

Ex-pastor faces trial on church theft charges

Priest is accused of stealing from Resurrection

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A retired Catholic priest who once led Resurrection Parish in Canton has been ordered to stand trial on charges he stole money and property from the church. The Rev. Eugene Katcher, 71, could face up to four years in prison if he is convicted in Wayne County Circuit Court on three counts of larceny involving allegations he stole money from the collection plate and other donations parishioners made to the church.

Katcher, also accused of stealing property such as church wine, is facing trial after he voluntarily waived his right to a preliminary exam last Friday in 35th District Court in Plymouth. He has been released on a personal bond as he awaits trial.

A message was left Monday for his defense attorney. Katcher, banned from his former church, came under investigation last spring after the Archdiocese of Detroit was

made aware of potential wrongdoing, the archdiocese has said. The probe led to authorities being contacted. The amount of money



Katcher

Katcher is accused of taking hasn't been divulged, though authorities say the crimes occurred from early 2016 until

early 20 July of this year.

Katcher served as pastor of Resurrection in Canton from 2014 until July.

He already had planned to retire before his arrest in July,

the archdiocese has said. He had reached what is termed senior priest status, but after his arrest he was restricted from public ministry. That means he cannot celebrate Mass or the sacraments in a church setting, wear a Roman collar or present himself as a priest.

In its news release, the archdiocese said it "takes seri-

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Curtain up!

Race to replace Trott taking shape

Raczkowski and Epstein joining the 2018 contest

Todd Spangler Detroit Free Press

The race to replace U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, in Congress got a lot clearer Monday as two Republicans entered the field.

Businesswoman Lena Epstein of Bloomfield Hills who co-chaired President Donald Trump's campaign in Michigan last year — said she will run for the seat, abandoning a four-month-old bid for the U.S. Senate next year.

"I cannot ignore the requests from supporters, grassroots Republicans and business leaders from throughout southeast Michigan who want to be sure that Republicans nominate the strongest possible candidate to hold this congressional seat," Epstein said in a campaign statement.

Her announcement came just hours after former state Rep. Andrew (Rocky) Raczkowski of Troy tossed his hat in the ring to replace from chiding those who were not more upfront about their aspirations regarding it. "The younger version of me would have sent some post/email full of political platitudes and statements which would leave everyone guessing about my intentions," Raczkowski said. "I'm running and we're going to win. Period.'



Joe Kvoriak is director at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

New director has plan to take Canton's Village Theater to next level

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He saw his first stage production of "Macbeth" at age 7, played the role of a news anchor in fourth grade in "Santa Sings the Blues" and wrote a 10-minute play about astronomy and mythology in middle school.

Joe Kvoriak, 34, found his calling in the arts early in life after his older sister began taking him to plays and art museums. "I loved it," he said. "I became hooked."

Kvoriak's long and winding career has brought him to his leading role at the 400-seat Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton, where he made his debut this year as performing arts coordinator.

He's easy to spot. He's the energetic man wearing one of his 17 — and counting — bow ties.

"I consider it part of the

uniform," he said with a laugh, sitting in the theater lobby during an interview.

Kvoriak Kvoriak exudes energy and passion for his profession and his job. He has won over the likes of Jennifer Provenzano, Canton cultural arts supervisor.

"He's got a ton of enthusiasm," she said. Kvoriak, a Detroit resident, grew up in Eastpointe. His father repaired radios and his mother was a bank teller, yet a career in the arts beckoned him. He loved acting and being involved in all facets of theater.

He earned his bachelor's degree in fine arts from Wayne State University, dabbling in acting and working long hours for the Hilberry

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Ben Carson coming to Livonia next month

The Rev. Joseph Marquis (right) is shown with Michael Jones,

Award in 2014 on behalf of philanthropist and Domino's Pizza

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St. Nicholas Institute

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accepted the St. Nicholas Institute's Lifetime Achievement

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Santa Claus is coming to town. So is the secretary of Housing and Urban Development. HUD Secretary Dr. Ben Carson and his wife





ing the sixth annual St. Nicholas In-

Candy are

expected to

stitute Awards Gala at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

The Rev. Joseph Marquis, priest at Sacred Heart and director of the institute, said the Carsons will be honored for their work through their foundation. The invite went out earlier this year and Marquis said he was "stunned" when he heard the couple planned on attending.

"Our committee thought he would be an outstanding person," Marquis said. "I think he's given away \$3.5 million away in scholar-

ships. The Carsons will be recognized with the St. Nicholas Institute Lifetime Achievement Award, the same award Mike and Marian Ilitch received last year.

The gala, now in its sixth year, takes place during the same week the

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ously every allegation involving inappropriate conduct of clergy, church personnel or volunteers."

Moreover, the archdiocese conducts a financial audit of parishes every

three years. And each parish must have a parishioner-led finance council to advise the pastor in oversight and control of parish financial affairs.

Parish employees, parishioners, volunteers, vendors and other parties can report confidentially any concerns relat-

ed to financial matters to EthicsPoint, an independent, third-party company, at 855-234-9774.

Anyone with knowledge of any misconduct by a member of the clergy, church personnel or volunteer may also contact the Archdiocese of Detroit at 866-343-8055. Matters involving pos-

Some tickets remain for the gala and are \$60 apiece. Those interested in attended the gala can order them at stnicholasinstitute.org.

St. Nicholas Express event

In addition to the event at Sacred Heart in October, Marquis said he's working on creating another event closer to Christmas for local disadvantaged families.

Donations are currently being accepted for the St. Nicholas Institute Christmas Express, an event taking place in December designed to give children and families down on their luck a magical Christmas experience.

Marquis said there will be a train theme for the evening, which connects the magic of Christmas with the iconic model train, reminiscent of Christmastime past. He's hoping to raise \$5,000 to bring an incredible evening for families that night.

Donations can be given through the St. Nicholas Institute for the event as well.

'We want to let them know that someone out there loves them and the spirit of Christmas is alive and well," he said,.

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Theatre box office. While working toward his master's degree in theater management at Wayne State, he worked in marketing, alumni relations and student management.

Despite his love of Detroit and the Wayne State area, he and wife Keara, who also has acted, moved amid the recession to Chicago, where Kvoriak had an internship with the American Theater Co.

"It was a hard time to get a job with theater companies," Kvoriak said.

Rather than sever ties with Detroit, though, he sold his car and kept an apartment here.

Coming home in 2010, he got a job as marketing director for the Jewish Ensemble Theatre of West Bloomfield. He and Keara had a son Sean, now 6, and Kvoriak took a second job as a bartender for Park Bar in Detroit, where he also opened a second-floor entertainment venue that featured

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The entry of Epstein

and Raczkowski suggests

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State Sen. Marty Knol-

the field to replace Trott



Joe Kvoriak has big plans for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

everything from Shakespeare productions to a performance by rock band Bush.

The struggles of two jobs weighed heavy, though.

'I wanted one good job," he said.

He found it at his alma mater, Wayne State, working as an assistant to the head of theater management and coordinating special events and recruiting efforts. He continued to develop his skills, but eventually came to realize that he

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Then he heard about the Village Theater job after Jennifer Tobin, Canton's former performing arts coordinator, retired last year. He applied and got the job.

Kvoriak said the Canton job appealed to him because it gave him a chance to help local theater groups produce their own shows while bringing in outside talent and creating a vision for the Village Theater.

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Meanwhile, Epstein's

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for a fourth six-year

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"My passion in life is running a theater," he said.

Provenzano said Kvoriak's leadership is ushering in "a cool, eclectic mix of arts happenings that we're really excited about.'

Consider: » For the 50th anniversary of The Beatles'

'Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band" album, The Mersey Beatles from Liverpool are performing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, accompanied by a book signing

businessman and Iraq War veteran, is considering getting into the race as is Robert Ritchie the musician the world knows as Kid Rock "Kid Rock for U.S. Sen-

ate." Epstein's campaign is linked with John Yob, a well-known west Michigan political strategist who last year helped elected U.S. Rep. Jack Bergman, R-Watersmeet, and had a role in both Trott's election and, before him, the election of U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, who won

with John Lennon's sister and author, Julia Baird.

» Celebrating the 1980s, metro Detroit band Square Pegz will perform during an '80s secondchance prom featuring music of Madonna, Cyndi Lauper, Duran Duran, the B-52s, Blondie and Bananarama, among other groups. It's coming next June 2

"If someone had a bad prom night, they can reinvent it as an adult," Kvoriak said

» Inspired by Cirque de Soleil, "The Underwa-ter Bubble Show" is coming Nov. 25 with a blend of drama, mime, dance, puppetry, juggling, contortionist acts and magic. It uses laser technology to create soap bubble tornadoes and snow cannons. Some performers will actually be in large, plastic bubbles on stage.

» Coming next April, "LoveFest: The Beloved Shall Not Be Named" strikes back against hate crimes with an eclectic celebration of love through the music and dance of Sikhs and Muslims. It features Souad Massi, a popular songwriter in the Arabic-

after former U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter stepped

Running as Democrats for the seat are Haley Stevens, the former chief of staff to former President Barack Obama's auto task force, and Fayrouz Saad, who worked for the Department of Homeland Security and as director of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan's Office of Immigrant Affairs. Several others are considering getting into the race as well.

Epstein's campaign, in its statement Monday, said funds raised for her Senate bid will be transferred to her congressional campaign according to Federal Election Commission rules.

speaking world, and twotime Juno award winner Kiran Ahluwalia.

"I think this is a great choice because it reflects our diverse community in Canton and it's a beautiful way to learn about other cultures," Provenzano said.

» In January, the "Simon and Garfunkel Central Park Experience" will transport the Village Theater back to a 1981 concert in New York's Central Park as a ninepiece cover band performs a tribute called "Old Friends."

For more on Village Theater shows, tickets and other information, go to http://www.canton villagetheater.org.

Kvoriak is excited about things to come at the Village Theater. He wants to build on its audience and draw in new visitors to sit alongside the regulars as they watch top-tier entertainment.

And except for Kvoriak, bow ties are optional.

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Lena Epstein greets Donald Trump during a campaign stop in 2016.



