five Nations trophy after Team USA won the tourney title Saturday. At left is Jacob Tortora.

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tournament.

"They can wake up tomorrow and know that they are winners and there's no doubt they will carry the confidence they built in this tournament

into our future international competitions."

Despite having a 50-25 edge in shots against Finland, Team USA could never break the game open.

After Miller started the scoring with his shot from the right circle (assisted by Scott Reedy and Grant Mismash), Finland evened things at 1-1 four minutes later.

A point shot by Olli Kaskinen flew over the right shoulder of U18s goalie Dylan St. Cyr (Northville).

But Wroblewski's team regained the lead at 2-1 midway through the second period when David Farrance blasted a point shot into the Finland cage on the power play.

Josh Norris won the faceoff and Jacob Tortora sent the puck back to Farrance for the one-timer.

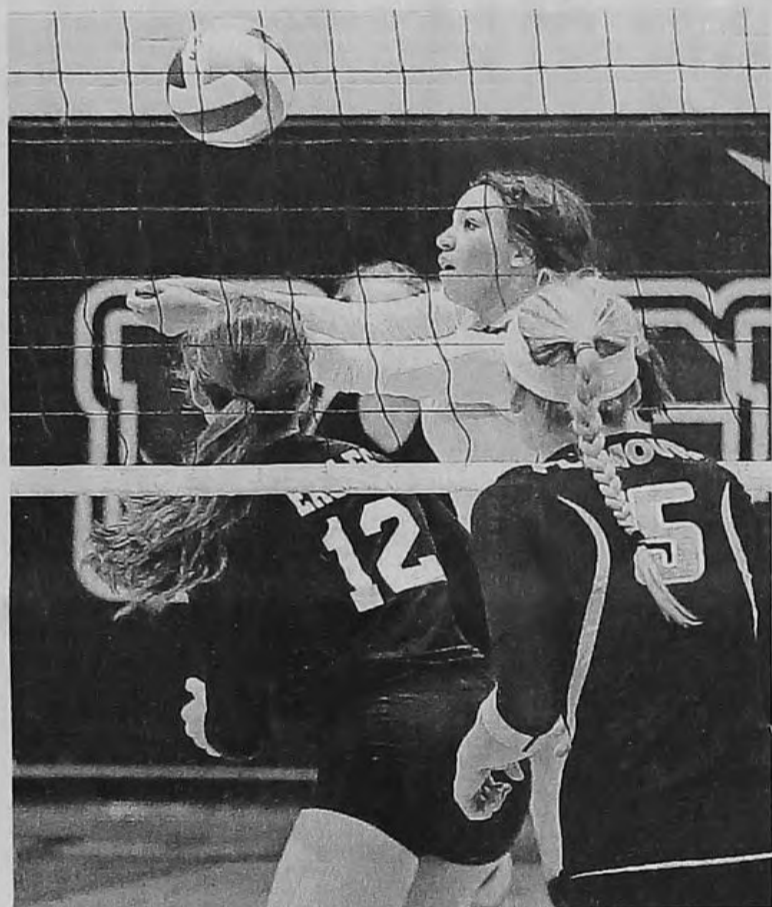
Once again, Finland drew even, this time when Eero Teravainen knocked the rebound of a Santeri Hartikainen shot past St. Cyr (at 15:20 of the second).

Then came Reedy's winning goal at 6:16 of the third. He deflected a Farrance shot, sending the puck inside the left post. Drawing the second helper was Josh Maniscalco.

On Friday, Team USA won 6-2 over the Czech Republic. Scoring goals in the third period were Josh Norris (Oxford) and Grant Cockerill (Brighton).

