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Gallimore one of nation's top schools

P-CCS elementary among 13 in Michigan to earn honor

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Over the summer, parents and teachers at Gallimore Elementary School worked hard to turn an under-used computer lab into a thriving STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) lab.

It's the latest example of a collaborative environment that exists between stakeholders in

the school that has earned Gallimore national recognition.

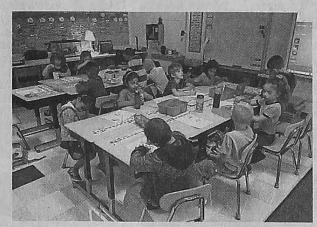
Gallimore Elementary recently became the newest member of an elite fraternity, being one of 13 Michigan schools - among 342 nationwide - to be named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School, honored for high academic achievement or success in closing achievement gaps.

It's the second straight year, a Plymouth-Canton school has

been honored for its academic achievement. Last year, the same honor was bestowed on Dodson Elementary School, led by Principal April Quasarano.

"We feel good about it," Gallimore Principal Aimee Bell said. "We as a school work so hard together. We're a pretty tight community - parents, students and staff - so our achievement really is about everybody working together. That feels really good."

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Students at Gallimore Elementary School are part of the collaborative effort that put the school on the 2017 Blue **Ribbon list.** PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Runners from Love Runs ran 20 miles recently in Hines Park. They are raising money to fight human trafficking and preparing to run in the Detroit Free Press marathon. BRIAN CRAIG

Marathon runners fight human trafficking



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Just a few dollars can help a human trafficking victim. And hundreds of runners from a NorthRidge Church group, Love Runs, are making huge strides to help.

They have raised an aston-

ishing \$949,505 in three years. This year alone, they have raised \$241,000 and counting toward their \$500,000 goal as they again prepare to run Oct. 15 in the Detroit Free Press marathon.

Love Runs director Veronica Coker of Belleville said 431 runners are participating this

year and raising money for organizations that work to rescue, house and feed human trafficking victims and help them find a road to recovery.

Mark Bacchus of Canton, a Love Runs volunteer leader, said the money raised goes to Detroit-area organizations that fight back against "modern

day slavery" - organizations such as Vista Maria, S.O.A.P., The Salvation Army and All Worthy of Love.

Bacchus said young teen girls are the most common victims of human trafficking, whether they run away from home, get involved in drugs or merely try to escape a life of

poverty. He said some are coerced on social media or by their own families and friends. The problem isn't happening just in big cities.

"Surprisingly," Bacchus said, "the issue also thrives commonly within typical sub-

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Volunteers shipped some 200 boxes of hurricane relief supplies for the Plymouth United Methodist **Church's Hands 4 Hurricanes** program. PLYMOUTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Hurricane help effort ships 200 boxes

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In the cloud of tragedy caused by the mass shooting Sunday night in Las Vegas, some good was being done for victims of recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida.

Members and volunteers of First United Methodist Church in Plymouth completed their weeks-long mission Monday, shipping some 200 boxes of relief supplies to hurricaneravaged areas.

Beth Savalox, a West Middle School teacher and a member of FUMC, said the effort was a total team effort among groups ranging from the National Junior Honor Society at Pioneer Middle School to officials in Canton Township, local churches and sports teams, schools and organizations.

Our community always provides to remind others they are not alone," said Savalox, who also pointed to strong leadership from fellow church

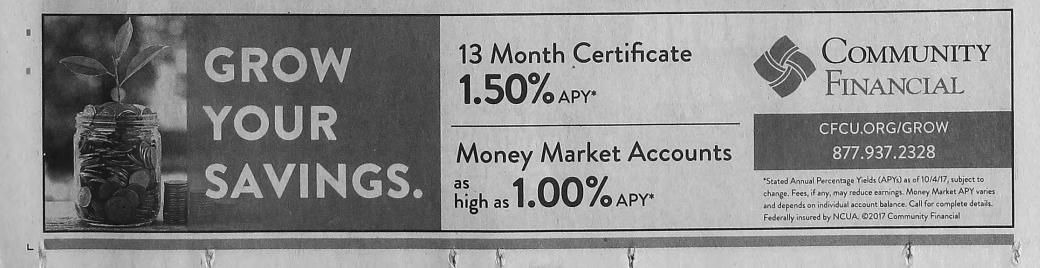
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St. Joseph Mercy opens urgent care facility at Schoolcraft

St. Joseph Mercy Health System has opened a new 6,000square-foot Urgent Care/ Student and Employee Health Center on the corner of the Schoolcraft College campus in Livonia. The site is located on the first floor of the Jeffress Center, 39201 W. Seven Mile, near the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

"We are excited to offer health care services to students and employees of Schoolcraft College, as well as everyone living and working in the Livonia and Northville communities," said Dave Spivey, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Livonia. "This facility will increase access to health care and encourage students, employees and others to live healthier lives."

The new Urgent Care offers non-emergency medical care on a walk-in basis, including treatment for non-life threatening illness and injury. As Schoolcraft's firstever Student and Employee Health Center, the site also provides students and staff with health and wellness services, such as physicals, pregnancy testing and vaccinations. The facility will be operated by physicians from the St. Joe's Medical Group.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and holidays.

"Everything about our

work with St. Joseph Mercy Health System makes sense," Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress said. "Convenient quality health care for our students and community is most important, but we also are excited about the synergy that made this project a reality. When two great organizations get together with a common goal, everybody wins."

The opening of the new facility is part of a

growing partnership between SJMHS and Schoolcraft College. Earlier this year, the health system became a sponsor of the St. Joe's Sports Dome, also located on the school's campus. The dome's opening marked the launch of Schoolcraft College's SC Elite Program, which includes MercyElite Sports Performance, to provide health, fitness and nutritional programs to youth and adults in the surrounding area.

As the health sponsor for Schoolcraft College's SC Elite program,

SJMHS also offers a number of health initiatives. The health system's MercyElite Sports Performance program provides athletic training and sports performance services to the Michigan Wolves and Hawks youth soccer teams within the St. Joe's Sports Dome. MercyElite also has permanent space inside the dome to provide sports performance training to local teams, including strength and conditioning and speed and agility training.



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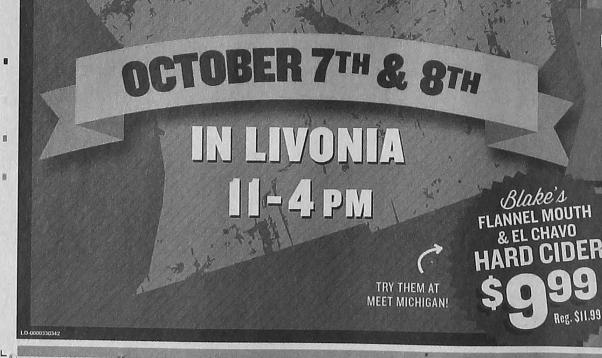
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The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap.

"P-CCS is incredibly proud of Gallimore Elementary School, its students, staff and the entire Gallimore community, for the incredible honor of being named a National Blue Ribbon School," Superintendent Monica Merritt said. "We commend the passionate Gallimore staff for working every day to elevate our students to excellence, shining as a school where all students learn, prepare and thrive.'

The STEAM lab is just one example of how the Gallimore community works together, according to Bell. Parents have also helped with animation studio software and an area where students can learn computer coding, for example.

"Parents support our initiatives," Bell said. "Those are examples of where we all work together to be successful. It's not one person doing all the work."

All schools are honored in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, subgroup student scores and graduation rates:

» Exemplary High Performing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.

» Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school's sub-

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Plymouth Township police are seeking help identifying this attempted armed robbery suspect. PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE

groups and all students over the past five years.

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The Blue Ribbon honor, announced by the U.S. Department of Education, is one of the biggest honors a public or private school can receive in the U.S.

"Academic accomplishments such as these serve as milestones to be celebrated on our way to make Michigan a top 10 education state in 10 years," state Superintendent Brian Whiston said in a news release.

Michigan's other Blue Ribbon schools are:

» Brewster Elementary School, Rochester Community Schools

» Countryside Elementary, Byron Center Public Schools

» Dix Street Elementary School, Otsego Public Schools

» Forest View Elementary School, Cadillac Area Public Schools

» Hamlin Elementary

School, Rochester Community Schools » Handley School,

Ribbon School. It's the second straight year a Plymouth-Canton school made the list.

 Saginaw Public Schools
 » Iris Becker Elementary School, Dear-

born Public Schools » John Allen School, Ann Arbor Public Schools

 » Lewis Maire Elementary School, Grosse
 Pointe Public Schools
 » Lincoln School, St.

Joseph Public Schools » Pinewood School,

Jenison Public Schools » Rochester Adams High School, Rochester Community Schools

"National Blue Ribbon schools are active demonstrations of preparing every child for a bright future," U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos said in a statement.

Now in its 35th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed recognition on more than 8,500 schools. On Nov. 6-7, the secretary and the Department of Education will celebrate with these honorees at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. Bell called it an

Bell called it an "absolute privilege" to lead the Gallimore community.

"We are truly honored by this recog-nition," she said. "Our involved school community is so focused on student learning and achievement, and success at Gallimore is truly a team effort between our students, our staff and our families. The support of our school community is a vital part of the success of our stu-dents, and we are grateful for the team effort that has led to this esteemed award."

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members Renee McKarge and Pam Davis. "We are blessed to live in this community."

The effort was similar to one the church put together in 2012 for HurStapler thwarts would-be gas station robber

Darrell Clem hometownlife.com

Plymouth Township police are asking for the public's help in identifying a hooded suspect who tried to rob a gas station Saturday night.