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who as recently as last week said he has not yet made up his mind about whether to run, even though he has authorized the sale of T-shirts saying

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Picnic celebrates Vietnam veterans

For years, members of the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 have hosted a special event celebrating the contributions of Vietnamera veterans and their families and this year will be no different.

The 50th Commemorative Veteran Event, which takes place Sept 30 at the Plymouth VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill Street, is free to all Vietnam veterans and their families as a way to say "thank you for their service."

There will be valuable information for veterans, including hepatitis C and Agent Orange information, benefits information, information about veterans services and an honor and remember flag ceremony.

The highlight of the event will be a ceremony for the presentation of a 50th Vietnam commemorative pin to all Vietnam veterans who attend and a thank you to all family members.

"This is an important event for local Vietnam veterans to attend, not only to be recipients of the 50th commemorative pin, receive important veterans benefits in-

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Vietnam veterans who attend the Sept. 30 barbecue will receive a 50th commemorative pin.

formation, but also to spend some time with fellow veterans and their families," said Vietnam veteran Bob Dew, who helped coordinate the event.

The event takes place 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cider and fresh-baked doughnuts will be served in the morning and the barbecue runs 1-5 p.m.

Outside, there will be military equipment on display and games for all ages. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs due to limited tables outside.

For more information, call the Plymouth VFW Post at 734-459-6700.

PARC bringing back buddy fitness program 30 minutes of nutritional

education.

The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex announced that it is bringing the popular Buddy Up Fitness Challenge back to Plymouth.

The program will begin Saturday, Sept. 23, and run for eight consecutive weeks, ending Nov. 11.

The Buddy Up Fitness Challenge is a life-chang-ing and innovative community health program led by the hit TV show "Biggest Loser" finalist Buddy Shuh, who will use his life experiences to help individuals make

Man gives up \$500, **Social Security** number in scam

A 24-year-old man lost \$500 in iTunes gift cards and gave his Social Security number to a caller apparently posing as an Internal Revenue Service representative, a police report said.

The Plymouth Township man was told after he contacted the IRS that he had become the victim of a scam.

The man told police he received a call Aug. 31 saying he would be arrested if he didn't provide his Social Security number and send \$500 from iTunes gift cards, the report said. He complied, providing his personal information and giving out iTunes gift card numbers to the caller.

He filed a police report to document the incident. Authorities have repeatedly warned residents to beware of such scams.

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Participants are divided up into teams, led by volunteer "team captains" who will mentor, inspire and support their teammates to success throughout the program. Participants will meet 8:30-9:30 a.m. each Saturday for 30 minutes of exercise and

The cost to participants is \$50 and includes five workouts led by profes-

sional trainers from Z Spot Fitness, a program sponsor; eight weekly meetings providing information about fitness and nutrition led by Shuh; a fun "warehouse" bootcamp style workout; a before-and-after physical assessment; support provided by teammate, and led by a captain; a T-shirt; a binder compiling program information and

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Hit and run

A Canton woman accused of fleeing the scene of a two-vehicle accident in Plymouth Township was arrested in neighboring Canton Township for driv-ing while impaired after police tracked her down, a report said.

A police officer on routine patrol was flagged down by a pedestrian about 8:45 p.m. Sept. 10 in the area of Ann Arbor Road and Main Street. At the scene, a 37-year-old man told police his 2015 Dodge Ram truck had been hit from behind by a 2005 Ford Escape, whose driver fled.

He told police he had stopped for a red traffic light when his truck was hit. He and the other driver agreed to pull into a nearby parking lot, but he said she then hit a pole and sudden-ly drove off — but not before used his smart phone to get a picture of her. The photo showed the brown-haired woman wear-

ing a long-sleeved top, smoking a cigarette and talking on her phone, the report said.

Police in neighboring Canton spotted the Ford Escape in a grocery store parking lot and approached the woman. She was taken into custody for operating while impaired.

Reckless driving

Plymouth Township police charged a man with reckless driving after he fled during an attempted traffic stop, nearly hitting a woman and her dog as he

sped away, a report said. Police spotted the 42-year-old Plymouth man driving a 2003 Mercury Grand Marquis that matched the description of a vehicle wanted for an unrelated crime in Washtenaw County, the report said

Police tried to stop the driver near Wilson and Jefferson, but he sped off and led police on a brief pursuit before he pulled

special offers provided by local business; and a free week of fitness classes from the Z Spot Fitness.

Registration is open online at https://PARC.reg-fox.com/buddy-up-ply-mouth-2017. Walk-in regis-tration will also be available at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, during the Buddy Up Kickoff Event at PARC, and Saturday, Sept. 23, before the first session begins.

For more information, contact PARC at 734-927-4090.

into a driveway. Police saw him throw a liquor bottle out the window as he was driving, the report said.

The man told police he fled because he had an expired license plate and a small amount of marijuana. He was facing charges such as reckless driving, the report said.

Wheel thefts

Thieves made off with tires and rims worth \$23,867 from six vehicles after sneaking in at night to the Suburban Cadillac lot on Ann Arbor Road, near Interstate 275, a report said

The car dealership reported the theft occurred between 6 p.m. Aug. 30 and 7:30 a.m. the following day. The wheels were taken from Cadillac XT5 and Cadillac CTS vehicles.

The thieves left the vehicles on landscaping blocks, the report said.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Dog left in Jeep for an hour as temps top 80

A couple admitted they left their pet dog in a hot Jeep for an hour while they shopped inside the airconditioned Lowe's Home Improvement store on Ford Road in Canton, a police report said.

A witness phoned police after she saw the dog in the Jeep, with the windows partially rolled down, as temperatures topped 80 degrees about 6 p.m. Sunday.

Police arrived and found a black dog with a thick coat of hair, panting heavily with no water, the report said. Police tracked down the couple, who said they had been inside Lowe's for an hour. However, they insisted they take good care of their dog, the report said.

The incident prompted police to issue a citation for animal cruelty.

Shot fired in home

Police confiscated three handguns after a Canton man said he accidentally fired a shot inside a home in the 42300 block of Gloria, near Lilley and Cherry Hill roads, a report said.

The 36-year-old man told police he had been cleaning one of the guns when he accidentally fired a round into the living room ceiling about 1:30 p.m. Sunday. No one was injured.

His wife notified police, however, saying her gun-owning husband had been depressed and that they have been having marital problems. The report indicated she was concerned about the situation.

Before police arrived, the wife had put three guns in a dresser drawer and placed numerous rounds of ammunition in the basement. The man told police his wife didn't want weapons in the home. He agreed to allow police to confiscate the guns for now for safe-keeping. day. The company owner told police he has had issues in the past with teens loitering outside of the building.

Family tussle

A 50-year-old Canton man summoned police amid claims his stepson, 21, may have pointed a gun to his head after they tussled inside a home in the 41200 block of Wyndchase, near Haggerty and Cherry Hill.

The stepson, however, said he only used his vaporizing pen when the incident unfolded about 11 a.m. Sept. 12, a police report said.

The stepfather told police he had been ironing his work uniform when his stepson told him to move, ending with the two wrestling. The stepfather then picked up a phone his stepson had dropped, the report said.

The stepfather went into his bedroom, but the stepson came up behind him, pointed something to his head and demanded his phone, the report said.

The stepson got his phone and left the room. As he walked away, it appeared he was holding a gun, the stepfather told police. The stepson does have two BB guns, the report said, but he said he wasn't using either of them.

Police took him into custody for felonious assault.

— By Darrell Clem

Democratic candidate for governor comes to Livonia

David Veselenak hometownlife.com

It didn't take long for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill Cobbs to bring up the big state election news from the week during his talk Sept. 14 with the Livonia Democratic Club.

Cobbs, a Farmington Hills resident, said it's important for the party to find someone who can challenge perhaps the biggest name that's announced on the Republican side of things: Attorney General Bill Schuette.

"We, as Democrats, have to got to think about two things when selecting our next candidate for governor in this state. The first thing is: does that candidate have a solid, executable platform to deliver for the future of Michigan," he said. "No. 2 is equally important: it has to be a candidate who can go toe-to-toe with Bill Schuette and beat him."

Cobbs, a former Detroit police officer and vice president at Xerox, spoke to about 15 people during his presentation at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library in Livonia. He talked about several pieces of his platform, including education, revising the state's tax code, natural resources and infrastructure.

He talked about wanting to launch initiatives to continue replacing pipes in Flint, which continues to recover from the water crisis that left tens of thousands



Farmington Hills resident and gubernatorial candidate Bill Cobbs speaks to members of the Livonia Democratic Club. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

without clean drinking water. Cobbs said it's imperative to be proactive about replacing lead pipes across the state, because if a similar incident took place in an area with a higher population, it could lead to millions not having access to clean drinking water.

"If you have a Flint happen in Detroit, we have a catastrophe in southeast Michigan," he said. "If you think Flint was bad, it doesn't even begin to approach the magnitude of the problem we could be dealing with."

Cobbs is one of several candidates on the Democratic side that have announced their candidacy. Also running in next year's race are former state Sen. Gretchen Whitmer, former executive director of the Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion Abdul ElSayed and Ann Arbor businessman Shri Thanedar.

On the GOP side, the biggest name, Schuette, announced his candidacy in Midland this past week. Also running is state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, who lives in Canton and whose district includes Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Livonia and Wayne, and Saginaw resident Dr. Jim Hines. It's widely expected Lt. Gov. Brian Calley will throw his name in the ring, but he has not officially announced his candidacy.

All are running to replace Gov. Rick Snyder, who is term-limited and cannot run again. The primary election takes place in August, with the general election happening in November 2018.

Cobbs also talked about his plan to revise the state's tax laws. Under his plan, he said he'd introduce a progressive tax plan that would see increases for those making more than \$200,000 a year. The top earners, those making more than \$600,000 a year, would pay about 10 percent in state income tax each year.

"We will generate, by going to a progressive state income tax, an increment of \$3.4 to \$3.8 billion and we will use that money to service our infrastructure bonds," he said. "So I'm not going to have to go to the citizens and say, 'I need more money' to pay for our infrastructure projects."

The Livonia Democratic Club expects to host other candidates in the coming months: Thanedar is expected to visit in October, while Whitmer has been invited to speak in January.