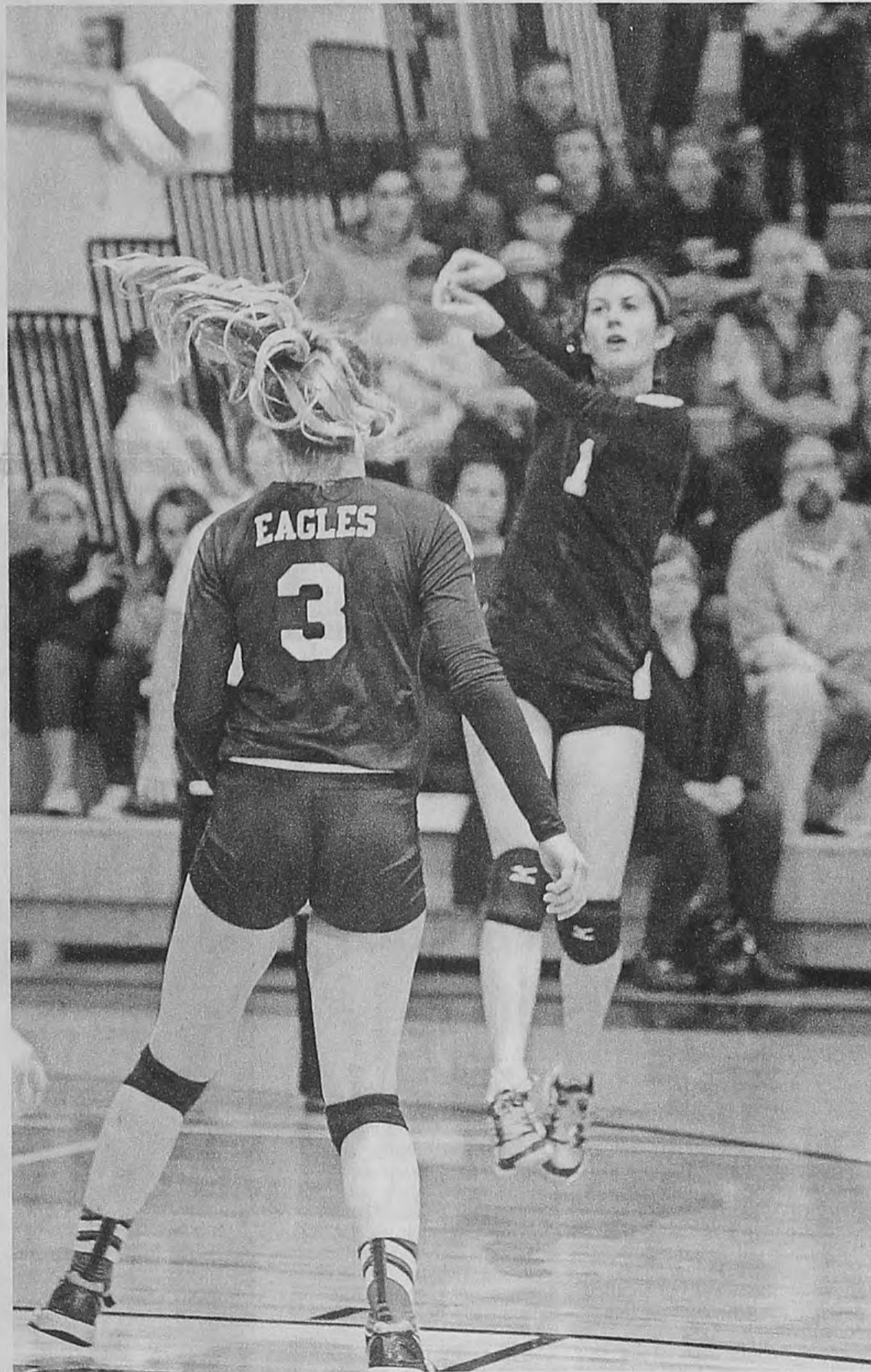
Next up for the U18s are United States Hockey League games at 7 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday at USA Hockey Arena, against the Madison Capitols.

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Bumping the ball during a game earlier this season is Plymouth Christian's senior libero Divna Roi (yellow shirt).



KELLY DOBSON PHOTO

Hammering the ball during district finals last week is PCA senior Olivia Mady (No. 1), a Northville resident who cut her teeth playing for Novi-based club teams.

EAGLES

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play extremely well together on the court and I can't imagine how it would be without them.

"It is hard to describe the connection that we have on the court — maybe it is because we are all friends and are very close to each other — but the team that we have become is a group of godly, hardworking, young women who love this sport."

The all-over-the-court defensive dynamo that is Roi praises the winning culture established during her PCA career.

"There is no doubt in my mind that there is an 'Eagles Way' that will continue into the future," Roi emphasized. "PCA has amazing coaches and so many talented girls coming up through the grades and I can't wait to see what they will accomplish."