The incident unfolded about 8:40 p.m. at the Mobil station at Five Mile and Northville roads, police said. The suspect didn't brandish a gun, but implied he had one, Sgt. Bill Fetner said.

Bill Fetner said. "He had his hand in his sweatshirt and made some comment that he had (a gun)," Fetner said.

The suspect fled when the on-duty clerk threw a stapler at him, Fetner said. Police were still seeking the suspect early this week.

Police released a surveillance photo of the suspect, described as a young, thin white male, 6 feet to 6 feet, 2 inches, with brown hair. He was wearing a lime green sweatshirt with the lettering St. John's Bay on the front. It also had some writing on the hood.

Anyone who has information is asked to call the Plymouth Township Police Department at 734-354-3232.

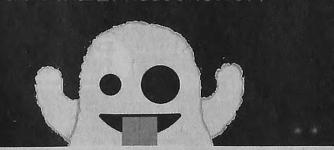
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The group partnered The group partnered with, among others, 10 churches in five counties, the Plymouth District Library and the Canton Public Library. James Esshaki from Essco Development in Birmingham donated free space in the CVS

The Pioneer Middle School National Junior Honor Society got in on the Hands 4 Hurricanes relief effort. PLYMOUTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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urbia settings."

The statistics are disturbing. Every 30 seconds, human trafficking claims its next victim, whether it's a young girl, boy or an adult woman or man. Coker said the aver-

Coker said the average victim is drawn into human trafficking at age 12-14. She said Michigan ranks among the top 10 states for the problem, with some studies ranking it as high as second in the nation. "We're among the

"We're among the worst," she said. Some statistics are difficult to pinpoint, Coker said, partly because so much of human trafficking goes unreported.

But a little money goes a long way to help. Just \$10 can buy food and a hygiene kit; \$14 can cover the cost of housing a human trafficking victim for a night.

Love Runs is making an immeasurable difference as it inches toward the \$1 million mark. Love Runs is based at

Love Runs is based at NorthRidge, a mega-



Money to fight human trafficking in metro Detroit is being raised by runners with Love Runs out of NorthRidge Church. BRIAN CRAI

church in Plymouth Township' However, marathon participants come from multiple churches, while some runners belong to no church, Coker said. Runners this year are coming from as far away as California and one is from Windsor, Canada.

Runners recently finished a 20-mile practice run in Hines Park before they began to scale back their efforts so that they don't tire their bodies out before the marathon, Coker said.

NorthRidge Church

has been involved in numerous fundraisers that make a difference. Past runners have raised money to bring clean drinking water to areas of Africa, but Love Runs is keeping the money in the Detroit area.

"We recognized that we also needed to have a local presence," Coker said. "That's very important to us."

For more on Love Runs or to donate, go to http://www.loveruns.org.

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Student loans need to be addressed — and quickly

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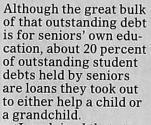
he other day, I received a call from a client who was concerned about her

sister, who's in her mid-70s and experiencing some financial difficulties. As my client explained, a number of years ago her sister took out a student loan in order to help her granddaughter. The granddaughter is now out of school and my client's sister must begin making payments on the loan. It is these payments that are causing her financial distress. My client wanted to know what options her sister had. She explained that the two options they are considering are either not



making payments and hoping that the lender will not come after the sister or to declare bankruptcy

This problem is not uncommon. When most people think of student loans, they're generally thinking younger people, but the amount of student debt held by seniors has skyrocketed over the last number of years. In fact, in just the last decade, outstanding student debt has increased by more than 600 percent for seniors.



I explained that student loans are not dischargeable in bankruptcy, so the bankruptcy option would not resolve her issue. I also explained it would be a mistake to do nothing and wait for the lender to take action. I've always been a believer that it is better to be proactive in these issues than reactive. When you're always on the defense, resolving the issue is much more

difficult.

What most people don't know about student loans is that all federal student loans are eligible for an income-based repayment program. These programs allow borrowers to pay off their loans based upon their income. There are a few different programs available, each with a little different term. In many situations, seniors find that because of the formula used to determine repayment terms along with how Social Security benefits are subject to income tax ---these income-based repayment programs can substantially reduce the payments on the

loan

The long and short of the story is the incomebased repayment program is going to work for my client's sister; the crisis has been averted. However, it was only averted because we were proactive in trying to resolve the issue. When people get into financial difficulties, they tend to bury their heads and hope the problem goes away; it doesn't work that way. When you have a financial problem, the sooner you address it, the easier it will be to resolve. There's another benefit and that is to your health. When you're constantly worried

about your finances, it can't be good for your health.

I would love to say that there are simple solutions to everyone's financial issues, but that's not true. In many situations, there are ways to work through the problem to a favorable outcome, but you must be proactive. The sooner you recognize there is an issue and act upon it, the sooner it will be resolved. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomasset management.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email Rick@ bloomassetmanagement.com.

ELL Conversation Groups

each Thursday and Friday

speaking English in an informal setting with **Community Literacy** Council volunteers. See the English Language Learner Program FAQ at www.cantonpl.org for more information.

When: 9:30-11 a.m.

Details: Practice

Digital Drop-In Help

When: 10-11 a.m. each Friday

Details: Stop in to get one-on-one help with your e-readers from the friendly experts at the Information desk. Just bring your device and your desire to learn. Kindle users must bring Amazon log-in information as well.

Computer Skills Lab for Beginners

When: 9-11 a.m. second Saturday of each month

Details: If you are looking to build a foundation of strong computer skills, including Internet use and setting up an email account, stop in to CPL's Internet Lab. We will have guided activities for practice with mouse skills. copying/pasting and more, with trusted experts on hand to answer any questions you may have or connect you to additional resources.

Family Storytime

Details: Family Storytime provides an opportunity for caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. Together with a youth librarian, you can build early literacy skills in a welcoming environ-

ment through meaningful stories, songs, and play. Encourage a love of language and reading while practicing listening and cooperative tasks. Every Family Storytime is followed by a half-hour of ABC Activity Time. Go to www.cantonpl.org for a full September program schedule.

Preschool Storytime

Details: Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 31/2-55. These activities help develop pre-reading and school-readiness skills. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend, if needed, to help transition their child to this program, and all parents must remain in the children's department. Registration is

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required and you can pick a Monday or a Friday session. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

Hero Hangout: Comics Reading Group

When: 7-8 p.m. third Wednesday of each month

Details: Do you love reading comics or learning about super heroes? Join us for Hero Hangout, a comic book club is for ages 7-12, and you choose what to read. Every week we will be sharing, reading and making comics. Participants are encouraged to bring a comic to share with a group, but are not required.

Baby Storytime

Details: Baby Storytime is designed for babies 18 months and

younger with an adult and features simple stories, songs and rhymes carefully chosen to build awareness of language and vocabulary, foster a love of books and provide a fun, interactive experience for babies and parents/caregivers. Baby Storytime sessions start Sept. 12. Registration is required. Visit www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule

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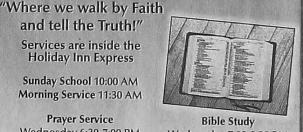
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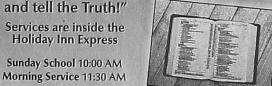
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DIA honors volunteers at annual awards luncheon

The Detroit Institute of Arts honored eight volunteers with service awards Sept. 25 at its annual volunteer luncheon at the museum. From July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, 661 volunteers contributed 59,696 service hours. This equates to almost \$1.5 million in economic value to the museum.

"Our dedicated volunteers help us fulfill the



personal meaning in art individually and with each other," said Salvador Salort-Pons, DIA director. "We are happy to honor them and thank them for their valuable service to the DIA and our visitors."

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The DIA's Volunteer Council, which celebrates its 55th anniversary this year, comprises six committees serving various areas of the museum. Awards to a volunteer in each committee went to: » Staff aide — Susan Deacon, Livonia

» Detroit Film Theater usher — Steven Davis, Ferndale

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» Interpretive Programs volunteer — Marjorie Fein, Grosse Pointe Shores

» Museum Shop volunteer — Stephanie Yashinsky, Bloomfield Township

Two special service awards were also given. The Luther Chaney Sunshine Award was

presented to Louise

Haener of Riverview. The award is named after a former security officer known for exemplary customer service and is granted to a volunteer, who during the current volunteer year, has demonstrated exceptional helpfulness and friendliness to the public inside or outside the museum and to other volunteers and staff.

The Distinguished Service Award went to Michael Chall of Livonia. It is given to a volunteer who, through long-term service and outstanding dedication, made an exceptional contribution as a member of the volunteer council.

The longest-serving volunteers honored with service pins were Mary Ann Lawlis of Grosse Pointe Woods for 45 years and Diane Kaplan of West Bloomfield for 40 years.

Six questions ... with a Washington D.C. super-agent

Jay Grossman hometownlife.com

1. Who are you, and what do you do?

A: Diane Nine, president of Nine Speakers, Inc., and a graduate of George Washington University's Law School. Founded in 1988, Nine Speakers is a full-service entertainment agency representing people across the world in the literary, lecture, television, film and theatrical arenas.

2. Best agent story?

A: That's a hard one. I tend to like things that end up being funny. I remember one time when Helen Thomas and I were having dinner at a restaurant. Helen had just signed her first book deal. Someone came rushing up to our table and pro-claimed, "I can't believe you got a \$5 million advance for your book!" Helen and I looked at each other and she said, "We can't believe it, either – because it's not true." The rumor mill was at work.

On another occasion, Cindy Williams ("Laverne & Shirley") and I were meeting with a publisher

in New York for her first book. Early in the meeting, the publisher asked Cindy, dramatically, "Why now?" To which Cindy gave what I thought was an appropriate answer: "Sometimes you have to be older to realize how fortunate you have been to have led such an extraordinary life. I feel blessed to have had the opportunities I have had and I want to share my experiences.'