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Trees vandalized

An insurance company owner notified police after vandals damaged two trees on his property in the 7200 block of Sheldon, near Warren, a report said.

One magnolia tree was damaged after some type of tool, likely an ax, was used to cut into the bark. A second tree had several branches cut off and also had damaged bark, the report said.

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Heritage Festival marks Northville's sesquicentennial

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A stilt walker and a juggler roamed the streets, community groups raised money for various causes, oldschool baseball was played at Ford Field and thousands of people visited downtown Northville during the Heritage Festival last weekend

The festival, which was Friday through Sunday, was a celebration of Northville's roots in the 1800s and a commemoration of the 150th anniversary of its incorporation as a village in 1867. The Victorian Parade marchers dress in Victorian-era garb — kicked off the festival Friday and the Northville Eclipse Base Ball Club, which plays using 1860s rules, took to Ford Field both Saturday and Sunday

Other highlights in-cluded the Victorian Saloon beer tent Friday and Saturday evenings, the Kiwanis pancake breakfast Saturday, horse-drawn carriage rides Saturday and Sunday and Saturday's percerts of the era.

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Samuel Sofroni of Canton enjoys the petting zoo at this year's Heritage Festival in downtown Northville. TOM BEAUDOIN



Northville resident Paige Tracy looks at plants that were available at this year's Heritage Festival as her boyfriend, Drew Wiser, looks on.





Walker Donahee of Northville declares he came in first place at the Heritage Festival 500 during the annual festival held in Northville this past weekend.



Northville's Meads Mill and Hillside middle school students Joshua Chacko, Eeshan Khandelwal, Andrew Xiong and Rahul Dalvj were part of the annual Heritage Festival as they let people have a hands-on experience with the robots they've created.



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Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society opens its 13th season at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road.

Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers. Sign-up for open mic starts at 6:15 p.m. and ends at 6:40 p.m. Performances are the third Saturday of each month, September through May.

Fall activities

Enjoy an afternoon filled with festive treats and fall activities 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, hosted by the Canton Historical Society at the Bartlett-Travis House, 500 N. Ridge Road.

Make a craft to take home and learn more about what Canton farmers would be doing in early fall to prepare for the coming winter.

Tickets are \$25 each and available at the Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway in Canton). Seating is limited.

Volunteer tutor training sessions

The Plymouth-Canton **Community Literacy** Council is a volunteer, nonprofit organization aiming to improve conversation literacy skills for adults who speak English as a Second Language. CLC provides free one-on-one tutors and conversation group tutors in the Plymouth-Canton community. Volunteer literacy tutors do not need any prior experience.

Tutors receive comprehensive training before volunteering in a setting of their choice for up to two hours each week. The next training class, which includes 12 hours of instruction spread out over two days, will be held the following dates: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21.

Community Literacy Council charges \$40 for each tutor to cover the cost of training, materials and food. Advance reservations are required and can be made proof of city or township residency, which can be done with a driver's license, voter ID card, water bill or property tax bill

Michigan Mobile Hard Drive Shredding will also be on site to securely dispose of old and unused hard drives.

For more information, email the city at shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us or the township's Sarah Visel at svisel@plymouth twp.org.

Patriot Golf Day

The inaugural Patriot Golf Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, to benefit Folds of Honor.

Tickets are \$125 and include 18 holes of golf with a cart, open driving range, lunch at the turn, event dinner with open bar and awards. Contests include hole-in-one, longest drive, closest to the pin, gift raffle, 50/50 raffle, mulligan and skins.

Registration is at 7:30 a.m. Shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. Lunch at the turn is 10:30 a.m. and dinner and awards are at 2:30 p.m

For more information, email foldsmichigan@ gmail.com.

Livonia Town Hall speakers

The Livonia Town Hall announces the speakers for its 54th season:

» Oct. 18. Marc Lapadula, a playwright, screenwriter, and award winning film producer will speak to us on the history of the cinema and how films have affected American culture and society

» Nov. 15. Francine Segan, a food historian is known as one of America's foremost experts on many countries' cuisines. She is a public speaker, TV personality and will relate to us on "The World's Most Luxurious Foods" as well as the trends on food since

World War II. » Jan. 17, 2018. Chuck Underwood is one of the researchers who did a comprehensive study in the field of generational dynamics and strategies. He is the creator and host of the Nationaltelevision PBS series which presents life stories of the Silent Boomer, Gen X, and Millennial generations from each

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era and what the future holds in store for them.

» March 21, 2018. Elliot Engel, an American author, writer, scholar, lecturer, and playwright will narrate the stories of Cornelius Vanderbilt family from the 18th century to Gloria Vanderbilt and her designer jeans.

Tickets are \$150 for the season which includes lunch and lecture or \$180 for priority seating. Programs are held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. Call 734-751-1898 for tickets between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Music at the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Tuesday, Sept. 26, Sean Dobbins' Rising Star Program will feature Peyton Miller. This 17year-old vibraphone expert will be joined by Sean Dobbins on drums, Corey Kendrick on keyboards and Jeff Pedraz on bass.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks @gmail.com.

A Night to **R.E.M.ember**

Sweet Dreamzzz, a local nonprofit, is hosting A Night to R.E.M.ember on Friday, Oct. 20, and it needs help to make it an unforgettable evening.

'Dream for Success" is the theme of the night, promoting how a consistent, good night's sleep is key to good health, overall well-being and academic success for young students. Sweet Dreamzzz works to teach children and their families about the proper steps to take at bedtime, the amount of time required for a good night's rest and provides these children in need with bedtime essentials like sleeping bags, blankets, toothbrushes, toothpaste and nightshirts, to give them their best chance at success.

Historical Museum and will feature both a live and silent auction, a delicious strolling dinner provided by Forte Belanger, open bar, emcee

> Iron Mike Racey and auctioneer Steve Gross. Sponsorship opportu-nities are available ranging from \$100 to \$15,000.

Donors are also needed for both the live and silent auctions. Items of interest include but are not limited to: restaurant gift certificates, overnight hotel stays, local activities, rounds of golf, signed memorabilia, technology, jewelry, art-work, and new household items.

Contact Sweet Dreamzzz executive director Nancy Maxwell at 248-478-3242 or nancymaxwell@sweet dreamzzz.org for more information.

Fordson class reunion

Fordson High School, Class of 1954, will hold a 63rd reunion luncheon Thursday, Oct. 5, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Stitt American Legion Hall, Post 232 in Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 248-859-4187 or email Pat Gaston Chiesa at patch629@aol.com.

Franklin High reunion

Livonia Franklin High School will hold its class of 1970 reunion 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, at Karls Cabin, 6005 Godfredson Road, Plymouth.

Cost is \$55 per person. Seating is limited to 100 people. The Dale Hicks Band performing in restaurant at 9 p.m. There will be dinner and a group photo.

For more information, contact Jeff Kind at 734-788-8346 or jjkind@att.net.

Livonia Farmers Market

The Livonia Farmers Market is held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Wilson Barn. Local crafters selling unique handmade items, local vendors and farmers with a variety of goods to the community at great prices. Wilson Barn is at 29350 W. Chicago St.

is scheduled for Nov. 9-11 at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth.

Join ranking mental health professionals, employee and union leadership, clergy, people who have lost their loved ones to suicide and people who have survived suicide attempts at this three-day event focused on suicide prevention and healing.

This year's conference is focused on five key themes: research and therapeutic modalities,

youth and education, veterans and active military, suicide prevention in the workplace and Surviving Suicide: a Jour-ney of Healing and Hope. Single-day registrations and Continuing Education credits are available.

Registration is \$75 (one day) or \$200 (three days) before Sept. 30 and \$100 or \$300 after. For more information or to register, go to https:// kevinssong.org/conference/.



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Beatrice Lillian passed away September 15, 2017 at the age of 90. Loving wife of the late Robert for over 50 years. Beloved mother of Christopher and Russell (Pamela). Cherished grandmother of Margaret (Timothy) Kovalcik and Mackenzie. Dear sister of Eileen McIntyre and Richard (Frances) Globke. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 20th at Grace Lutheran Church. Interment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorials can be made to Grace Lutheran Church. www. harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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Ballard



75, passed away peacefully at her home in Houghton Lake on September 15 2017, from complications of ALS. Born in Detroit, she spent over thirty years as a secretary for the Livonia Public Schools. A breast cancer survivor, she

Fahle, dear friend John

at 11:30 am on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, please

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Delinda Littleton age 73, of Bloomfield, MI, died September 7, 2017 in Wilmington, NC. Preceded in death by her parents, James and Della Littleton. She is Dupliced by her best friend survived by her best friend and husband of 52 years John Blamy, sons Matthew, Christopher and David (Jennifer), 7 grandchildren and siblings, David, Judy and Jeffrey, as well as 9 nieces and nephews. A graduate of Albion College, she was a teacher in Michigan and Germany. She engaged in community service and volunteer work for many years. Her enjoyment in retirement was spending time with her grandchildren, the beach, family, friends and entertaining She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, The Village Club and The Junior League of Birmingham. She will be greatly missed and was dearly loved. Memorials may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice & Life Care Center, 1406 Physicians Drive Wilmington NC 28401