During their four seasons with the Eagles, both players have contributed to a high level of success, including last year's trip to the Class D semifinal.

Getting better

And their penchant for maintaining the even keel — leading by example and encouragement — isn't lost on their coach.

"As our team's captains, they both take ownership of the role through their communication to the team and me, their belief in the team, their great attitude at all times and therefore the examples they set for the rest of the team," Kellogg stressed. "Our team motto is 'better the ball,' which literally in volleyball means to make each contact of the ball better than how you received it.

"It is also a metaphor for

our team attitude in that we attempt to better each other and everyone around us with each contact."

Epitomizing that mindset are Mady and Roi.

"I always try to be the most encouraging and positive player on the court because I know that one negative comment or action can bring the entire team down," Mady said. "It makes people feel better if, after they make a mistake, you are there to tell them that it's okay to make mistakes and to encourage them that they'll have the next point.

"I do not believe that yelling at players and making them feel bad about themselves is the way to make them play better or improve. Over the years I believe that our team has grown closer and we play smoothly together."

In it together

Roi concurred, that she and Mady "both have a sense of respect for each other and everyone on the team and we don't try to put ourselves above the team we view ourselves and all the other girls as equals.

"Our goal as captains is to just have a close team, where all of us trust each other, care about each other a ton and play our hardest for God, our coaches, each other, our school and great fans," Roi added.

In addition to being consummate leaders, the seniors are mentally tough competitors who have a strong desire to succeed individually and as part of their team.

"Mental toughness is crucial to success," Mady explained. "I tell the girls all the time to take each game and each play one step at a time.

"That means taking each pass, set, and hit, one step at a

time to execute the plays. We finish one point then focus on the next one and let mistakes go."

Roi also said she makes sure her teammates remember to not sweat the small stuff.

"Volleyball is a game of mistakes and we all make mistakes," Roi noted. "In order to be successful in a game, set, match, or season you need to be able to control your mind and get over the mistakes for the benefit of your team.

"You're being selfish when you let your mind overcome you."

Work to do

Meanwhile, last season's heartbreaking defeat to Battle Creek St. Phillip in the Class D

semifinal does weigh on their minds. It's been a prime motivator behind the Eagles' outstanding regular season, followed by last week's district title.

"We weren't ready for the season to end and we are really hoping that it was going to be the year for PCA to win states," Roi continued. "Unfortunately, we got into her own heads and played timid and scared instead of being the powerful, aggressive team that I know we could've been.

"But in reality I think that loss pushed us this year to become even better and work even harder. This year we don't want to have to deal with that crushing defeat again, so our goal is to take it one step at a

time, one game at a time and hopefully return to states."

Concurring was Mady, emphasizing that she has "no doubt that we have the ability to make it to that point again. Our team has learned and grown from that experience, and we will take what we have learned and move forward to achieve our goal of the state title."

Who knows if that will happen. What is certain is Plymouth Christian Academy's long-term volleyball future is "better" thanks to Olivia Mady and Divna Roi.

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SWIMMING

Salem, Canton strong at conference meet

Rocks' Burt earns first in diving

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Northville and South Lyon Unified easily outswam the rest of the KLAA Kensington Conference last weekend. But don't take that to mean it was a bad two days at South Lyon East's natatorium for the KLAA South Division champion Canton Chiefs and Salem Rocks.

"We had so many outstanding swims with large time drops," Canton head coach Ed Weber said. "You could definitely see the girls build off of each other's success."

"Each time a Canton girl got up on the blocks they knew it was their turn to do something special. We had many happy smiles after their races."

Weber said there were six new state cuts, and 36 of 38 Chiefs enjoyed season's best times.



Canton senior swimmer Meghan Mans keeps pushing toward a state-meet qualifying time during the Kensington Conference meet.

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Actually, the Rocks, from the KLAA Central, had a better showing in the team standings Nov. 4-5, finishing fourth with 471.5 points. In sixth with 421 was Canton while Plymouth came in seventh (285). The Mustangs captured the title with 993.5 points, followed by South Lyon Unified (976.5) and Novi (third, 545.5).

The lone Park performer to earn a conference championship was Salem junior diver Camille Burt, who registered 378.70 points.