The meeting continued and, about five minutes later, the editor again asked, "Why now?" Cindy glanced at me and once again gave a similar answer. The publisher continued to ask the same question at least a halfdozen times and each time he asked it, the words became more and more elongated. It kind of re-

sembled, "Whhhhhhhhhhhyyyyyyyyyyy Nooooooowwww?"

When the meeting was over and Cindy and I were safely out of the publisher's earshot, Cindy looked at me and said, "Who *are* these people?!"

3. You've represented some super big names. Can you name a few

celebrity clients and what they were like to work with?

A: Helen Thomas, the late dean of the White House Press Corps, was living history. The late advice columnist, "Dear Abby", enjoyed desserts. I once had dinner with her where she had three courses – all dessert.

Cindy Williams spent last Christmas with my family and everyone couldn't help but love her sense of humor and the way she takes a real interest in others. Michael Cole ("The Mod Squad") is one of the kindest people I know. Kathy Coleman ("Land of the Lost") and I share a favorite beverage: Diet Coke. It was bonding the first time I ate with her.

White House reporter April Ryan recently turned 50 and threw herself a birthday party. I gave her a T-shirt that says, "Fake news says I'm 50. But the alternative facts are that I'm only 35."

4. What was it like being an intern in the White House?

A: My interest in politics began at a young age – because my parents discussed events in the news and because of my favorite high school teacher, Arlyce Seibert (now the director of schools at Cranbrook).

I had an idea to work in the White House for a summer job and most people thought I was crazy. I sent a letter to the White House and I'll never forget when they called to say I had the job. I was walking in from volleyball practice and the phone was ringing. When I answered, a woman said she was calling from the White House. Because there were so many "naysayers," I said, "Who is this really?!" After a pause, I realized it was the White House calling.

My summers in the White House were thrilling. I did research and contributed to parts of speeches for President Carter. I attended press briefings with Jody Powell (Carter's press secretary). I attended official White House functions and even snuck into a few, taking off my "dog tag" and mixing with the guests (thankfully, the Secret Service overlooked this).

I spent the Fourth of

July on the South Lawn with the former president and first lady with the best view of the fireworks possible. I could roam through the West Wing and into the Oval Office. I fell in love with the Carters and all things Washington. It was an exhilarating time and every day was a learning experi-

ence. I eventually ended up in Washington permanently – first for law school and then for my business. I still think it's the most fascinating city on the planet.

5. You've met several presidents ... can you share a moment with one?

A: It would be hard to pick just one moment with one president, since I have met all of them since initially coming to Washington in high school. All presidents are to be commended for reaching the highest office in our land.

However, I will always have a special place in my heart for Jimmy Carter since I worked for him. I recently wrote to him on behalf of a client who wanted to interview him for a book. In typical Carter fashion, he sent me a hand-written note with the answers to my client's questions. Who would have thought that a high school job would have led to such kindness all these years later?

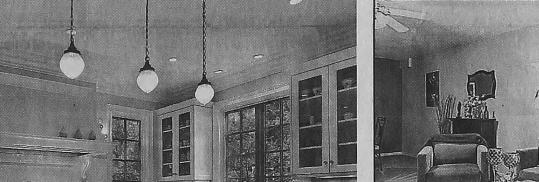
6. What's the state of the publishing industry today, compared to when you started out?

A: As an agent for almost 30 years now, I have seen a lot of changes in the literary industry. The biggest change is in technology and the advent of eBooks.

On a personal note, when I read for pleasure (as opposed to work-related reading), I only read eBooks now. I like the fact that you can have an entire library of books with you – and it saves the bookshelf space that is becoming quite limited in my home and office!

my home and office! The other major change I have seen is in the diminishing number of legitimate publishing houses. This is an industry constantly in financial trouble and it is a difficult industry to earn money in.

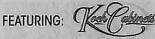
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Toying with nostalgia

I recently heard the news that Toys 'R' Us may be going into bankruptcy. Although that doesn't mean that it will cease to exist, it certainly doesn't bode well for the company. I feel that would be a great tragedy and loss if it did go under.

'Toys 'R' Us' has been an unique and unusual store. It's like a warehouse for Babes In Toyland. Originating in the early 1970s or so, the store has always been a visual feast, especially at Christmastime. In 1975, I bought a Bobby Hull Hockey Game from the store, and in 1985, I bought a Tudor Electric Football Game from them

'Toys 'R' Us' joins a long list of stores like Kmart that have closed previously. Some of these stores were done in by Walmart, while others fell to online shopping, such as the Amazon site. Amazon began as a seller of books and drove several great stores out of business, including Walden Books, Edward Hamilton Bookseller and Media Play

People really are idiotic in how they've reacted to online shopping as if it's revolutionary. We've had mail-order shopping around since the 1900s Sears catalog. The same products can be found in 'brick and mortar' stores, it's just that today's American is so lazy that he can't get up off his darn, fat butt and travel to a store, and he wants instant gratification.

I just feel that this modern, digital generation has lost something by its de-evolutionary descent into a soulless state of mindnumbing blandness. Joni Mitchell once said "you don't know what you got 'til it's gone." It seems that the Baby Boomer generation had the best years of their lives (the wonder years), in the past. Today, there seems to be a lack of a magical sense of wonder.

Back in the 1960s, there was classic TV, classic rock music, and some great stores. We used to have Christmas catalogs from Sears, Ward's, JC Penney's, Spiegal's and Federal's. We once had stores like Ben Franklin's (a five and dime), the downtown Hudson's, the Westland Woolworth's and Kresgee's. The Westland Mall was a marvel to behold: stores like Ward's, long hallways, fountains, red and blue parrots in cages, Hot Sam pretzel stands. The old Livonia Sear's mall was also fantastic. So much has been lost and can never be regained.

> Leo Weber Livonia

Support all kids

It is always incredible to see the amount of opportunities presented to all the students that attend the National Youth Science Camp ("Northville Student Attends Prestigious STEM Camp" Aug 23.); all due to the education provided by their school districts and state/government. The kids are awarded

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an opportunity to challenge themselves academically and learn from others in a field along with emphasizing the value of scientific careers.

However, this particular camp and other academic opportunities are not available in developing countries such as Kenya, Uganda and Nepal.

A staggering 263 million children are unable to attend school worldwide; perhaps what is even more disturbing is that 57 million children have never stepped foot in a classroom. If children do have the ability to attend school, it is uncertain if a high standard of education will be met. For example, in some areas, children in secondary school are unable to write in full sentences.

Now with the introduction of the House Resolution 466 -Global Partnership for Education, this can become a reality. The Global Partnership for Education allows for the development of effective national education programs that are tailored to each country's needs. As of 2003, approximately 72 million children are in primary school due to the funds raised. By committing \$250 million over two years to the Global Partnership for Education, we can stand with the world's children and ensure that each child is afforded a quality education across the board. In order to receive this funding, each participating country must devote 20% of its gross domestic product to its own education programs.

I am asking U.S Rep Dave Trott to stand with these children and co-sponsor the bipartisan House Resolution 466 in order to ensure that the underprivileged children and youth worldwide are given the same opportunities as those at home. Simran Reddy

Northville

State police director disappoints

It is clear Michigan State Police Director Kriste Etue does not understand the impact of her position as director of law enforcement officers sworn to protect all people of Michigan. With one choice, she has broadcast her assumption that the people of this diverse state do not support the right of people to peacefully protest racial injustice.

It is difficult to know where to begin with questions she generated about her ability to run a statewide agency. Rather than owning what she did, her first instinct was to separate from her decision. She allowed a spokesperson to say she posted on her personal Facebook page, as if she did not understand the viral nature of social media. Despite holding out the meme as representative of her opinion, she attempted to separate herself from the meaning of the words by saying that she didn't write them. She allowed a spokesperson to say her post was not about race, which is

just patently dishonest. The language "arrogant, ungrateful, anti-American degenerates" reinforces a belief that the content of the protest is unworthy of constitutional protections, that black lives are less worthy of rights guaranteed by our state and federal Constitutions than lives of white people.

She did not apologize for the words she held out as her beliefs. Rather she apologized to "anyone who was offended," as if her untenable choice was their burden to bear. She failed to recognize that it is her obligation to protect and serve all of the people in Michigan. She undermined her ability to meet her obligation by calling many of those people with whom she is charged to protect, 'ingrates who hate America and disrespect our armed forces and veterans" because they, like the "millionaire ingrates" she refers to, are exercising their right to peacefully protest the injustices they see being inflicted on black peo-

ple in America. Etue had a moment. A moment to hear members of the diverse community she is charged to serve and protect say they feel threatened by police violence that disparately affects people of color. She could have been a listener, a convener, a good community leader. Instead, she sacrificed her ability to lead. She made clear that she does not care to protect the rights of those who are

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are engaging in peaceful protest of actions by the government that they consider unjust if she disagrees with the form of the protest.

> Loren Khogali Plymouth

Anthem protest is a right

President Donald Trump went too far in his condemnation of Colin Kaepernick and athletes who kneel during the national anthem. He is our president, not a dictator who gets to pontificate on every subject under the sun.

I write as an American, a public high school U.S. history teacher, the daughter who was expected as a teenager to recite the pledge of allegiance while the U.S. government put my dad, his parents and siblings behind barbed wire in the Manzanar (California) Concentration Camp for Japanese-Americans for 3-1/2 years during WWII.