Brinkman



Harriet Tenney Harriet Tenney Brinkman passed away at Honor Health Scottsdale on 9/6/17, just shy of her 94 Birthday. Tenney is predeceased by her husband Robert Phillip Brinkman, father Herbert Rex Richards and /era l mo oraine M Ms. Brinkman is survived by was active in Relay for Life for her loving children Robert several years after moving to Houghton Lake. Craig Brinkman of Reno, NV and Joanne Tenney McDowell She is survived by daughters of Scottsdale, AZ. Tenney Laura (Jerry) Herships and Michele Ford, Grandchildren Hudson Herships, Trammell is lovingly remembered by her grandsons Peter Gideon Madlang, Egan Pratt and Morgan Ford, brother Brinkman, Robert Scott Douglas (Vivian) Fahle, brother-in-law William (Patricia) Brinkman and great grandson Hugh Brinkman. Tenney was Ballard, sister-in-law Karen born on the family farm in Hartford, IA October 20, 1923. She graduated from Hartford Delaney, and several beloved cousins, nieces and nephews. High School in 1941 and Preceding her in death were her beloved husband of 42 years, Robert, her parents went on to earn a bachelor degree, specializing in Child Development, from Iowa State University in 1946. ISU's first women to be named President Norman and Dimple Fahle, and brothers Vernon and LeRoy of a men's dormitory, Hughes Per her wishes, cremation has Hall. She was also named Honorary Queen of Warren Co. Iowa Historical Society taken place. Memorial Services for Mrs. Carolyn Ballard will be conducted at 11:30 am Log Cabin Days in 2013. Her Saturday September 23, 2017 hobbies were genealogy, focusing on Tenney and Richards families, and a 54 at Christler Funeral Home, Prudenville Chapel. Visitation will be held from 10:30 am year involvement in P.E.O., a philanthropic women's organization. Tenney also until the time of the service served in many leadership make a memorial donation to AfterHoursDenver.org, positions, including Elder and Archivist, at the First (the All Welcome page gives Presbyterian Church of Birmingham,MI. She was a member for more than 60 donation information) a cause that was special to Carolyn, or please make a donation years; the Church Archives in her honor to a cause you room was named in her honor in 2016. What's in a name, believe is adding more love into the world. Condolences Tenney, "That which we call can be sent to the family online a rose by any other name would smell as sweet". She'll at christler-holdship.com Arrangements were handled be missed by all who by Christler Funeral Home, Prudenville, MI. knew and loved her. The memorial service will be held in the Chapel at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church 25150 N Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255 on October 14 at 1 pm with Reverend Wesley Avram officiating. Interment Service to take place at Hartford Cemetery, Hartford, IA 50118 on October 28 at 10 am with Reverend Kristin Pike, of The Community United Presbyterian Church, officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The First Presbyterian Church (Memorial Fund), 1669

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MI or P.E.O. Cottey College Scholarship fund , on line at www.peointernational.

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at www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org or by calling the literacy council at 734-589-0011.

Raku workshop

The Village Potters Guild in Plymouth announces a Raku Workshop on Sept. 22-23. Raku is an ancient Japanese pottery technique.

Purchase a piece of bisque pottery, glaze it, watch it being pulled red hot from the fire and take home a treasure.

Registration is \$10. Call 734-207-8807 to register.

Shred Day in Plymouth

The city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will offer a Shred Day for all residents of both communities Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon (or until trucks are filled) at the Plymouth Township Hall parking lot, 9955 N. Haggerty Road.

This marks the second Shred Day event to be hosted jointly by the township and the city this year, something leaders of both communities cite as part of their new cooperative relationship.

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Paper to be shredded shall be limited to five banker boxes on each trip. Residents can, however, make multiple trips throughout the morning. Documents can be in paper bags or boxes when brought to shredding. Documents in plastic bags must be removed.

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A Night to R.E.M.ember is the organization's largest annual fundraiser. This year's event will take place at the Detroit

Suicide prevention conference

The Silent Epidemic: A Conference on Suicide



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Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is proposing to reprogram \$32,849.60 of 2016-2017 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

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To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG funded programs

PROPOSED FUNDS TRANSFER OF YEAR 2016-2017 CDBG PROJECT FUNDING: The City of Plymouth previously programmed \$32,849.60 of CDBG funds for the contract year 2016-17 to ADA and/or Public Facility Improvements. The City of Plymouth is proposing to reprogram and transfer the \$32,849.60 from ADA Public Facility Improvements to ADA Sidewalk Improvements (sites to be determined). Below is a breakdown of the proposed transfer:

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PUBLIC HEARING:

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Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed transfer listed above. All projects must meet one of the Federal CDBG objectives. A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed transfer of \$32,849.60 of 2016-2017 CDBG funds will be held at the Plymouth City Commission Meeting on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

> Maureen Brodie, CMC City Clerk

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PREP FOOTBALL

Canton rises to Salem challenge, wins big



Canton senior running back Steven Walker bursts ahead of Salem defenders. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Rocks' attack hits wall in second half as Chiefs turn close game into 45-14 rout

> Tim Smith hometownlife.com

The Salem Rocks stormed out onto the football field Friday, stoked to have a chance to get after campus rival Canton after a five-year hiatus. But 48 minutes and 45 Can-

But 48 minutes and 45 Canton points later, it was the Chiefs doing the celebrating at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, hoisting their helmets after their 45-14 victory over the Rocks.

Canton (3-1) outscored Salem 22-0 in the second half, as the Rocks could not move the chains even once. Conversely, the Chiefs displayed a business-like offense with consistent running from senior backs Steven Walker (15 rushes, 132 yards, three TDs) and Colin Troup (22 rushes 151 yards, two TDs). "I feed off (Troup's) energy, he feeds off mine," Walker

said. "Every time I get yards, he gets yards. We keep going, 4

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HTLSPORTS GAME OF THE WEEK 5

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Our high school football coverage continues with Week 5. Remember to follow us on Twitter @HTLSports or follow individual reporters covering games listed below. A live scoreboard at www.hometownlife.com/ sports will feature tweets throughout the night starting at 5 p.m. Friday Updates on coverage can be found on our Facebook page @hometownlifesports.

Game of the Week We will have a co-Game of the Week this week, featuring:

Friday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m., Birmingham Groves at Farmington Harrison .Follow Marty Budner @BhmEccenSunday, Sept. 24, 1 p.m., Birmingham Brother Rice at Novi Catholic Central. Follow Brad Emons @BradEmons1 Other games we will cover

Friday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m., White Lake Lakeland at South Lyon East. Follow Brad Emons

Friday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m., Plymouth at Northville. Follow Tim Smith @Tim-Smith_Sports

Predictions Smith: Groves, Rice, East, Plymouth

Budner: Harrison, Rice, East, Plymouth

Emons: Groves, CC, Lakeland, Northville

THANKS, JIMMY!

Redford Union gives back to Rollin family ceremony honors 'No. 1 fan' and celebrates mom's 100th birthday

Tim Smith hometownlife.com

Redford Union's "No. 1 Fan," Jimmy Rollin, seemingly never missed any game, meet or match involving his beloved Panthers over the years.



Now that he's gone, having died from cancer July 23 at age 60, the school and community he loved so much is mak-

GIVING BACK TO COMMUNITY VICTORY DAY IS A WINNER



ing sure he will always be around.

A year-long tribute to Rollin began Friday during the Panthers' home opener against Livonia Clarenceville at Hilbert Middle School. The initials J and R are stenciled just outside the playing field

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Redford Union honored the late Jimmy Rollin last Friday, unveiling his initials now stenciled into the turf at Hilbert Middle School. Here, the Rollin family gathers around the initials. In the center is his mom Eleanor. TOM BEAUDOIN

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South Lyon players celebrate another TD with a participant during their fourth annual Victory Day. AIMEE MORR

Weather cooperates in South Lyon's fourth annual special-needs event

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Victories have been hard to come by so far this season for the South Lyon varsity football team, but even a 0-4 start couldn't dampen the mood Saturday morning as everybody came away the winner during the fourth annual Victory Day.

Lions varsity players, along with their coaches, hosted 30 special-needs students from the school district.

And the weather couldn't

have been any more cooperative after three straight soggy years.

"First of all, it was the first year it didn't rain," South Lyon head football coach Jeff Henson said. "The sun was shining and it was 80 degrees."

South Lyon players and coaching staff ran participants through a series of drills to get a taste of the whole high school football experience.

"We let them tackle dummies on the mat, let them go through agility stuff, kick field

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A Victory Day participant (front) goes through the Lions tunnel with South Lyon player Austin Trudell. AIMEE MORR

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PREP FOOTBALL Churchill's defense, fast start stymie Franklin

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The game started 13 minutes late because of some pregame festivities, but when the kickoff finally commenced, host Livonia Churchill was more than ready.

The Chargers played a near flaw-



quarter, going up 17-0, and never looked back en

route to a 24-10 KLAA Gold Division win over rival Livonia Franklin.

Drew Alsobrooks threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Tyrese Williams with 7:22 in the opening quarter. Alsobrooks also booted a 42-yard field goal to make it 10-0.

And on the first play of the second quarter, Darrell Mason Jr. ran in 4 yards for another Churchill TD to give the Char-gers a 17-point cushion. Mason, who was in-

jured in Week 2 during a 34-14 win over Northville, missed last week's game with an ankle issue in a 21-9 loss against Livonia Stevenson.

"Darrell is explosive and he was even sick early in the week, so he hasn't practiced much." Churchill coach Bill De-Fillippo said. "He's only been doing half practices when he can. So he came in and gave us a little different explosion, for sure, to help us.

Mason was questionable to go, but did his part with limited carries (14), which also included a 9-yard TD run with 11:09 left in the game to clinch the win.

"It felt pretty good," said Mason, who finished with 70 yards rushing. "Off the injury, I was a little bit iffy on how I was going to play, but actually came out pretty nice. My line did a great job

tonight. They did a great job. There was no doubt about it, I was going to come back this week. I had to."

Here are four other takeaways from the game:

CASE FOR THE DEFENSE

Churchill (3-1, 2-0) limited the Patriots to 192 yards offense. Franklin was 4-of-15 passing for 43 yards and one interception (by Churchill's Avery Grenier, with under a minute left).

"We just practiced hard all week. We knew it was going to be a tough game, but we came out on top," Churchill senior strong safety Jaren Car-ble said. "We worked hard all week and it showed on the field today.

Franklin's only TD came on the second play of the second period, when Julius Simmons ran 69 yards for a TD. Simmons finished with a game-high 99 yards on

eight carries. "Our defense was

immaculate tonight, except for that one play," Mason said. "You know, we all whiff. Overall, our defense was pretty nice tonight."

FIRING ON ALL CYLIN-DERS

Alsobrooks was an efficient 14-of-19 passing for 114 yards, including 5-of-7 for 68 yards in the opening quarter. The Chargers got a great diving 28-yard catch from Martell Dooley to set up their first TD.