"Camille had a phenomenal performance, taking home the conference title," Rocks head coach Brandon Larkins said. "With that finish, she booked her ticket to diving regionals" Thursday at Ann Arbor Pioneer, where the top 12 will move on to the state meet (Friday-Saturday, Nov. 18-19, at Oakland University).



Competing during the Kensington Conference girls swimming and diving meet is Ellie Repp of Salem.

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Rounding out the standings were Livonia Stevenson (fifth, 460), Westland John Glenn (eighth, 221), Livonia Franklin (ninth, 164), Livonia Churchill (10th, 162) and Wayne Memorial (11th, 117).

Spearheading the Chiefs was the 200 medley relay team of Meghan Mans, Ellie Caruso, Jessica Clark and Sophia Balow, who made the Division 1 state cut during preliminaries on Nov. 4. Mans, Clark, Balow and Jenna Lepek also qualified in the 400-free relay.

The quartet made an impact in other races. Mans (200 freestyle, 100 backstroke), Clark (200 IM, 100 backstroke) and Balow (500 free) all either

improved on previous state cuts or qualified for the first time. Meanwhile, Lepek qualified in the 200 IM.

Salem also had numerous highlights, with senior co-captain Katie Xu reinforcing her previously earned state cut in the 200 IM by tying for third with a time of 2:11.5. In the 100 backstroke, Xu tallied a D1 qualifying time of 58.76 to finish second.

Xu, Jenna Chen, Sarah Griffiths and freshman Morgan Davis had already qualified for states at the KLAA Central meet Oct. 29, but they repeated

that success — going 3:44.20 to take third place.

Larkins said the 200-free relay tandem of Davis, Chen, senior co-captain Meghan Mai-kowski and Xu (1:41.87) enjoyed "an amazing race, qualifying for states and nearly taking our team record down with it."

Top individual performers for Plymouth were turned in by Kelsey Peregrin in the 100 breaststroke (fifth, 1:11.26) and Kathryn Waters in the 100 butterfly (seventh, 1:01.12).

A number of swimmers will be looking to make their D1

state cuts at the Northville-hosted "last chance" meet on Thursday, Larkins said.

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET Nov. 4-5 at South Lyon East

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 993.5 points; 2. South Lyon Unified, 976.5; 3. Novi, 545.5; 4. Salem, 471.5; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 460; 6. Canton, 421; 7. Plymouth, 285; 8. Westland John Glenn, 221; 9. Livonia Franklin, 164; 10. Livonia Churchill, 162; 11. Wayne Memorial, 117.

'A' FINAL HEAT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Sophia Tuinman, Erin Szara, Kelsey Macaddino, Katelyn McCullough), 1:46.23 (meet and pool record); 2. South Lyon (Anna Smith, Avery Covert, Megan Mieske, Taylor Sciborski), 1:49.97; 3. Canton (Meghan Mans, Ellie Caruso, Jessica Clark, Sophia Balow), 1:53.61; 4. Novi, 1:54.72; 5. Plymouth, 1:55.21; 6. Salem, 1:55.51; 7. Stevenson, 1:56.57; 8. John Glenn, 1:59.05.

200 freestyle: 1. Laura Westphal (N'ville),

1:50.86 (meet and pool record); 2. Maria Arakelian (LS), 1:54.63; 3. Mans (Canton), 1:56.42; 4. Gillian Zayan (N'ville), 1:56.71; 5. Lulu Mans (N'ville), 1:58.08; 6. Emma Phillips (N'ville), 1:58.15; 7. Lexi Abernethy (SLU), 2:00.03; 8. Balow (Canton), 2:01.11.

200 individual medley: 1. Tuinman (N'ville), 2:07.05; 2. Melanie Dunnuck (SLU), 2:11.01; 3. (tie) Emily Guerrero (N'ville) and Katie Xu (Salem), 2:11.55; 5. Jessica Clark (Canton), 2:13.68; 6. Lauren Heaven (N'ville), 2:15.10; 7. Szara (N'ville), 2:15.30; 8. Emily Mayoras (Novi), 2:16.89.

50 freestyle: 1. Carolyn Bischoff (SLU), 23.85 (meet and pool record); 2. Macaddino (N'ville), 24.48; 3. McCullough (N'ville), 24.48; 4. Lindsay Boals (SLU), 24.77; 5. Sciborski (SLU), 25.35; 6. Sidney Aloisi (WJG), 25.46; 7. Emerson Riley (SLU), 25.63; 8. Karen Xu (Novi), 26.15.