My classroom during the Pledge of Allegiance mirrors the choices of professional athletes. Some say every word. some listen, some have a hand over their heart, some stand. I do not get to fire them from my classroom for their choices. The choice they make in how to participate also does not guarantee who is more patriotic or a better American.

An American teenager's mind is an independent and beautiful thing. A teenage mind is often more honest than an adult mind at facing our historical mistakes and societal inconsistencies. As a teacher, my basic goal every day is to simply make my students think, not like any specific leader or like me.

Colin Kaepernick was really thinking about our country and our anthem, possibly even more than the average athlete participating. He is also trying to make others think about what we stand for and whether we are living up to our ideals. The athletes who kneel are not ignoring the anthem, and they are not disrupting it. If you are white and you never fear police brutality happening to you, then you might think kneeling during the anthem is unnecessary. Many Americans don't want to ever be challenged to think outside their comfort zone Standing for the anthem and singing do not automatically make you a better American. Insisting people all do the same thing during the anthem is a simplistic and shallow understanding of patriotism. It reflects insecurity as a country, not strength. Before we call strangers crude names, before we dictate that someone in a business other than our own should be fired, before we doubt someone else's patriotism, before we get more upset about body language during the anthem than we do about how well we live up to the ideals that we claim and yet often violate, we should just be quiet and look deep inside ourselves to reflect on how well we personally are living up to our precious American ideals. Ann-Nora Hirami Plymouth



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Zonta card making event

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County is hosting a card making meet and greet 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main St. The cost is \$25 per person and includes the cost of materials for 12 unique cards. Refreshments will be served. Proceeds will help fund our scholarships and service projects. Email rebek10118@aol.com to reserve your spot.

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

Suicide prevention program

"Every Suicide is Tragic: What Can I Do?" is an informational event to take place 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at St. Thomas a'Becket, 555 S Lilley Road, Canton. This event will provide essential information compressed into fastpaced sessions for both teens and adults, addressing questions such as: What does the church teach about suicide? What can I do to prevent it? How can I help others who may be contemplating suicide?

ketball teams. Ianni is currently traveling across the state spreading a message of tolerance, as he continues to fight bullying in schools statewide

Through "The Relentless Tour," Ianni, the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and the Autism Alliance of Michigan seek to raise awareness of autism and the problem of bullying. Ianni's message encourages students to make their schools a place where people from all walks of life are respected.

For more information, go to www.cantonfun.org or call The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center at 734-398-5570.

Hats for the Homeless

Plymouth Community United Way is gearing up for the annual Hats for the Homeless drive, scheduled to run through Dec. 29 in an effort keep our homeless community warm during the winter months. New and handmade items can be dropped at the PCUW office from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Friday.

Should your company or group like to participate by hosting a drive on-site or like to sponsor items like coats or blankets, contact Randi at 734-453-6879, ext. 5. For more information, go to www.plymouthunited way.org.

Good Counsel to host Fatima conference

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, will host a two-day conference, titled "100 Years of Fatima - The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary -– A Celebration of Hope," Oct. 13-14.

The event will be held in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the last of six apparitions of Mary to three young shepherd children in Fatima,

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Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public.

Church hosts concert series

The NOTEworthy Concert series at Plymouth First United Methodist Church opens with the Detroit Lutheran Singers at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. The program theme is "Divide and Conquer: Music of Unity," featuring anthems by many different composers, including Gabrielli, Rutter and Trenney, in settings ranging from double choir to brass and/or organ accompaniment to a capella.

Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received to benefit the PFUMC Chancel Choir and hurricane relief. First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

For more information, call 734-453-5280 or go to pfumc.org.

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.

Music at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroit bluessociety.org).

Castro, Senegalese rap-singer Sister Fa, Indian dance therapist Sohini Chakraborty and fashion designer Anna Taylor as they use their art to combat violence against women and to empower women and girls globally.

The film will screen at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. All proceeds benefit the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County in its service and advocacy efforts.

Make a Difference Day

Plymouth Community United Way is looking for volunteers for the annual Make a Difference Day event Saturday, Nov. 18. Volunteers will be helping to provide fall cleanup for low-income and disabled community members in Plymouth and Canton. The event will kick off at 8: 30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at Plymouth **First United Methodist** Church. After breakfast teams, will head out to two homes in the community.

Volunteers are asked to register with Randi at 734-453-6879, ext. 5. This event is perfect for families, youth groups, local companies or just about anyone. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Volunteers should be prepared to bring rakes and other yard tools if they have them. PCUW will supply lawn bags secured through grants and donations. For more information, visit www.plymouth unitedway.org.

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-

sentials like sleeping bags, blankets, toothbrushes, toothpaste and nightshirts, to give them their best chance at success.

A Night to R.E-.M.ember is the organization's largest annual fundraiser. This year's event will take place at the Detroit 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 opportunities 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, artwork, and new household items.

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

Suicide prevention conference

The Silent Epidemic: A Conference on Suicide 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 threeday 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 Journey of Healing and Hope. Single-day registrations and Continuing Education credits are available.

Fall color walks

Join the Friends of Miller Woods for their annual fall color walks 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 and 22. Each tour lasts one hour, is free, and will leave the entrance every 30 minutes. No dogs or strollers are allowed and you must be able to walk on uneven paths. For more information, go to millerwoods.com or call Cheryl Bord at 734-459-7666. Meet at entrance of woods on Powell Road, just east of Ridge Road.

B.L.O.C.K to host 'The Relentless Tour'

Area teens are invited to attend "The Relentless Tour," fea-turing anti-bullying expert Anthony Ianni, 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

Presented by The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center and the Canton Youth Advisory Council, this free event will feature motivational speaker Ianni, a member of Michigan State University's 2010 and 2012 Big Ten basPortugal in 1917

Registration, hotel information and all information on the conference can be accessed at https://www. olgcparish.net/fatima. **One-day** registration cost is \$30; two-day registration cost is \$40; Youth conference is free of charge. Assistance with the registration fee is available.

DIA: Away coming to PARC

The Plymouth Arts & **Recreation Complex** will host the DIA Away experience from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14-15. This is a free, mobile interactive classroom and a creative exploration space for people of all ages, especially schoolage children.

Participants will

per child for Canton residents. From Oct. 16-26, non-resident tickets will be available for \$10 per child. Proof of residency will be required to purchase tickets and there is a 10-ticket limit per person.

Parents are responsible for the direct supervision of their children during this event. For more information, call 734-394-5460 or go to www.cantonfun.org.

Canton Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the annual Consumer Expo 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Summit on the Park. The Consumer

There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes.

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.

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 jazzatthe elks@gmail.com.

Zonta Club to host movie screening

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County will host a screening of the awardwinning documentary film "Little Stones," which follows Brazilian graffiti artist Panmela

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 es-

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/.





Robert C, Age 88 October 1, 2017. Beloved husband of Eleanor. Dear father of Laine (David) Monks, Sandy (Ken) Haraburda, Daniel (Patti), Laura (Tim) O'Connell and Jennifer (John) Ness. Grandfather of Devin, Drew, Kelsey, Emily, Ali, Kristin, Katherine, Connin Cuinn, Matthew, Michael, Meghan, Alyson, Rylee, Molly, Erin, Haley, Katrina and Ethan. Great grandfather of Preston, Brayden, Mackenzie, Tessa and Jaxson. Brother of Everett (Joan) Mullins and the late Evelyn Mullins. Funeral Services were held. Family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ACCURACY TESTING FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017, 11:00 A.M. Plymouth Cultural Center

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The City of Plymouth has scheduled and will be conducting the accuracy testing for the optical scan voting equipment for the GENERAL ELECTION to be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017. The test is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This is an open testing session and any interested person is encouraged to attend. Election Source from Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been contracted by the City of Plymouth to conduct the testing to assure the equipment has been programmed appropriately.

If there are any questions, please direct them to the City Clerk's office at 734-453-1234, ext. 203 or 225. The Plymouth Cultural Center is in compliance with the American Disabilities Act and is handicapped accessible.

> Maureen Brodie City Clerk

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Novi senior Mudel hopes to crack 15-minute 5K barrier for Wildcats

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Gabe Mudel has the sport of cross country running broken down to a science.

The senior from Novi has already captured three races this season, but the one he did not win was probably his most impressive performance so far as he took runner-up honors Sept. 15 at the MSU Spartan Invitational with a personal best time of 15:29.2 (for 5,000 meters).

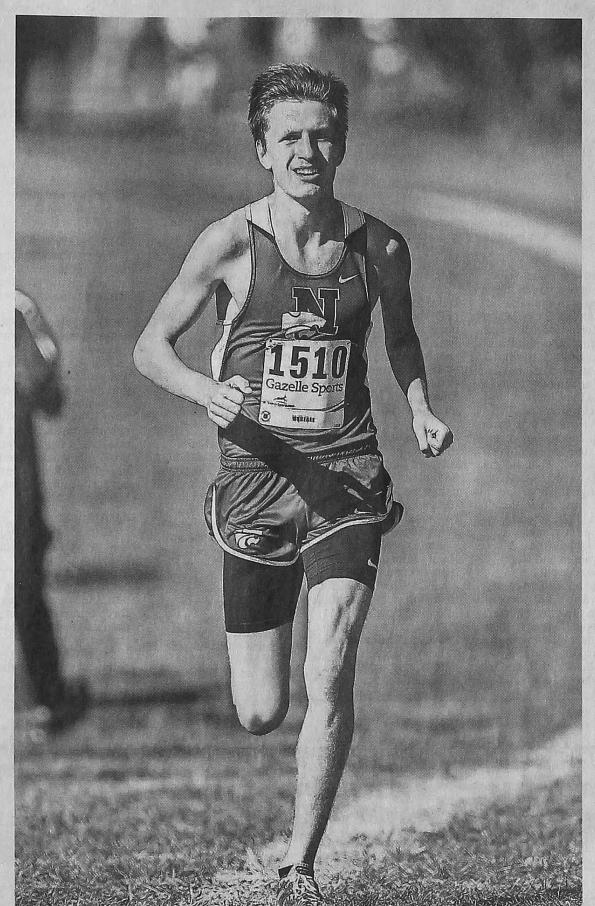
Only Coldwater's Shuaib Alijabaly recorded a faster time (15:28.1) in the Elite Division on a muggy afternoon at MSU's Forest Akers Golf Course.