"I thought we started fast," DeFillippo said. "We were getting stops on defense, changed field position, so we had a couple of short fields. Our offense was mixing it up running (and) pass pretty well. And then when they hit the run, I thought the last seven or eight minutes of the half, we kind of lost momentum a little. They forced us to punt a couple of

times. And then we knew we'd have a challenge. (Franklin) are a tough team and our kids came out and played a great second half as well. Played great on defense tonight.

SHAKY START

The Patriots (2-2, 2-1) had just 13 total yards net in the first 12:04 while falling behind, 17-0.

Coupled with bad field position, the Patriots went three-and-out three straight times and did not pick up a first down until Simmons's 69-yard TD run just 10 seconds into the second quarter.

"Didn't come out and execute right," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "That's on me. I didn't have them ready. Whatever it was, we just weren't ready to play in that first quarter."

The Patriots outrushed Churchill, 149-110, but came up 14 points short. Franklin did close the gap to 17-10 on Brad

Gibson's 30-yard field goal with 4:23 left in the third quarter, but couldn't generate enough offense on the night. "We've got a gritty

team that won't ever stop playing hard," Kelbert said. "We just went in there at halftime and made it kind of more of attitude adjustment more than anything else, but still didn't play good enough. Offensively we need to be better."

BAND POWER

It was senior night at Churchill and the kickoff was delayed 13 minutes because the senior marching band members were being introduced before the playing of the national anthem.

There was no delay of game penalty assessed to the host Chargers.

Ironically, Churchill's halftime show included the theme song from "Mission Impossible."

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PREP FOOTBALL



Northville quarterback Jon Michalak (left) looks for an opening against Glenn tackler Matt Nutt. MARTHA MICHALAK

Michalak keys Northville's

Harrison's big second quarter puts clamps on Seaholm, 49-7

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PREP FOOTBALL

Farmington Harrison charged into Maple Field a bit shorthanded for its OAA White Division battle Friday with Birmingham Seaholm.

The Hawks, playing without six suspended players due to a skirmish the week before against Stoney Creek, still rolled past the host Maples, 49-7

"It was kind of a surprise, you know?" said veteran Harrison. head coach John Herrington, now just two victories away from tying former Brother Rice head coach Al Fracassa as the state's winningest coach.

"I'm very proud of the way they stepped up this week in practice with those guys out. I guess it's the old cliche



Harrison running back Roderick Heard (right) is chased by Seaholm defender Ben Barton during OAA White Division action. DAN DEAN

but it was the Hawks who did all the scoring to turn a close game into a runaway

The visiting Hawks registered four touchdowns that quarter, including two in the final 31 seconds.

Hendricks, a senior,

Wald said. "Our quarterback had a good game understanding the game and he had a good second quarter. The thing is, we were behind the eightball so much in the second half, we just didn't give him a chance to do

played pretty well," De-

17-14 win over Glenn

Tom Morelli Correspondent

Northville quarterback Jonathan Michalak exudes confidence when he's out on the football field.

Playing the most highprofile position in perhaps all of sports doesn't faze the 5-foot-10, 170pound senior, as he drops back into the pocket and hurls the ball with a vicious spiral that's rivaled only by his pinpoint accuracy.

Such swagger was apparent in the stat line for Michalak, who completed 14-of-24 passes for 189 yards and two touchdowns in the Mustangs' 17-14 victory Friday at Westland John Glenn.

Even after tossing an interception to senior linebacker Hunter Cichockin the fourth quarter, Michalak kept his poise.

This calm demeanor by Michalak worked to Northville's advantage two drives later, as he threw a dump pass in the

flats to senior running back Abe Khoury for a 33-yard score with 5:22 remaining to propel the Mustangs (2-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA Gold) to their first division win.

Such a clutch moment would usually yield much bravado, but Michalak kept his words short and sweet when describing his team's win afterward.

"Momentum and con-



Glenn ball carrier Khalil McDaniel (left) tries to break free from a Northville tackler.

trol the game ... that's all we needed," Michalak said.

Pulling off the win took a massive amount of resilience for the Mustangs, who look to ride that momentum into their homecoming game this Friday against Plymouth.

'I felt like we were meaner and nastier," Michalak said. "We played our hearts out this game, which is something we hadn't done yet.'

Here are four other takeaways from Friday's game

MOODY'S MUSINGS

The challenge by senior Jake Moody to break the state record for long-

est field goal will have to be put on hold for another week. Moody made one of two attempts, including a 33yarder in the second quarter to give North-ville the initial lead, 3-0.

Moody showed off his range just before halftime, narrowly missing a 56-yarder in the final minute.

Mustangs coach Matt Ladach is in awe of Moody's ability to connect from anywhere on the field, as his extra points in the second and fourth quarter had enough distance to sail past the soccer nets and

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that we've all heard: the next man in steps in and does the job. All the people who filled in just did great.

We had a couple guys play a position that they had never played before," he added.

"They all did the job." Harrison scored seven touchdowns for the second straight week and again played with a running clock to lift its overall record to 3-1, including a White Division-leading 3-0 mark.

Seaholm fell to 1-3 overall and 1-2 in the White Division.

Following are five takeaways from the game:

NOT BAD FOR OPENERS

Notre Dame commit Ovie Oghoufo began the game with a bang for Harrison by returning the opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown.

Oghoufo also scored on a 5-yard third-quarter touchdown pass. He had a second-quarter TD pass called back because of a penalty.

'Ovie is a play maker and a difference-maker," Herrington said. "He got us started and made a lot of good plays for us. And I thought our quarterback, Noah Hendricks, had his best game."

PIVOTAL SECOND QUARTER

It was a strange second quarter.

Seaholm actually enjoyed more possession time and ran 21 plays to Harrison's 11,

tossed a 12-yard touchdown to Moet Andrews and Roderick Heard followed with a pair of touchdown runs from 27 and 3 yards out. It appeared as if the Hawks would take a 28-7 lead into halftime.

Seaholm got the ball back with 25 seconds left in the quarter.

The Maples picked up a first down and had the ball at their own 43-yard line with five seconds left. Seaholm quarterback Joel Mitchell completed a short pass to Vaishnav Siddapureddy whose attempted lateral fell to the ground. Harrison junior Vincent Rawls picked up the loose ball and raced 43 yards into the end zone for the TD as time expired to give his team a 35-7 halftime lead

LOOKING FOR POSITIVES

Veteran Seaholm head coach Jim DeWald tried to find some positives in the stinging 42-point defeat.

DeWald liked the play of quarterback Mitchell and how he took charge in that punishing secondquarter drive that resulted in the team's only touchdown. He also liked the play of a pair of sophomores --- running back Chaz Strecker and defender James DeWald. Strecker finished with 79 yards rushing on 13 carries.

The key for Seaholm was giving up 21 points on turnovers or faulty special teams play.

"We started a couple of sophomores who

anything."

HARRISON OWNS SE-RIES

Farmington Harrison and Seaholm have now played 10 times on the gridiron — seven times during the regular season and three more in the playoffs - and the Hawks have won every single meeting.

Their seven regularseason meetings have all been in OAA White Division action since the Hawks moved into the OAA following its move from the old Western Lake Activities Association in 2002.

The three playoff battles were in 2011, 1997 and 1984.

In the 10 games, Harrison has outscored Seaholm by a 369-93 margin.

JUST THREE WINS AWAY

Herrington, in his 48th season as the only head coach Harrison has ever had, is now just three wins away from becoming state state's winningest coach.

Herrington owns 428 career victories and is fast closing in on Fracassa's 430.

Herrington's Hawks will now face the most challenging part of their schedule. Harrison will host Birmingham Groves this week in a pivotal OAA game. After a game against Rochester, the Hawks must battle state power Oak Park. The good thing for Harrison is it will host both Groves and Oak Park in games which figure to decide the OAA White Division title.

WEEK 4 FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Join the live Twitter feed each Friday night by using #HTLSports. Coaches/statisticians are encouraged to send game information to LIV-sports@hometownlife.com by 7 p.m. Saturday to be included in the following Thursday print editions.

Friday, Sept. 15

Canton 45, Salem 14 Harrison 49, Birmingham Seaholm 7 Churchill 24, Franklin

10 Warren DeLaSalle 36, Birmingham Brother Rice 14

Oak Park 34, Birmingham Groves 14

Rochester Adams 54, Bloomfield Hills 14 Cleveland St Ignatius

(OH) 38, Detroit Catholic Central 7: The Shamrocks managed just one score a rushing touchdown by quarterback Marco Genrich - against Ohio powerhouse St. Ignatius. Genrich completed 12-of-28 passes for 126 yards. Ken Korte had five catches for 75 yards. Cam Ryan led CC's ground attack with 77 yards on 16 carries. Defensively, Ryan Birney and Carson Kovath each posted 6.5 tackles, while Kovath added an interception

Dearborn 31, Garden City 21

Dearborn Divine Child 28, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 14

Ferndale 17, Detroit Country Day 7: Country Day was solid defensively, but could only manage one touchdown. The Yellowjackets' lone score came on a 6-yard pass from quarterback Anthony Toma to Darren King. Toma completed 10-of-21 passes for 108 yards. King grabbed a pair of receptions for 48 yards. Isaiah Johnson led the way defensively with 14 tackles, eight unassisted, while Kolin Demens totaled 12 tackles, including six solo stops. The Eagles scored on a 24-yard field goal by John Stellard, a 2-yard run by Zoser Little and a 14yard TD pass from KeShawn Smith to Anthony Merriman.

Hazel Park 18, Farmington 7

Livonia Stevenson 27, Howell 23

Walled Lake Central 49 Milford 35

Auburn Hills Avondale 47, North Farmington 0

Glenn ball carrier Khalil McDaniel tries to break free from a Northville tackler. MARTHA MICHALAK

solo stops. Maddox and Tyler Vankirk had six solo tackles apiece. For the Bulldogs, Mykols was 9-of-15 passing for 99 yards, while Chris Seguin ran 19 times for 112 yards. Defensively, Jack Johnson had seven solo stops plus three assisted tackles.