1-meter diving: 1. Camille Burt (Salem), 378.70 points; 2. Starr Bryan (SLU), 359.35; 3. Cathryn Canadi (SLU), 347.95; 4. McKaela Hill (Novi), 340.22; 5. Renee Zagomik (SLU), 309.45; 6. Alexis Bidwell (SLU), 305.00; 7. Madeline Taylor (SLU), 292.00; 8. Natalie Yurgil (LC), 290.85.

100 butterfly: 1. Macaddino (N'ville), 55.72; 2. Lauren Heaven (N'ville), 58.43; 3. Smith (SLU), 58.93; 4. Amber Gulou (LS), 59.19; 5. Kera Sells (WJG), 1:01.03; 6. Abigail O'Reilly (SLU), 1:01.06; 7. Kathryn Waters (Phy.), 1:01.12; 8. Mieske (SLU), 1:02.80.

100 freestyle: 1. Westphal (N'ville), 51.48 (pool and meet record); 2. Bischoff (SLU), 52.40; 3. Gillian Zayan (N'ville), 53.73; 4. Boals (SLU), 54.24; 5. Morgan Davis (Salem), 55.30; 6. Sciborski (SLU), 55.83; 7. Aloisi (WJG), 55.91; 7. Nicki Pumper (N'ville), 56.00.

500 freestyle: 1. Tuinman (N'ville), 4:59.44; 2. Arakelian (LS), 4:59.63; 3. Dunnuck (SLU), 5:09.85; 4. Danielle Gardon (Novi), 5:17.79; 5. Mans (N'ville), 5:18.39; 6. Phillips (N'ville), 5:21.18; 7. Balow (Canton), 5:23.04; 8. Sarah Griffiths (Salem), 5:23.10.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Macaddino, McCullough, Zayan, Westphal), 1:36.79 (meet and pool record); 2. South Lyon (Boals, Sciborski, Dunnuck, Bischoff), 1:38.44; 3. Stevenson (Kiira Hadden, Kate Ptashnik, Gulau, Arakelian), 1:43.41; 4. Salem, 1:43.46; 5. Churchill, 1:46.98; 6. Novi, 1:47.75; 7. Canton, 1:47.76; 8. John Glenn, 1:48.04.

100 backstroke: 1. McCullough (N'ville), 1:57.88; 2. Xu (Salem), 1:58.76; 3. Mans (Canton), 1:59.00; 4. Clark (Canton), 1:59.77; 5. Smith (SLU), 1:00.62; 6. Mayoras (Novi), 1:01.07; 7. Caitlin Jodway (LF), 1:01.91; 8. Lauren SanMillan (SLU), 1:02.31.

100 breaststroke: 1. Szara (N'ville), 1:04.11 (pool record); 2. Guerrero (N'ville), 1:07.69; 3. Covert (SLU), 1:08.44; 4. Hanna Dong (Novi), 1:10.58; 5. Kelsey Peregrin (Phy.), 1:11.26; 6. Jennifer Ostrowski (N'ville), 1:11.34; 7. Claire Tuckey (N'ville), 1:12.25; 8. Karen Xu (Novi), 1:13.05.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Tuinman, Heaven, Zayan, Westphal), 3:32.23; 2. South Lyon (Boals, Smith, Dunnuck, Bischoff), 3:34.34; 3. Salem (Xu, Jenna Chen, Griffiths, Davis), 3:44.20; 4. Canton, 3:44.41; 5. Stevenson, 3:45.05; 6. Novi, 3:47.28; 7. Plymouth, 3:53.92; 8. Franklin, 3:59.42.

COLLEGE HOCKEY

Ocelot offense cranks it up

Tim Smith
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Wearing their snappy new yellow-and-blue uniforms and playing before home fans at Redford Arena, Schoolcraft College's men's club hockey team came out on a mission Saturday night: Put on a good show, get the W and put another notch in the growing program's collective belt.

Such was the case, as the Ocelots peppered Northwood University goalie Brenden Campbell with 55 shots — including 26 in a relentless middle stanza — and rolled to a 7-2 victory.

When the game was over, Schoolcraft players congregated in the circle at center ice and raised their sticks into the air as a thank you to those fans.