"It was super-hot and my coach (Brad Moore) told all our guys to not tax ourselves on the first mile, because the heat definitely makes an impact on your race," Mudel said. "And you have to plan around that. I kind of took it easy the first mile and I knew Shuaib, who ended up winning, he took it out super-fast and was about eight seconds ahead of the next pack, which I was leading. Basically, I kind of took it easy the first mile and gradually moved up. He had a 15-second lead at one point." Mudel's strong finish came

as no surprise to new Novi coach Brad Moore, who took over the Wildcats' highly successful cross country program this fall from longtime coach Robert Smith, who retired.

"Gabe is very dedicated," Moore said. "He's very smart and he thinks through every-thing quite a bit. He's analytical, cerebral. We have some real good discussions about the training, racing and all that stuff. He'll challenge you mentally, which is great.'

Mudel's ultimate goal is to



GIRLS GOLF Stevenson's Vento scoring big as athlete, student

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Spartans senior earning medals, academic accolades

> **Tim Smith** hometownlife.com

When Anna Vento puts her mind to something, she pur-

sues it with vigor. That goes for a variety of pursuits, including Livonia Stevenson varsity golf — where as captain, she is helping lead younger girls just getting started in the sport — or acing a mid-term exam.

"With my team being comprised of all first-year varsity players, I have really enjoyed using my experience to help them progress, not only this year, but also for the years so come," said Vento, 17. "The team is full of a lot of potential and, hopefully, it can come together at regionals and we can qualify as a team for states.

"It was such a great experience last year to qualify as a team and, hopefully, I can share that experience with them this year."

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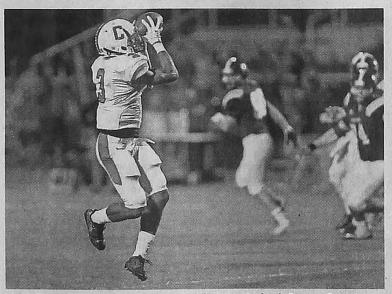
crack the 15-minute barrier, which would put him in the same company with former Novi all-state runner Tim Moore, the 2001 MHSAA Divi-

Novi senior Gabe Mudel was runner-up in the Elite Division at the MSU Spartan Invitational. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Livonia Stevenson girls golf captain Anna Vento is all smiles about how her senior year is going. STEVENSON ATHLETICS

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What a Troup-er!



Versatile Canton senior Colin Troup catches quarterback Connor Engel's pass and then takes it to the end zone for an 82-yard touchdown during the Chiefs' 40-28 victory Friday over Livonia Stevenson. For more on the KLAA Black Division match-up, turn to page B2. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Northville libero Grant in league of her own

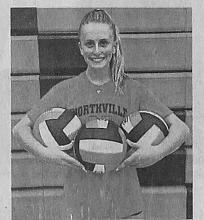
Michigan State commit proving to be a defensive stalwart

> **Brad Emons** hometownlife.com

There's more than one reason Northville's Hannah Grant stands out among the crowd when she's on the volleyball court.

The 5-foot-7 junior not only wears the different colored jersey as the Mustangs' starting libero, but she has also quietly distinguished herself as one of the top defensive players in the state.

The Michigan State commit continues to thrive in



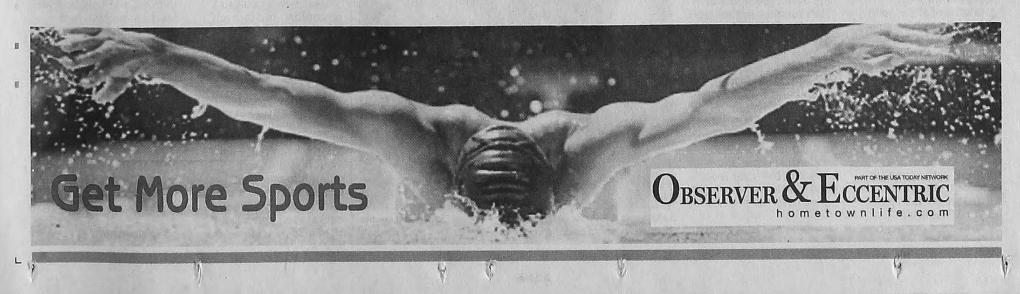
Michigan State commit Hannah Grant, a libero for Northville, has been a defensive standout this season. BRAD EMONS

only her second year of playing the position while leading the state-ranked Mustangs to a 25-5 start.

Grant didn't take up volleyball until she was a seventh-grader at Meads Mill Middle School. She started out as a setter and outside hitter, but moved to libero with her club team (Team Detroit) just prior to her sophomore season at Northville.

"It actually wasn't that hard because, when I was setting, my favorite thing was playing defense," Grant said. "Everyone was kind of confused when I wasn't setting, but it was really an easy transition because you need to be able to have good hands when you're back there. Especially out of system, it makes it easier for

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PREP FOOTBALL Canton mixes up attack, rolls to 40-28 victory

Chiefs knock off Stevenson, just one win away from playoffs

Tim Smith hometownlife.com

It's tough enough to slow down Canton's multi-pronged running attack, but host Livonia Stevenson found out Friday what the Chiefs can do when they throw the football.

Canton senior quarterback Connor Engel threw three touchdown passes in the second quarter, including two to senior Colin Troup. That sparked a 26-point surge, opening up a 33-14 halftime advantage. The Chiefs never looked back, winning 40-28 to spoil Stevenson's senior night.

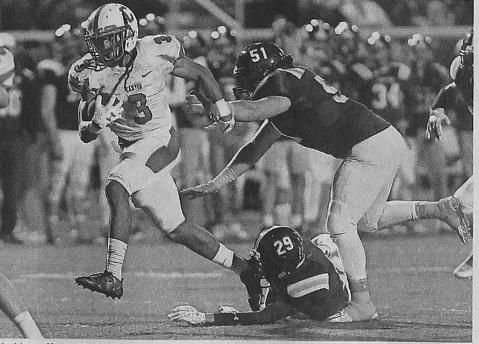
Troup had another stellar game, with 235 all-purpose yards (100 rushing, 135 receiving), while junior tailback Steven Walker tallied 153 yards rushing in 19 carries and two TDs as Canton moved to the cusp of another state playoff

berth at 5-1 overall. "The key to this game was the offensive line, they really stepped up," Troup said. "They helped me, Steve, Luke (Jouppi), they just helped us really follow through the holes and score touchdowns. Really it's all thanks to them, the big guys." Canton outgained

Stevenson by a 484-339 margin and allowed just 15 first-down conversions by the Spartans.

The KLAA Black Division showdown was 7-7 after the first quarter

PREP FOOTBALL



Shaking off Livonia Stevenson defenders Roman Klenk (right) and Scott Rushlow is Canton running back Colin Troup. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and the Spartans were driving deep into Canton territory to open the second. But Stevenson quarterback Parker Graham just missed hitting Devin Dunn in the end zone on a fourth-down play, turning over the ball to the Chiefs.

On Canton's next offensive play, Engel threw Troup and he took it to the house for an 82-yard touchdown. That put the Chiefs ahead to stay, although the Spartans did show some life in the second half, when they scored the game's final two touchdowns.

Graham and Dunn (three receptions, 93 yards) hooked up for a second TD, a 17-yarder, late in the third quarter. Canton penalties helped the Spartans complete a 95-yard drive in the fourth, but the Spartans also showed some bigplay capability.

After Graham found Dunn for a 47-yard pass play, the quarterback burst through the middle for a 30-yard touchdown run. Stevenson tacked on a two-point conversation to make it 40-28 with five minutes left, but that was

all the scoring. "They just played tough the entire game, they brought it to us," Graham said. "We started figuring it out and get our game plan going in the second half. Just wish we would have gotten it going sooner.'

Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef, whose team dropped to 4-2, gave the Chiefs credit for throwing some wrinkles into their usual game.

"They're a good foot-ball team," Micallef said. "They did some things defensively, a couple different alignments and moving guys around, that gave us some trouble at times

"We adjusted and ran some plays that I think we were successful on, but it was just a matter of making sure we were in the right spots." Following are several

takeaways from the con-

MIX AND MATCH

test

Canton's outstanding offense usually is powered by the running game, but against Stevenson, quarterback Engel showed there is another side to the attack. In the second quarter, during a 26-yard surge by the Chiefs, Engel threw three TDs, including two to Troup (82, 31 yards) and a 12yard strike to Walker. Engel only completed

4-of-6 passes for the night, but he made them



Livonia Stevenson's Joshua Page (right) catches a pass in the first quarter and then scores on a 70-yard play. Trailing Page is Canton's Noah Brown. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

count.

"Their defense wasn't really set up for it and our guys made some plays and I got it to them," Engel said.

WHO THREW THAT?

The Spartans stopped the Chiefs in the game's first drive, but when the offense came onto the field it was senior George Ferguson behind center (instead of at wide receiver)

The left-handed Ferguson connected over the middle on a pass to senior Joshua Page for a nifty 70-yard catch-andrun into the end zone, to briefly put the Spartans up, 7-0. The usual starting QB, Graham, came out for the next series, however.