Pinckney 45, South Lyon 30

Plymouth 26, Wayne Memorial 20: Carson Miller ran 43 yards for a touchdown with 5:40 left to break a 20-20 tie. Miller carried 27 times for 217 yards and two TDs. He also caught three passes for 23 yards and another TD. Plymouth opened the scoring in the first quarter on Zach Beadle's 35yard touchdown pass to Kyle Aniol. The Zebras gained their only lead late in the half, when Donte Williams completed a 33-yard TD pass to Fred Biles and then Williams ran in the two-point conversion. But the Wildcats answered quickly, as Beadle hit Miller on a 5-yard scoring pass with nine seconds on the clock to send Plymouth into halftime with a 13-8 edge. Miller's 8-yard touchdown run, plus Mike Mathias's second extra point of the game made it 20-8 in the third quarter. Wayne responded with two quick scoring strikes: an 84-yard run by Williams and a 74-yard Williams-to-Reggie Micheaux pass that tied the game. Beadle was 6-of-11 passing for 90 yards. Ashten LeBeau led the Wildcats with nine tackles, including six solo hits. For the Zebras, Williams threw for 187 yards and ran for another 138.

solo stops – and defended one pass. Zach Jones chipped in four solo tackles, plus two assists.

South Lyon East 42, Walled Lake Northern 35: The Cougars racked up 465 yards total offense, to Northern's 364, to earn a shootout victory. Jake Waranaukas had another big two-way game for East, rushing 30 times for 224 yards and two scores, while adding a third TD on a reception. Waranaukas also chipped in an interception. Donovan Wright added 65 yards rushing on 13 carries, with one TD. Cougars quarterback Chris Kaminski was 13-of-19 passing for 146 yards and three touchdowns. His favorite target was Jacob Koshko, who gained 81 yards on four receptions, with three of them going for touchdowns.

Pinckney 45, South Lyon 30: Pinckney's Nick Cain had a night for the ages as he had seven catches for 164 yards and three TDs. He also returned a kickoff 97 yards for a TD and threw a 68-yard TD pass on a trick play. Cain also caught a two-point conversion and had an interception. Quarterback Connor Fracassi, Will Kelley and Jack Schafer had touchdown runs for South Lyon, which briefly led 10-9 before Cain's 97-yard kick return. Brenden Lach added a 2-yard TD catch from Fracassi to cap the scor-



Canton's Colin Troup (left) gains yardage, but Salem's Nate Hunt makes the tackle. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ond half like that, not

CANTON

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yards a play." Meanwhile, senior quarterback Connor Engel orchestrated the offense to a productive night. When he needed to make a big pass, he found targets such as senior Noah Brown (two catches, 53 yards) and senior Danny Lanava, who caught a 22-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter.

"It's crazy, it's a blessing with what our O-line can do," Engel said. "I just got to give it all to them. They put up those 45 points."

Canton head coach Tim Baechler said his defense held Salem's big guns in check except for one big play senior Andrew Davis scored on a 63-yard TD pass from senior quarterback Ryan Young.

And on offense, the Chiefs put together several long marches that took chunks of time off the clock.

"We wanted to possess the ball," Baechler said. "We thought we could just hammer our double-wing stuff. They were having trouble with it.

"Our defense stepped up in the second half and got a couple stops. We were able to consume the clock and were able to knock a couple in there." being able to put a drive together hurt," Britnell said. "And they are who they are; we didn't get enough stops defensively. And we made too many mistakes offensively to keep drives going.

"But it is what is and I don't think the score is any indication of what kind of game it was."

Salem got the ball to start the second half, but Chase Meredith immediately sacked Young to set the tone.

After the Rocks punted, Canton went on a 64-yard drive in nine plays, with Engel connecting with Lanava, who was all alone in the end zone.

That made it 29-14 and the rout was on.

Davis was Salem's biggest offensive contributor, with 163 allpurpose yards. The Rocks' second touchdown was a 3-yard run by senior Cody Tapp.

Kicking a key field goal at the end of the first half was Chase Meredith, to give the Chiefs a 23-14 edge.

Canton also scored on a pair of two-point conversions and a safety.

Following are five takeaways from the Park rivalry contest:

NO TIME TO WASTE

Canton quickly found the Salem end zone near the start of both the first and second quarters, Tapp's TD. That closed out a 73-yard drive in 15 plays, taking more than eight minutes off the clock. Two Canton penalties kept the chains moving for Salem.

MORE THAN A QB

One of the better defensive performers for Salem was the quarterback, Young, who ran down several Canton players to minimize damage on potentially big gainers. He registered 12 tackles, while senior linebacker Parker Selby had eight.

"He can play. He's a football player, period," Britnell said about Young (4-of-8 passing, 85 yards).

GLAD TO SEE YOU

Canton and Salem last met during the 2012 season, with the Rocks missing a potential gamewinning field goal. None of the current players were in high school when that contest took place.

WALL OF FAME

Salem's fourth Wall of Fame induction ceremony was Saturday, but inductees were introduced to the crowd during Friday's halftime. Honorees include Bob Dasher, Brian Gilles, Jeff Roth, Jacqueline Merrifield, Fred Locke, LaTonya Wheeler, Tim Dillon, the late Scott Beaman, the 1974 boys golf state championship team and 1977 football team.

Beaman died in August after a bout with

Brighton 28, Novi 14: The host Wildcats battled back twice in the first half, but couldn't respond to a pair of second-half Brighton scores. Brighton quarterback Spencer Mykols threw a pair of first-half touchdown passes to Drew Billig, 16 yards in the first quarter and 9 yards in the second. Novi's Sean Gilliam answered each score, running for a 2-yard TD early in the second quarter and then adding a 14-yard scamper late in the half to knot the score at 14-14. Each touchdown capped an 80-yard drive. The Bulldogs (2-2) took the lead for good on Mykols' 1-yard run in the third quarter, before Rudy Ramirez closed the scoring with a 16-yard TD dash in the fourth quarter, followed by his fourth extra point. Gilliam ran 20 times for 135 yards and completed 10-of-25 passes for 117 yards. Traveon Maddox Jr. caught eight passes for 85 yards. Antonio Washington led the Wildcats (1-3) with nine tackles, including eight

Redford Thurston 45, Dearborn Heights Annapolis 0

Redford Union 33, Livonia Clarenceville 0: The Panthers (1-3) scored all their points in the first half and then cruised to victory. For RU, Tavian Groves rushed for 116 yards on 20 carries, including touchdown runs of 42 and 38 yards. Thorton Cain ran 11 times for 88 yards. He scored on a 48-yard run in the second quarter, courtesy of a strong trap block by Tyrese Taylor. Isaac Grant tallied RU's other two TDs, on scampers of 42 and 52 yards. Keion Brown had five tackles, including three tackles for loss, to help the Panthers score their first shutout of the season, as the Trojans managed just 65 yards total offense. Kyle Nolan paced Clarenceville (0-4) with 36 rushing yards, while Dion Turner added 20. Defensively, Will Brown had a hand in 10 tackles - including eight

ing and also kicked a field goal.

Northville 17, Westland John Glenn 14 White Lake Lakeland

22, Waterford Kettering 16: The host Eagles (3-1) rallied from a 16-14 halftime deficit to earn a hard-fought victory. The Eagles seemed to be in control early, as quarterback Mitchell Boles hit running back Robbie Tracy for a 59-yard touchdown strike to help Lakeland race to a 14-0 lead. But Kettering took advantage of some big plays - including a blocked punt - to grab a two-point edge at the half. The Eagles' defense began the second half with a key stop and then the offense did its share, marching down the field to set up Dylan Kutzleb's touchdown run. Lakeland travels Friday to South Lyon East, hoping to push its winning streak to four games.

Saturday, Sept. 16

Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 49, Lutheran Westland 0 Salem head coach Kurt Britnell, whose team dipped to 2-2, said his players performed better than the final score indicated.

"There were some things that were sloppy, coming out in the secwith Walker and Troup both registering a TD run. Troup then scored on a two-point conversion run to put the Chiefs up 20-7 less than two minutes into the second.

THROW THE FLAG

The host Rocks bounced back to score on cancer. He was a longtime teacher in the district who in recent years was in charge of ticket sales at Park athletic events. He received the first Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Salem's Andrew Davis catches this pass from quarterback Ryan Young and then runs it into the end zone for a 63-yard TD against Canton.

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Rockets statue behind the uprights.

"That kid is phenomenal," Ladach said. "I thought that 56-yarder was good, but he didn't miss by much. Whenever we have the ball, we feel real good about having a good chance at getting points with that kid. He's

a huge weapon."

GLENN GETS GUTSY

Down by a 10-7 margin to begin the fourth quarter, John Glenn (1-3, 1-2) appeared to be going for a game-tying 22-yard field goal, but opted for the fake instead as running back and holder Matt Nutt (21 carries, 121 yards) circled his way toward the near sideline relatively unscathed for a 5-yard score to put Glenn back on top 14-10 following an extra point by senior Chase Kersten.

"Matt's a heck of an athlete and a great running back," Glenn coach Steve Waller said. "He can catch it, he can throw it and he can run it. He had a hot hand tonight and we just rode him. He was a beast."

ON THE DEFENSIVE One of the standouts

on the defensive end was

Chicocki, who aside from his interception was one of three players to notch a sack against the Mustangs' massive offensive line.

Senior defensive linemen Jacorey Scott and Donald Farris combined for a sack on Northville's opening drive of the game, while Chicocki's occurred just six plays into the second half. "Hunter's a great

"Hunter's a great player and a two-year starter for us and a twocaptain" Waller said. "He runs everything out there on defense like us and is an animal."

BETTER TO RECEIVE

Junior wide receiver Nick Prystash remained Michalak's main target during the contest, finishing with nine grabs for 115 yards, along with a 5-yard touchdown with 3:24 left in the half to give the Mustangs a 10-7 lead.

"Coming off last week, we've been working hard on the offensive and defensive game plan," Prystash said. "We went through some adversity today and didn't get the job done a couple of times, but in the end we came out with a 'W.' That was enough and we'll just keep building off of it next week and capitalize on our opportunities more and more."