"At the end we gave them the good old salute (raising sticks at center ice), and hopefully next week it will be the same thing against Lake Superior State," said Schoolcraft sophomore forward and captain Andrew Lindsay, referring to home games on Nov. 11-12.

Lindsay (Trenton) said his team (now 5-5 in the American Collegiate Hockey Association) wanted to quickly wipe away the disappointment of Friday's 8-5 loss to Northwood.

"Yesterday was come out kind of slow, and that was definitely a big factor coming into

today's game," said Lindsay, who did score in the Friday road contest. "We all came out hard in the beginning. Right from the get go everybody's getting shots on net, working as hard as they possible could."

"(Zach) Nichols scored twice this game, he's moving the puck well, and our goaltending was phenomenal. (Bryan) Donaldson was a brick wall to-night."

Both teams played an uptempo first period, although Donaldson had the tougher chances. He stopped 17 of 18 shots in the frame, which ended 1-1.

Schoolcraft's first goal of the night was scored by Tanner Sweitzer (Garden City), who gloved a puck down at the blue line to keep it from being cleared out of the Timberwolves zone, cut inside and flipped a backhand over Campbell's trapper.

Letting it go

In the second is where the Ocelots turned up the heat and they took the lead for good at 2:43 on a tally by freshman forward and Livonia Franklin alum Brendan Nutting.

Just over a minute later, the lead was 3-1 thanks to a goal by freshman forward and Salem alum Zach Goleniak. Setting up the goal were linemates Spencer Kovacs (Livonia Churchill) and Vinnie Glenn (Livonia Stevenson).



Setting up in front of Northwood University goalie Brenden Campbell is Schoolcraft forward and Salem alum Zach Goleniak (No. 17).

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Both Glenn and Kovacs had their shots stopped in the low slot, and Goleniak got to the second rebound and chipped the puck in.

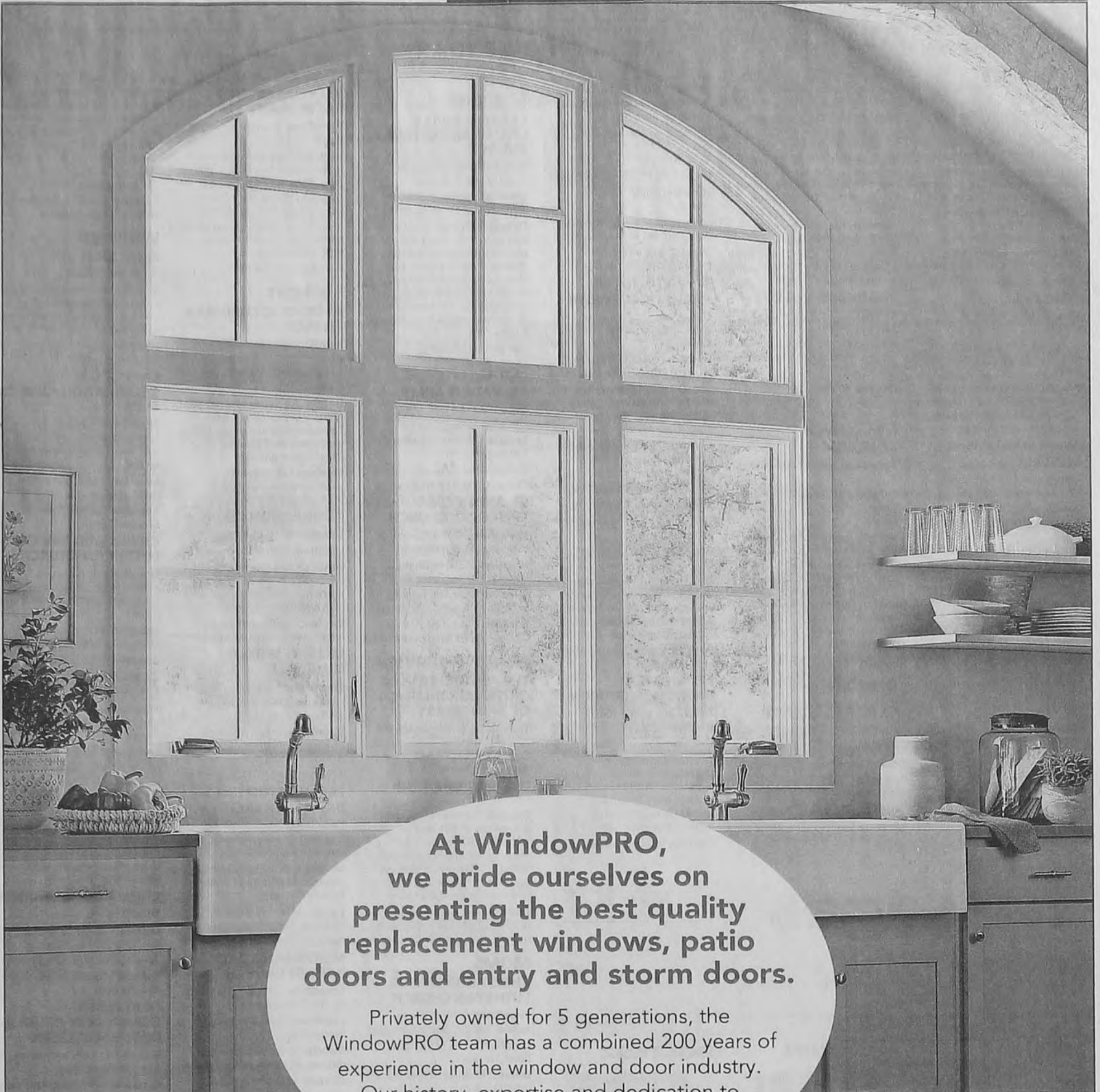
"Vinnie threw it up to Kovacs and he kept trying," Goleniak said. "Just got to keep crashing the net, make sure you go to the net hard. Hopefully it pops out and goes in."