ILL-ADVISED

After Canton upped its lead to 27-14 on a 31-yard pass from Engel to Troup, with a minute remaining in the first half, the Spartans tried to force things. Graham's pass into the left flat was picked off by Canton's Nick Polydoras, who returned the ball to the 1-yard line.

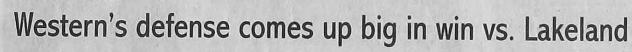
Punching it in on the next snap was junior running back Luke Jouppi (eight carries, 40 yards) and, just like that, it was a 33-14 contest with 34 seconds left until intermission.

"We had a rough last couple minutes of the first half there, we gave up a touchdown and then threw the pick-six and it ended up being the difference in the game when you look at the final score," Micallef said. "In the second half, we played better, we executed better, we got a couple stops defensively and a turnover. So that helped."

IN THE PINK

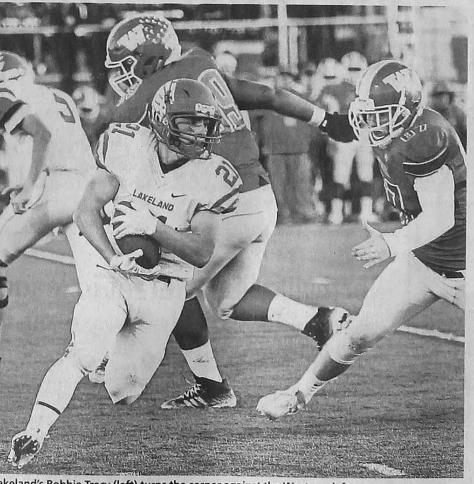
It was Stevenson's fifth annual Pink Out game to raise awareness about breast cancer. Spartans players wore pink socks and wristbands to salute the worthy cause. A moment of silence was held at halftime to honor those who have lost their lives to the disease.

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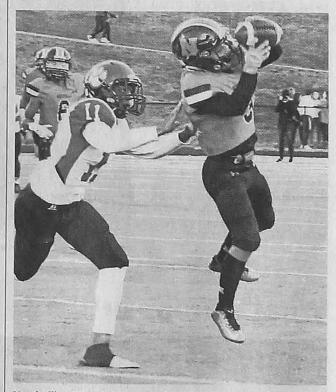


Late defensive stand gives Warriors 13-11 victory

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PREP FOOTBALL



Walled Lake Western wanted to eliminate the long ball in its Lakes Valley Conference football showdown Sept. 28 against White Lake Lakeland.

The Warriors gave up some singles and doubles, but their defense kept the Eagles' vaunted wing-T offense from hitting the grand slam as they held on for 13-11 win in what could be consid-ered an old pitcher's duel.

Western (5-1, 4-1) gave up 176 yards on the ground, but only one touchdown against a Lakeland team that came into the game averaging nearly 30 points per out-

ing. "No home runs," Western coach Mike Zdebski said. "They have 21 50plus touchdown plays and that's what we eliminated tonight. And we were a few tackles away from not even allowing that to get on the board. Our kids did a great job of preparation and un-

derstanding what a wing-T offense is and understanding the strengths of their team and what they're trying to accomplish with ev-erything that they do."

The Warriors managed just 123 yards total offense, but managed to jump out to a 13-0 firstquarter lead.

Western took just three plays to score its only TD with 10:27 remaining in the opening quarter, as Sam Johnson hit Justin Thomas on a 43-yard TD pass. A 48-yard punt return

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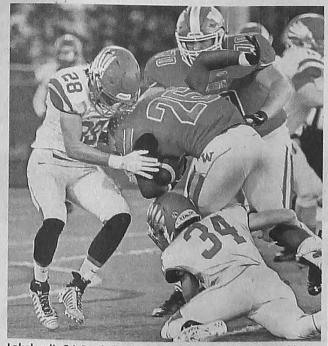
Lakeland's Robbie Tracy (left) turns the corner against the Western defense. JERRY REA

by Randall Harris set up a 31-yard field goal by Aidan Jennings, who then followed with another field goal of 39 yards less than two minutes later to give Western a 13-point cushion.

"He's good," Zdebski said of his place kicker. "He's another in the lineage of kickers we've had here. We've had great kickers. He's going to be an all-state dude, too. He kicked two field goals tonight and won the game. He's perfect on extra points this season."

Lakeland (4-2, 4-2) got on the board with 9:20 left in the second quarter, when the snap from center on a Western punt sailed over the head of

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Lakeland's C.J. Davis (left) and Matt Fus team for the tackle on Western running back Jakkel Moore-Wells. JERRY REA

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Northville's Nicholas Prystash (right) makes a leaping grab over Grand Blanc's Jace Parrish. MARTHA MICHALAK

Northville falls 38-30 despite record boot

Mustangs' Moody kicks school-record 58-yard field goal in 38-30 loss



"Our kids played hard, they gave great effort, they just came up short,"

Northville coach Matt Ladach said.

"There were a lot of times where we had them in third-and-long and we let them out. We had them stopped and had them off the field, missed tackles or let the quarterback escape. It wasn't for a lack of effort. You have to give their kids credit. They made plays and, those instances, we didn't.'

Grand Blanc, which improved to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA Gold Division, also won in Clint Alexander's return

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Just when you think he couldn't top himself, Northville's Jake Moody put on another kicking exhibition for the ages on Friday at Tom Holzer Ford Field.

Moody topped his own school record with a 58-yarder - now tied for the second longest in MHSAA football history - but it still wasn't enough to overcome Grand Blanc's 546 yards total offense as the Bobcats stayed unbeaten with a 38-30 win.

MUDEL

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sion 1 state champion (15:11.3) who later went on to excel at Notre Dame.

Tim Moore was also the 2002 Foot Locker National Champion who ran a 14:50.0.

"I do think it's possible on a great day," Brad Moore said of the 15-

minute

barrier.

'Gabe's

having a

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strong



Mudel

summer. So far, so good. Everything is falling into place really well. Our goal for him was top five a couple of Saturdays ago at that big (MSU) Spartan race. He was a second away from winning it and almost caught that guythe end."

Mudel has made consistent strides throughout his running career at Novi.

As a junior, he was regional runner-up and fourth at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet, but slipped to 93rd at the Division 1 state finals after suffering a case of vertigo, when he fell twice before hitting the finish line.

As a sophomore, he began to show his immense promise, earning all-state (top 30) honors at the D1 finals with 27th (15:53.6) after placing third in the Kensington Conference and seventh at the regional.

Mudel intensified his

Gabe Mudel (middle) chats with his Novi teammates after a recent practice at Cass Benton Park. BRAD EMONS

training regimen heading into the fall cross country season and the earlyseason returns are encouraging.

"Throughout the whole summer, I ran just about every day, only taking a day off only once every three weeks, so it was pretty high mileage," Mudel said. "Also, this is the first summer in which I didn't only do base mileage, but also two workouts every week. It's definitely taxing, but so far I'm pretty happy with where I'm at and that keeps me going throughout the season."

As a youngster, Mudel started out as a swimmer, but also played basketball his freshman and sophomore years at Novi.

"My running career, I guess, started with a fun

5K with my dad (Roman) in third grade," Mudel said. "I think he actually pushed me across the last mile or so. I ended up running around 30 minutes. He was dragging me."

Mudel got the running bug as a seventh-grader at Novi Middle School.

"I don't know if I fell in love right away, but once I started seeing how much I improved and how much potential I had, I started to like it more," he said. "I'm enjoying it now, for sure."

The 6-foot-2 Mudel, who is of Polish descent, has all the credentials to become a collegiate runner. He carries a 4.0 (unweighted) grade-point average and has had conversations with the coaches from Michigan,

in 123 total yards as Johnson was 5-of-12 passing for 111 yards, while running back Jakkel Moore-

Well's added 29 yards rushing in nine attempts. Western had just 12 yards net rushing and six tackles for loss.

"Our defense was phenomenal the way we played," Woodruff said. "We spotted them 13 points out of the gate and it was a shutout from there. Our kids had guts. We played with our guts."

INJURY UPDATE

The Eagles lost junior starting quarterback Brady Woodruff, son the head coach, to an injury during the opening quarter. "Brady is doing OK," Joe Woodruff posted on Facebook. "He had a dislocated hip after a hit in the first quarter, they were able to put it back in place. There is no ligament damage. There is a fracture in the hip. We Michigan State and MIT. "Not sure quite where

I want to go yet, but I've narrowed it down a little bit," Mudel said. "I'm really interested in computer science."

During his spare time, Mudel can be found on the website projectoiler.net trying to solve programming math problems, but he also dabbles in another unusual hobby.

"I do that a lot in my free time and actually yo-yo in my free time," he said. "I have \$40 yoyo, it's pretty fun. I started when I was in the fifth grade. I saw a guy come to school my fifth-grade year and did a yo-yo routine, which was pretty cool and that's how I got into it myself."

Mudel's next big race is the Oakland County meet Saturday, Oct. 7, at Kensington Metropark. He placed fourth in that race a year ago.

"He's dangerous," Moore said. "In any way you can get out-smarted, he'll try and do it. He's a contender. We're excited."

The Division 1 state finals will be Saturday, Nov. 2, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. And that could be the meet where Mudel attains his ultimate cross country goal.

"I think to run under 15, it's going to take just a really good taper and consistent training throughout," he said, "and pretty much what I've been doing."

And for Mudel, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

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will know more tomorrow, but we are optimistic. He has the heart of a lion. All he kept asking was who won." Boles and Joe Rzeppa

Boles and Joe Rzeppa alternated at quarterback to finish the game. "When we lost Brady,

"When we lost Brady, we lost 75 percent of our offense," Joe Woodruff said. "So that tells you where we had to adjust and overcome on offense."