Soaring Eagles



Plymouth Christian Academy celebrates after winning Saturday's 50th annual Holly/Duane Raffin Festival of Races. Standing (from left) are Eric Moore, Caleb Godin, Hunter Torolski, Nathan Sutrick, Seth Windle and Luke Pohl. Kneeling is coach Rod Windle. The Eagles finished with 80 points. In fifth with 129 points was Lutheran Westland. Pohl won with a time of 17:01, while Seth Windle placed second (17:37). Other PCA finishers included Torolski (14th, 18:59), Quinn McClaren (29th, 19:50) and Sutrick (35th, 19:59). PCA ATHLETICS

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lakeland's Kutzleb earns weekly honor

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Dylan Kutzleb considers himself a car and a boat guy. And the 5-foot-10, 175-

pound sen-

ior running

back from

White Lake



Kutzleb Lakeland showed Friday that he has a well-tuned

engine, running for a career-high 254 yards on just 14 carries as the host Eagles improved to 2-1 in the Lakes Valley Conference with a 34-14 win over South Lyon. And for his efforts, which included touchdown runs of 86 and 69 yards, Kutzleb earned this week's HometownlifeSports.com's Athlete of the Week honors.

"I'm just really humbled that there's 14,000 people out there that even care about this," Kutzleb said. "I'm really surprised that I was even nominated for this award and then to win it means a lot for me."

Kutzleb, who was also a big factor in Lakeland's 29-27 LVC win the previous week against Waterford Mott, believes the seed was planted for his early season success during the off-season. "It started in early summer," he said. "We started workouts every morning. All the team was there working hard, three hours a day, just getting at it and building as a team and getting the offense down early."

Kutzleb had a couple of individual goals going into the season that he needed to improve upon.

"Particularly, blocking for me was a big thing that I needed to work on," he said. "but also finding the holes and hitting them with no hesitation was a big thing also."

Kutzleb also excelled in track last spring, when he was runner-up in the long jump at the KLAA Lakes Conference meet with a personal best 21 feet, 1¼ inches. He also placed third at the regional and was a member of the Eagles sprint relay teams. said. "Maybe if I can get an offer there from some school, I'd consider that. But mostly, I'm going for education more than sports."

Kutzleb is keeping his options open as far as his future.

"I'm not really looking into football right now," Kutzleb said. "I'm looking into going to Michigan State and pursue an engineering degree."

During his spare time, Kutzleb likes to stay ac-



South Lyon player Will Kelley goes through the Lions den with a Victory Day participant. AIMEE MORR

VICTORY

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goals, then each kid got an opportunity to score a touchdown," Henson said.

And the event continues to grow each year.

"We had all kinds of fans in the stands," Henson said. "The energy was great, the attitudes were great. The cheer and pom pon teams were also there to help us. The band played the national anthem for us. It was a really good day."

really good day." South Lyon running backs coach Adam Delamiellure, who works for Unilock, helped arrange for his company to sponsor the event.

Each participant

game like we do. So it's just fun to help them out live out that experience. The most fun part about it was that every kid got to score a touchdown and get that feeling." All 29 South Lyon

All 29 South Lyon varsity football players were there to help coach up the participants.

"With the drills, we just taught them what the coaches taught us, like how to carry the ball, how to tackle, power through everything, wrap up on the bags, scoop and score," Kelley said. "We talked to them after and asked them what was their favorite part about the day."

The event concluded with a cookout for all the participants.

"It was a good experience to help out the kids," Kelley said. "It was just about letting them play football."

"For track, I'm looking to make states for the long jump this year," he "I like cars and just hanging out with my friends, playing sports, being outside ... fishing, stuff like that, being on

the boat," he said.

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"It was a great day," South Lyon running back and cornerback Will Kelley said. "You get to help out kids that normally don't get a chance to play football or to get to play in The Lions will go after their first triumph Friday, Sept. 22, at home against Milford in a Lakes Valley Conference encounter. Game time is 7 p.m.

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and the RU Blue and Gold athletic boosters club also plans on unveiling a sign at the stadium.

"What we're going to do at each home opener for each varsity event, we're having a moment of silence for him," RU athletic director and football coach Miles Tomasaitis said. "His mom (Eleanor Rollin) also turns 100 (Sept. 17), so the family are coming to the game also to kick off the home season.

"Obviously, Jimmy will be missing his first game in a lot of years. They're coming in to try to fill in for him and say thank you (to) the community for the support they've got."

Jimmy would have loved how Friday's game turned out, too. The Panthers blanked Clarenceville by a 33-0 score.

Night of celebration

Friday's football game gave the Redford Union community an opportunity to begin giving back to the man simply known as "Jimmy" all over the



After RU's 33-0 win over Clarenceville, Eleanor Rollin waves to the crowd. The night featured festivities honoring her late son Jimmy. The crowd also sang "Happy Birthday" to Eleanor, as she turned 100 Sunday. TOM BEAUDOIN

district. He graduated in 1977 from the high school.

"We've got Jimmy's initials stenciled just outside the playing field," Tomasaitis said. "Blue and Gold (Club) is planning some other things. I'm not sure.

"We have VIP seating for them (family) on the track inside the gates. We're going to play 'Happy Birthday' to Jimmy's mom at the first change of possession. The band's going to play it and we're going to his mom for her 100th birthday." Even as Rollin neared the end, he had Redford Union and the Blue and Gold Club on his mind.

"Everything he had, his car and everything else, is being donated to the Blue and Gold and to the athletic department," Tomasaitis said.

The family also is asking that donations continue to be donated to the Blue and Gold Club and athletic department.

Giving back

"Jimmy was at everything. You'd look up and he was there," Tomasaitis said. "The other athletic directors around the conference knew who Jimmy was because he showed up at everything.

"He was at tennis matches, he was at swim meets, football games, basketball games, volleyball, baseball, softball, track. He showed up at everything. Coaches would drive him to games sometimes or he'd ride the bus if an event was farther away."

Honoring Jimmy and keeping his memory and love of RU athletics alive is going to be a priority



Redford Union's Thorton Cain races ahead of Clarenceville defenders on his way to a touchdown Friday.

all year.

"You don't see that dedication from alumni over time, that's for sure," Tomasaitis said. "It is (nice to honor him). We're going to miss him. It was a shock to the whole community when he passed away. "You need to take time out for people that are special to the school like that."

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Hope springs eternal with All-American Jones on mound

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Before she even graduates next spring from Hope College, Sydney Jones is already leaving quite a legacy on the softball diamond.

The 2014 South Lyon East High School grad is coming off an extraordinary junior season, as she earned NCAA Division III first team All-

America

Dutch to

honors



from Fastpitch News while leading the Flying

the regional finals at Wisconsin-Whitewater and claim a share of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association title with a

13-3 record. The right-hander, who posted a 17-7 record with a 1.18 earned-run average, also earned all-region honors from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association and was named the MIAA's Most Valuable Pitcher.

Jones set school records with 17 wins, 11 shutouts, 23 starts, 22 complete games and 229 strikeouts in a single season. Her ERA is second-lowest in Flying Dutch history.

Jones became the Flying Dutch's career strikeout leader (482). She also proved to be a standout defender in the infield, recording a .994 fielding percentage with just one error in 154 chances.

"It was just working hard with my teammates and, really, perfecting my pitching," Jones said. "And it's, really, taking it to that next level to be able to do the kind of things that me and my team did last year."

team did last year." Hope College coach Mary VandeHoef said there are several reasons for Jones's breakout year.

"It's always great when someone puts a lot of time and energy and hard work into what they do and to see the results on the field," said Vande-Hoef, whose team finished 27-15 overall last season. "Syd is an incredibly hard worker, takes her position very seriously and works hard ... and so she's gotten better every year." As a freshman, Jones

As a freshman, Jones went 9-3 in 88¹/₃ innings with a 1.74 ERA, followed by a sophomore season where she logged 121 innings, going 8-10 with a 2.13 ERA.

"Along with great velocity, she has a really, really good movement on her pitches," VandeHoef said. "She's a pitcher that really commands the inside part of the plate really well, but at the same time this past season, she really developed her change-up and that became a pitch that took her from her sophomore to her junior year to becoming a pitcher that could throw that changeup in any count."

Jones attributes her success to Hope College pitching coach Jeanette Olinger, whom she affectionately calls "Coach J," along with Wes Strickland, who offers softball instruction out of the Great Lakes Baseball Academy in Canton while she's home during school breaks.

"Coach J has been a great help for me," Jones said. "She's helped me mentally and physically get prepared for everything. She's just been super great."

Jones has a brother (Blake) and a sister (Taylor) who graduated from Hope in 2014 and 2016, respectively. Her younger sister Peyton, a 2016 East grad, is a sophomore who was a member of the Flying Dutch women's basketball JV team last year.

Meanwhile, younger brother Griffin, a sophomore at East, has not committed to Hope just yet.

Jones, who was a Division 2 honorable mention all-state player at East in softball, also played basketball, but decided to concentrate solely on softball once she arrived



South Lyon East grad Sydney Jones earned first team All-America honors at Hope College. ALAN BABBITT | HOPE COLLEGE

in Holland. "I hadn't seen her

throw in games until that summer before she was here," VandeHoef said. "She was definitely a player who was on our radar, but hadn't had the opportunity to see her play. It was a great surprise to see that Syd would be able to help us and contribute."

Jones, who is majoring in exercise science, is carrying a full 17-credit load this semester and plans to go into the nutritional field following graduation.

"There's a lot to love," Jones said about Hope

other than Plymouth and

toughest teams to face.'

lin girls cross country

the Patriots will be com-

petitive again, even in the

new-look KLAA division

(which includes Salem).

from 2016 are back, in-

Four of five top runners

cluding junior Erin Seibert

Franklin girls

Salem, Churchill and Can-

ton are also likely to be the

Veteran Livonia Frank-

coach Dave Bjorklund said

College. "The academics are amazing. My professors are amazing. I have met so many great people here and it's just been a blessing to be able to study here while still playing the sport that I love. It's really just been a great experience for me."

The Flying Dutch lose only three players to graduation and the goal for Jones is to earn a trip to the 2018 NCAA Division III national tournament. It's something she believes is within reach.

"Just to take it further and work just as hard, or harder, this off-season," she said. "And to keep pushing my teammates and having them push me so that we can go even farther at the end of the season, so we can make a better postseason run this year."