The rout was on when Nichols scored back-to-back goals — the first a shorthanded marker — to open up a 5-1 advantage after two periods.

Nichols skated down the right wing and snapped a high shot past Campbell at 8:30, just seven seconds after forward Owen Kates (Garden City/Cabrini) was penalized.

"That gave us a lot of momentum after that goal," Andrew Lindsay said. "It put the other team down; they're the one supposed to be scoring on the power play."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12
Location: Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Pianists Ralph and Albertine Votapek play music by Mozart, Gershwin and more. Tickets are \$28 general admission and \$25 for seniors and students. Order tickets from Joyce Chersch 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 Ehnes 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

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

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; nancyel-len879@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.livoniast-michael.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/stinno-

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EXERCISE CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FOOD SALVATION ARMY

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12
ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. second Saturday of the month
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Food pantry assists nutritional needs of the needy
Contact: 734-421-8451; standrewsepiscopalchurchlivonia.org

HEALING SERVICE THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badean at sbadean@tbsosm.com

MOMS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

DUNNING PARK BIBLE CHAPEL

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767
PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER ST. EDITH CHURCH

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223
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ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month
Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth
Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, 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, AAAA 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.firesidehog.org; or email to adm@firesidehog.org

ST. THOMAS A' BECKET THOMAS

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.celbrate-recovery.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
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a

humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP ADAT SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

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

CELEBRATION CHURCH, ELCA

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, with an education hour at 11 a.m. Social hour follows the service.
Location: 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-421-0749; celebrationLCA.com

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830

CONGREGATION BET CHAVERIM

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month
Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton
Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore
Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

CROSSROADS CHURCH

Time/Date: 10:45 a.m. Sunday
Location: Lower level of Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Non-denominational
Contact: crossroadsnow.org; 734-338-5149

DEVON AIRE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Time/Date: 10:45 a.m. coffee, 11 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 9435 Henry Ruff Road at W. Chicago Road, Livonia
Details: Service with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Sunday school and child care
Contact: 313-550-4301

DUE SEASON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study
Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia
Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.
Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month
Contact: 248-349-2345; faithcommunity-novi.org

FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN CHURCH

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays, Soul Retention Discipleship classes, 4 p.m. Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

GARDEN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicapped parking
Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road
Contact: 734-421-7620

GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Contact: 734-427-3660

GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (WELS)

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile, Novi
Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