SHARING THE LOAD

Seven different Lakeland players had at least one rushing attempt.

Lakeland's leading ball carriers were Cullen (11 carriers, 62 yards) and Tracy (20 carries, 40 yards). Another starter in the backfield, Dylan Kutzleb, did not dress after tweaking his knee the week before in a 51-21 win over South Lyon East.

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Jennings and through the end zone for a two-point safety to trim the deficit to 13-2.

"He's a tall kid, so if the snap isn't too bad, he can get it," Zdebski said. "That one ... could have made it to the middle school on that safety."

With just 1:32 left in the first half, Lakeland scored its lone TD on a 1-yard keeper by quarterback Mitchell Boles. The Eagles went for the twopointer, but got stopped, leaving it a five-point deficit. 36-yard halfback pass by Robbie Tracy for the go-ahead TD to Cullen was nullified by a holding call.

call. "They could have called a hold on any one they wanted to, but they decided to get us on that one," Lakeland coach Joe Woodruff said. "It is what it is. We got three points off the deal, but we should have been up. It was a great pass, a great executed play. We set it up. We'd been waiting for it. The kids did everything they were supposed to do."

Western, meanwhile, ran just nine offensive plays during the second half, but held on when game, but they were going to run it right at me next play with a pass," Harris said. "I saw the receiver go on a curl route. I saw the quarterback look at him. I broke down on it. I pounced on it real quick and a ripped it out of him for the play."

Lakeland tried seven passes on the night and only completed one for 10 yards.

"Our defensive coordinator put us in the right position to make plays for us," Harris said. "We watched film every single day, hours upon hours. Everybody was at home watching film, so we came into this game really prepared for a defensive stand and we knew it would be a defensive battle with them tonight. And that's what we did - make big plays." Four other takeaways:

their final timeout to let their defense mull over and prepare what Lakeland might throw at them on a critical fourth-andseven play from the Western 48 with just over a minute to go. And their defense

We were looking for a

curl route because our

inside (line)backers were

coming up hard," Zdebski

said. "So our corner (Harris) did a great job sitting

on it and making a great

play. Randall made a hell

of a play there. The ball

hit (Cullen) in the hands

and (Harris) took it out of

his hands. But you've got

to make a play to win a

game. Couple of weeks

guessed right.

The momentum began to change in the third quarter as Lakeland ate up 7:47 of the clock, driving down to the Western 11, but had to settle for a 34-yard field goal by Leo Skupin with 3:13 to go in the quarter.

Earlier in the drive, a

Harris, the senior cornerback headed to Central Michigan University, broke up Boles' intended pass to Cullen on fourthand-seven with only 1:09 left to seal the win.

"My coach said they'd be running it right at me, they hadn't the whole

PIVOTAL MOMENT The Warriors burned ago, when we weren't as fortunate (in a 47-37 loss to Waterford Mott), we couldn't make a play when he had to make one more play. But we got that play tonight."

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NORTHVILLE

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to Northville, where he spent three seasons as Mustangs head coach from 2002-04.

Alexander, in his first season as Bobcats varsity coach, watched Moody put on a first-half clinic.

Northville (2-4, 1-4) jumped out to a 7-0 lead with a 10-play, 85-yard drive, capped by Abe Khoury's 6-yard touchdown run with 4:40 left in the first quarter.

But Grand Blanc got two points on the board with 10:21 left in the first half, when a high snap from center over the head of Moody, who is also Northville's punter, went for a safety.

On the ensuing free kick, Moody boomed the ball off the tee more than 80 yards and into the end zone for the touchback. And with just 7:18 left in the half, he drilled the 58-yarder, topping his own school record of 57 set in the season opener against Dearborn.

Moody is now tied with former Michigan State kicker John Langeloh, who had a 58-yarder for Utica in 1985. (Warren

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Woods Tower's Doug Kochanski holds the state record with a 59-yarder in 1994.)

"It's so hard because (Moody) is phenomenal," Ladach said after the loss. "It's hard to believe he kicks the ball through the end zone from the 20-yard line. It's a 58-yard field goal and he kicks the ball 90 yards. It's unbelievable. He's a weapon."

After Grand Blanc tied it on Kettrell Ware Jr.'s 1-yard TD run with 5:33 left in half, followed by the two-point conversion to knot the game at 10-10, Moody answered with a 42-yard field goal with 3:43 remaining to put the Mustangs back on top, 13-10.

Grand Blanc, meanwhile, committed four first-half turnovers with three fumbles and one interception, but trailed by only three.

The Bobcats went in at halftime to regroup.

"We said, 'Look, we had about everything go wrong the first half that could," Alexander said. "You got a guy (Moody) that's automatic from 40 in and that's tough. I said we had some big wins holding them to three (points) instead of seven. I bet they felt like they should have been up 21. I said, 'Let's just be four points better in the second half.""

Moody, however, proved he was human, missing a 53-yard attempt wide left on Northville's first possession of the third quarter. The Bobcats countered with 55-yard TD pass from Ryder Brotebeck to Cameron Cyborowski to make it 16-13 with 5:20 to go.

Northville then marched 74 yards in seven plays scoring with 1:46 left in the third on Khoury's 1-yard TD run to go up 20-16 following Moody's point after.

After Grand Blanc missed a 23-yard field goal attempt 58 seconds into the fourth, the Bobcats went ahead for keeps, 31-20, getting TD runs of 9 and 1 yard from Ware, who led all rushers with 133 yards on 25 carries.

Moody answered with a 36-yard field goal with 4:53 remaining to make it a one-score game again, 31-23, but Colton Alexander's 29-yard pass to Nicholas Erlenbeck with just over two minutes left put the Bobcats in the driver's seat, 38-23. Northville got a 39yard TD pass by Christian Williams to Nicholas Prystash with 1:43 remaining.

Moody then tried the onside kick for the second time in the game, but the ball couldn't be corralled by the Mustangs before going out of bounds.

Here are four other takeaways:

GAME-CHANGER

With Northville trailing, 24-20, Grand Blanc's 6-foot-2, 276-pound lineman Tre'Vion Liston came up with a fumble recovery after Mustangs quarterback Jon Michalak was stripped at the goal line at the 1, leading to Ware's TD run.

"We had to have a turnover," Alexander said. "We keep score by turnovers and at halftime and we said we were down 4-0. I said we've got to turn it around and (Liston) made a great play."

ROTATING QUARTER-BACKS

Grand Blanc's duo of Colton Alexander and Brotebeck were a combined 17-of-22 passing for 261 yards.

Northville also used two signal-callers as Michalak was 12-of-23 for

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204 yards, while the sophomore Williams, coming on in the final quarter, hit 8-of-12 for 118 yards.

'We've got two because they're both firstyear starters," said Alexander, whose team notched a Division 1 playoff berth with the win. "And we've only got two. And if we don't play two and something goes wrong, we're stuck in a situation where a kid is not prepared. At Woodbury (Va.) Forest, we played three and they all went to college. We had three good kids. We had a senior, junior and a freshman and it worked."

COMING BACK

Alexander went 11-17 with one playoff appearance during his threeyear head coaching stint with the Mustangs. He went on to coach at Woodbury (Va.) Forest before getting the varsity job this season at Grand Blanc.

"It was exciting," Alexander said. "Actually, I had some parents of former players show up and talk to me beforehand. My history department leader came to see me, so it was fun."

The Bobcats are off to a 6-0 start with a young

squad.

"We have seven seniors that haven't played since their freshman year that start for us, so we're a pretty young team as far as experience," Alexander said.

MORE MOODY

Up 23-20 with 7:01 left in the final quarter after scoring a TD, Alexander decided to gamble and go for two as Brotebeck ran in for the two-pointer to give the Bobcats a fourpoint cushion.

Alexander wanted to take another potential three-point kick by Moody out of the equation.

"We had to," Alexanders said. "We wanted to put a little more pressure on them. If they get any one big play like a screen (pass) again and they've got an automatic three (points)."

he could only marvel while watching Moody all night.

"And we've got a pretty good kicker, but obviously (Moody) is sixth in the nation," he said. "We knew coming in that he was going to tip the field. We have a pretty good return game and he just neutralizes it."

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BOYS SOCCER

Fourney's hat trick lifts Canton past Northville

Chiefs take advantage after Northville red card

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Canton's Jordan Fourney proved to be the tallest player on the soccer field Sept. 26 in more ways than one.

The 6-foot-3 senior forward and captain was the difference-maker as he scored a natural hat trick in the second half as the Chiefs defeated host Northville, 4-1, in a key Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover.

"He's our guy that plays up top, but we have some guys who certainly help him," Canton coach Mark Zemanski said the team's goal and assist leader. "But Jordan is big, strong and fast. He's a beast to handle and he works hard."

Canton trailed 1-0 early in the second half, but the game quickly changed in the Chiefs' favor after Northville sophomore goalkeeper Robert Damron was sent off with a red card after venturing outside his box to stop a breakaway attempt by Nick Yono.

Damron was called for a deliberate handball foul.

On the ensuing free kick from 30 yards out with 35:38 remaining, Fourney scored off a blast that was threaded through a sea players on a redirected shot eluding Northville's backup keeper Reggie Spencer, who had just entered the match.

"It was deflected off the other team, but I'll take it for my own," Fourney said. "The goal really reinvigorated the team and we started playing our game. It was tough, but it was a long time coming. I thought in the first half, I thought we really controlled the game. Then once we got that first one in, I guess they started rolling in." nton's Luke Lloyd goes on the transition against

Canton's Luke Lloyd goes on the transition against Northville. JOEL LLOYD

Ford Field turf and past Spencer with 28:07 to go to give the Chiefs a fourgoal cushion.