Earning All-America honors as a junior proved to be icing on the cake and it came as a surprise as she was one of five first team pitchers named and among 15 selections overall.

"I worked really hard for it," Jones said. "I was definitely excited this year. It was really a great thing to share with my teammates and everything because, obviously, I didn't get there alone."

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Top duo looks to power Patriots, girls also look strong

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Livonia Franklin boys cross country coach Pat Koelzer likes the Patriots' blend of experienced as the team looks to compete within a very competitive conference.

"We have a good pack of varsity runners who need to continue moving closer to the front of races for us to do well," Koelzer said. Leading the Patriots will be senior Grant Rudd and junior Logan Evanchuk in the top two spots, with senior Jackson Nordbeck, junior Russell Rusnell and junior Andrew Ulaszek pushing them at the front of the pack.

"Grant was a sub-17 minute racer as a sophomore," Koelzer said. "Last year, he dealt with some injury troubles before getting his time back down to 16:42. "This fall, he has been healthy so far and looks to lead the way for the team and finish his high school career at or below 16:00 and; hopefully, battle for a shot at states."

Evanchuk (17:20) could push his time under the 17-minute mark, while Nordbeck, Rusnell and Ulaszek "are looking to get under 17:30 as soon as possible so our pack of five can be more competitive in the bigger races." Koelzer added that the KLAA promises to be a juggernaut again this season, led by Plymouth.

"They look dominant and are likely to be a favorite to win the conference and region," he said. "Northville is usually a top three conference and region opponent. Stevenson, Salem and Novi look like they may also round out the top conference teams.

"Within our division,

Heaven swept the 100

ninth out 18 teams Sept.

Coaches and team representatives are invited to send game information and story tips to LIV-sports@hometownlife.com. Game information will be accepted up to 24 hours after the game ends.

Volleyball BEDFORD INVITA-

TIONAL: Hannah Grant led the way with 69 digs on the day and setter Rachel Holmes added 85 assist-to-kills Sept. 16 as Northville swept the competition, winning the Temperance Bedford Invitational with a 27-25, 25-22 win over the host Kicking Mules. Other victories came against Chelsea (25-23, 25-21), Carleton Airport (25-6, 25-13), Ida (25-12, 15-25, 15-13), Brighton Charyl Stockwell Academy (25-19, 25-23) and Grosse Ile (25-9, 25-12). Other top performers for Northville included Christina Valentini (26 kills), Brianna Maccoux (24 kills, 30 digs), Clare McNamara (24 kills), Gabi Fisette (49 assists, 10 aces), Ally Zayan (13 aces, 24 digs), Morgan Rodgers (20 kills), Jenna Boksha (14 kills, 19 digs); and Michael VanAcker (10 kills).

SALEM 3, WAYNE 0: The Rocks made strides as a program Sept. 14 with their first win of the season, 25-11, 25-16 and 25-11.

Boys soccer

PLYMOUTH 5, HARRI-SON 0: On Sept. 16, Justin Wojcik had one goal and three assists, while Caleb Crawford (goal, assist)

and goaltender Ryan Schmatz (shutout) sparked the Wildcats.

CANTON 5, FRANKLIN 1: On Sept. 16, the Chiefs rolled behind two goals from Nick Yono and single markers by Tyler Turko, Brett McGue and Kyle Kulas. Canton improved to 5-2*4 overall, 4-0-2 in the KLAA and 2-0-1 in the division. Chipping in assists were Jordan Forney, Nick Avram and Avery Olson, while Sean O'Meara earned the win in goal.

CANTON 1, HAR-TLAND 0: Brett McGue's unassisted goal in the second half Sept. 14 was all the Chiefs (4-2-4, 3-0-2) needed and goalie Sean O'Meara made 10 saves to post the crossover win.

NORTHVILLE 2, SA-LEM 1: Zach Westenberg scored the game-winning goal on a late penalty kick after Felipe McCarthy was taken down in the box Sept. 14 as the Mustangs (7-2-1, 5-1) stopped the Rocks (6-3, 5-1) in a crossover. It was 0-0 at halftime before Salem's Zach Friess broke the ice with a goal in the 64th minute. Northville tallied the equalizer on Andrew Mitchell's goal from Paul Kearis, who turned in a solid performance along with Nikko Wood and Brian Politi.

Boys cross country SPARTAN INVITATION-

AL: Novi's Gabe Mudel (15:29.2) was runner-up to Coldwater's Shauaib Algabaly (15:28.1) in the Elite Division at the MSU

Spartan Invitational on Sept. 15 at Forest Akers East Golf Course. Defending Division 1 champion White Lake Lakeland (153) took first in the Elite team standings, followed by Chelsea (179) and Saline (192). Salem was 10th with 323, led by Luke Haran, 38th (16:39.8); Andrew Beyer, 72nd (17:06.1); Nolan Teodori, 121st (17:31.3); Talha Syed, 135th (17:36.4); and Shane Mc-Kimmy, 139th (17:38.3). Novi finishers included Trey Mullins, 74th (17:07.2); Matt Whyte, 92nd (17:16.9); Nate Wood, 114th (17:27.3); and Dallas Foley, 172nd (18:06.1). Northville (224) took third in Green Division, led by Nicholas Couyoumjian, 24th (17:05.8); Nathan Hayes, 28th (17:11.6); Raymond Jiang, 42nd (17:33.5); Sean McKee, 64th (17:55.8); and Alex Jund, 70th (17:59.2). In 16th place was Franklin, with Grant Rudd (48th, 17:39), Logan Evanchuk (54th, 17:46) and Russell Rusnell (72nd, 18:00) the top Patriots.

HOLLY INVITATIONAL: Plymouth finished second Sept. 15 at the Holly Invitational, paced by runner-up Ethan Byrnes (16:04.3). Also running strong races were Carter Solomon (third, 16:06.7), Patrick Byrnes (11th, 16:37.8) and Brandon Boyd (14th, 16:44.6). Canton, meanwhile, came in 10th place behind Shane Andrews, who placed 17th with a time of 16:47 That's the second-best time ever recorded at the

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Holly meet by a Canton runner. In 24th was Grant Hoffmeyer (career best 17:04).

Girls cross country SPARTAN INVITATION-

AL: Freshman Yasmine Mansi ran a personal best 18:44.3 to place 15th individually as Northville took third in the Elite Division at the MSU Spartan Invitational on Sept. 15 at Forest Akers East Golf Course. Rockford (184) and Hart (194) finished one-two in the team standings, while the Mustangs placed third with 210 as Ana Barrott (19th, 18:51.8), Olivia Harp (58th, 20:01.2), Emily Gordon (60th, 20:05.5) and Keira Courtney (78th, 20:26.8) rounded out the Northville scoring. Meanwhile, Salem finished third in the Green Division race with 136 points, with Dearborn Divine Child (113) and East Grand Rapids (131) finishing one-two. For the Rocks, earning medals were Reagan Justice (16th, 20:08.1), Gabrielle Mancini (24th, 20:17.9), Hannah Jeffress (26th, 20:20.9) and Hallie Younglas (29th, 20:21.4) HOLLY INVITATIONAL: Salem tallied 162 points

Salem tallied 162 points to finish sixth out of 20 teams Sept. 15. Plymouth registered 215 points and placed ninth. For the Rocks, stellar performances were turned in by Olivia Millen, Maddie Grant and Anna Kubinski.

Girls swimming NORTHVILLE 115, HOWELL 71: Lauren

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and 200-yard freestyles with times of 55.40 and 2:03.23 on Sept. 14 as the host Mustangs (2-1, 1-0) defeated the Highlanders in a KLAA Gold Division meet. Other individual winners for Northville were Kathleen Wasiniak, 200 IM (2:23.10); Meghna Ancha, 50 freestyle (26.48); Avery Thaxton, 1-meter diving (160.13 points); Sophia Tuinman, 100 butterfly (1:00.73); and Katelyn McCullough, 500 freestyle (5:13.30). The foursome of McCullough, Jennifer Ostrowski, Wasiniak and Mia Testani took first in the 200 medley relay (1:58.20), while Marisa Reddy, Kat Ivanaukas, Sinyu Wang and Claire Wan took the 200 freestyle relay (1:56.06).

Girls golf SALEM WINS PAIR: On

Sept. 15 at par-35 Fox Hills, Salem (184) edged Grand Blanc (185) and Canton (187). Nicole Hahn and Julianne Small each shot 44 for the Rocks, with Megan Kozlowski contributing 45. Medalist was Canton's Manasa Potluri, with 41. Tallying 48 for the Chiefs were Simi Neeluru and Zoe Barkoff.

PIONEER INVITE: Plymouth came in sixth Sept. 14 at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational, with 357 strokes. Registering 82 over 18 holes was Shae Zydeck, while Erin Johnson shot 84. The tourney was held at Lake Forest Golf Course.

CANTON NINTH: The Chiefs shot 383 to place

16 at the Mustang Invitational at Hudson Mills Metropark. South Lyon and Hartland finished first and second with 335 and 353 points, respectively. Manasa Potluri shot 81 for Canton, earning a top 10 medal. There were 90 golfers at the invite.

Boys tennis SALEM SECOND AT

QUAD: On Sept. 16 at Brighton, Walled Lake Central won a quad meet with Salem second. All Salem performers scored at least one point, most bringing home medals for first or second place. Victories for the Rocks were tallied by No. 2 singles Jason Zheng, No. 3 singles Parshva Sanghvi and No. 1 doubles Andrew Clarke and Khush Patel.

SALEM 7, CHURCHILL 2: The Rocks had a strong, consistent match Sept. 14 against Livonia Churchill. Prevailing in singles matches for Salem were Eric Liu (No. 1) and Ajay Bharathan (No. 4). Churchill's only wins were posted by Mick Htake at No. 2 singles (over Jason Zheng) and Conner Riley at No. 3 singles (over Parshva Sanghvi). In doubles play, Salem rolled to wins at No. 1 (Andrew Clarke-Khush Patel), No. 2 (Ryan The-Nihal Lingam), No. 3 (Justin Kuhn-Neel Shah), No. 4 (Roenik Master-Rahul Rao) and No. 5 (Jack Nugent-Cal Smiley).

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