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HAAS



CATHY D. Age 60, November 2, 2016. Beloved wife of Tom. Loving mother of Christine (Kenneth) Douglass and Kimberly Haas. Dear grandmother of Joshua and Jacob. A Memorial Visitation will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday, November 12th from 9 a.m. until her Memorial Service at 12 Noon. Memorial Contributions may be directed to Angela Hospice. Please share a memory at
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KEEHL



ROY HAROLD November 2, 2016 age 86 of Westland. Beloved husband of Doris Keehl. Loving father of Kevin (Suzie) Bewersdorf. Dear brother-in-law of Carol (Ronald) Bobby. Proud uncle of Karen (Dennis) McGuinn, Robert (Rebecca) Gorney, Elizabeth (Scott) Freeman and the late William (Barbara) Gorney. Also leaves five great nieces and nephews; one great-great nephew. Gathering Monday 10:30 a.m. until the 11:30 a.m. Memorial Service at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 N. Venoy Road, Westland.

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MALOUIN



MARY CONSTANCE (CONNIE) Age 92, passed away on October 27, 2016. Loving wife of the late Albert James Malouin. Beloved mother of Pamela Malouin, John Malouin (Marcia), and Jean Malouin. Preceded in death by her son Albert James Malouin Jr. Proud grandmother of Julie Alspach (Vance), Rebecca Malouin (Kevin Fitzgerald), and Curt Malouin (Joan Wang). Dear great-grandmother of Michael Alspach, Danny Alspach, Emily Alspach, Maya Malouin, Grace Fitzgerald, and Colin Fitzgerald. Throughout her life she loved to travel, garden, read, play with her cats, and most of all spend time with her family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all. A mass and memorial service to celebrate her life are being planned for a later date. Contributions in her memory can be made to the Michigan Humane Society at <http://www.michiganhumane.org/>.

MARTIN



BEVERLY June 27, 1953 - October 30, 2016, of Wayne Michigan, age 63. She had a passion for camping, making children happy, loved to scare and prank others for her entertainment. She leaves behind long time partner Edward Day, daughters Donna (David) Tucker and Katherine Martin, grandchildren Keith Harvey and Shyanna Martin, sisters Linda Draper, Julie Dukes and brothers Michael and Jon Dukes.



SOLTESZ



ELLEN JANE Kathleen Aug. 15, 1929 - Nov. 7, 2016. Age 87, of Jonesville and formerly of Livonia, died peacefully in her sleep on Monday, November 7, 2016 at Drews Country Living in Hillsdale. She was born August 15, 1929 in Detroit to Elmer and Genevieve (Besler) Gohike. Jane married Joseph John Soltesz on April 7, 1953 and he survives. Jane graduated and received her teaching certificate from Wayne State University where she was actively involved in the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. She worked as a kindergarten teacher in the Ferndale school system. Jane also taught story time classes to preschoolers in the Livonia school system. She attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsdale and was a former Girl Scout Leader and PTA President. In their retirement, Jane and her husband, Joe, enjoyed volunteering for Greenmead Historical Village and the Historical Commission in Livonia. In addition to her husband, Joe, Jane is survived by four children, Deborah (Kyle Harris) Soltesz of Brazoria, Texas, Laurel (Robert) Jones of St. Louis, Missouri, Christopher (Ann) Soltesz of Arlington, Texas and Sara (Anthony) Lisznyai of Jonesville; six grandchildren, Justin Jones, Nathan (Kate) Jones, Eric Lisznyai, Daniel Soltesz, Elyse Lisznyai and Matthew Soltesz and one great granddaughter, Hadley Jones. Jane was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Janice Aiken and a brother in infancy. Funeral services for Ellen Jane Soltesz will be Friday, November 11, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsdale with Pastor Dan Johnson officiating. The family will receive friends for visitation on Thursday from 5-9 p.m. at the VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home in Hillsdale. Memorial donations are suggested to the Livonia Historical Commission c/o Greenmead, 20510 Newburgh Rd, Livonia, Michigan, 48152. Please visit www.eaglefuneralhomes.com to leave online condolences.

WRIGHT

GLENN JEANNE (WILSON) aged 66, passed away peacefully November 6, 2016. She is survived by her husband, David Wright; daughter Jessica (Wright) Smithling; father Glenn Wilson; brothers Bryan and Kenneth Wilson; sister Gail (Wilson) Horn; their spouses, and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her mother, Lorraine June Wilson and daughter, Melissa Renee Wright.

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