The Chiefs scored all four unanswered goals in just 7:31.

"(Zemanski) said keep going," said Fourney, who plans to do track and field in the spring with hopes of attending Michigan State next fall. "We had most of the possession in the first half. Missed a few key finishing opportunities, then put them in second half."

Northville played the final 36 minutes a man down because of the red card to Damron, who was consoled afterward and given words of encouragement by the Canton coach.

"Without a doubt, it really put them in a tough situation," Zemanski said. "He's a really good keeper, but it was the right call. He was the last man, he handed the ball and it was a red card."

Northville had a goal disallowed in the first 1:36, but came back and scored just 51 seconds later when Andrew Mitchell made a hard drive down the right flank and sent a cross that fooled Canton keeper David Sadanowicz resulting in a rebound goal by Shane McHugh. But the momentum slowed shifted back Canton's way as the first half unfolded and into the early stages of the sec-

ond half.

"I thought after the first 10 (minutes) we settled down, played well and created some chances," Zemanski said. "Then we did nice job of burying the ball when we had to."

The loss dropped Gold Division leader Northville, ranked fourth in Division 1, to 8-3-1 overall and 6-1-1 in all KLAA crossover matches.

"Canton outplayed us; they deserved to win," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "We have core players on our team that didn't play to their core level – or what they think they are. So if our better players don't play their best game, we're not going to win games."

Canton, which is 2-0-1 in the KLAA Black and ranked No. 16 in Division 1, improved to 7-2-5 overall and 5-0-4 in the KLAA.

"I still think we have a ways to go as a team, for sure," Zemanski said. "We need to play 80 minutes and we haven't done that yet in a game but, hopefully, we will. We'll need to

VENTO

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Vento's golfing and leadership is paying dividends in a hurry.

In the clutch

At the recent dual match against Livonia Churchill, Vento was medalist with 35. Her 1-under-par showing helped the Spartans clinch the KLAA South



Vento Vento

hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week honors. She is following up a

very successful 2016 season, in which her averages were 39 for nine holes and 78 for 18.

"I owe a lot of thanks to my second-year high school coach Curtis Hay," Vento said. "He has been phenomenal these last couple of years and I really enjoy playing for him."

Yet her most-cherished statistic has nothing to do with golf. It's 4.56, her weighted grade-point average. Golf and education are very important motivators for Vento. They intersected last winter, when she had to decide whether or not to go after a college scholarship to continue playing the sport she only took up seriously in eighth grade.

Valparaiso University came calling, wanting Vento to play Division I golf next year. "I decided last winter

that I wanted to focus solely on academics," Vento said. "It was a really tough decision.

"My focus right now is to finish the season strong and cap off a memorable four-year career."

Her first tee

For the daughter of Gerry (Plymouth boys hockey varsity coach) and Colleen Vento, the golf aspect of her life began in earnest when she started taking lessons at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth Township.

in Plymouth Township. Fox Hills PGA professionals Brian Cairns and Jordan Young showed her the ropes.

"I really fell in love with the game and spend a good amount of my free time on the course, whether it's practicing or caddying at Meadowbrook Country Club," Vento said. "I really love the mental side of the sport and how every shot and hole creates a new challenge."

At Stevenson, she continued to hone her golfing skills.

Since her sophomore year, she has earned a spot on the all-KLAA team. In 2016, she was named Stevenson's MVP.

At the Livonia City Golf Tournament, which the Spartans have won the past three years, Vento collected medals each time.

"My team also won regionals last year and I was second with a 75 at it," Vento said. Even though her big

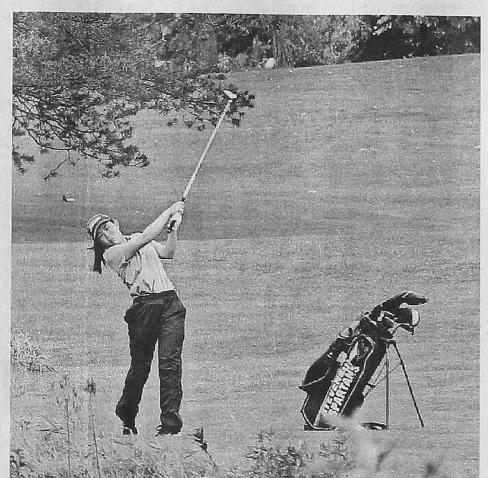
Even though her big junior season so far has carried over to her senior year, Vento perhaps is most proud of all her various accomplishments away from the golf course.

For the past three years, Vento was a KLAA scholar-athlete. Last year's Stevenson girls golf team earned academic all-state accolades.

And don't forget Vento is captain of Stevenson's Quiz Bowl and debate teams, not to mention president of the National Honor Society.

No matter how one slices it, Vento is finding the bottom of the cup as a golfer, student leader and young woman.

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Fourney followed by scoring twice within a span of 2:21, making it 3-1, with assists credited to Tyler Turko and Brett McGue, respectively.

Canton's Jake McGue put the game out of reach on a laser-like shot that hugged the Tom Holzer because we're playing a lot of good teams. Northville is a very good team. If we played again, this score wouldn't be the same, for sure."

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Following through on a shot during a recent Livonia Stevenson girls golf match is Anna Vento.

GRANT

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the hitters. One of my coaches were, like, 'You need to be a libero.' It worked out pretty well and I've loved it ever since."

In 30 matches this season, Grant has already racked up 350 digs has shown an innate ability to see the play before it happens.

"She reads the ball well," Northville coach Julie Fisette said. "She's quick, but she's really unassuming. She moves really well and she see things ... I don't even see the ball and it's off before you know it. She can totally read where the ball is going off the hitters' hands, even off the blocker's hands.

Grant performs a lot like former Red Wings Hall of Fame defenseman Nick Lidstrom – steady and consistent, while playing on the back line efficiently without much fanfare.

"I told her the other day and I said, 'Hannah, you make phenomenal plays and we don't even say, "Great job Hannah" anymore because we expect you to make those," Fisette said. "And it's almost sad because we expect her to make all these great plays, so when she makes one we're not always like, 'Yeah, nice job!' and we're all screaming and yelling because it's just common."

Pardon the pun, but Fisette admits she often takes things for granted. She calls Grant "the best libero I've coached in 25 years."

"I've had some good liberos and Hannah is just that kid," Fisette said. "And really, she's very calm. She doesn't get really excited, really depressed or down. She's a great role model to follow. She hits really well, she's very smart in a lot of different aspects in her game."

Grant also has proven to be an offensive weapon from the service line, accumulating a teambest 49 aces this season.

"She can serve any zone I ask her to serve," Fisette said. "She's very aggressive when she serves and she's very competitive when she serves. She gets very frustrated if she doesn't hit a zone or misses a serve. It's the same with her hits. She'll take that third ball and hit it over the net and five out of 10 times she'll score with it. Even just standing and hitting the ball she knows where to put. She's got a lot of ball control. She's a great hitter."

And when she's patrolling in the back row, things tend to click.

"I love passing," Grant said. "It's like a game to me. You can't let the ball drop anywhere it goes."

Grant dabbled in a number of sports growing up, playing soccer, softball and baseball. Her dad Steve, a Northville High grad, played basketball at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Mother Andrea (Creighton), a Livonia Ladywood grad, played softball at Madonna University.

. "I think I like volleyball a little more," Hannah said. "I want to play college volleyball and I think I can play at a higher level in college volleyball. I told my varsity (basketball) coach (Todd Gudith) and it was hard because my dad was my basketball coach my whole life. It was hard, but now it worked out for the best of us and everyone is happy and proud. But if I really wanted to play at the next level, it would be volleyball. I always tell my dad I might play (basketball) here my senior year."

After receiving numerous recruiting emails and letters, Grant began to realize she could play at the next level.

She visited South Carolina and had offers from several Division I schools, including Stanford and North Carolina. She had interest from another Big Ten school before settling on Michigan State, a top 25ranked program nationally.

Grant made her verbal commitment while Northville was playing at MSU's team camp.

"First of all, I love the coaches," said Grant, who likes math and science while carrying a 3.9 grade-point average. "When I went there to visit, it just felt like home. And it is close to home, which is nice, so I'm not that far. Big Ten — it's the best conference, I believe, in college volleyball, so I really want to play with the best in continuing my career."

Fisette believes Grant has all the attributes to be a Spartan. "(MSU coach) Cathy (George) and I talked and I said what a great kid she was and how well she'll fit in at Michigan State," she said.

Grant's versatility and mindset also bode well for her at the collegiate level, according to Fisette.

"Even when the setter is setting the ball, she's there with beautiful hands putting up a great set for our outsides,' Fisette said. "She has all aspects of the game covered with little stature. She loves to play up front. She's just a competitive kid. She's a lot of fun, but I think sometimes she's hard on herself. But she wants to get better and she knows when she gets to Michigan State, she knows she'll have to work for her position, so she's constantly trying to better herself in all areas."

Grant not only has high expectations of herself, but also for the team as the Mustangs have moved into the No. 10 spot in the latest Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association Division 1 poll.

"I'm really excited this year," Grant said. "This year there's a lot of new players. There were seven seniors starting last year. So it was a little harder to come into it this year with all new players and having to learn systems because last year it was just go in there and play. We kind of knew everyone. It was normal, but this year we had to do more fundamentals and working as a team ... getting to know each other and know how each other plays to play around each other.

Two of Northville's five losses this season have come against archrival and two-time defending Division 1 state champion Novi, which is coached by Jennifer and Rick Cottrill. Ironically, the Cottrills will coach Grant during the offseason for the Legacy Under-18 club team.

Novi is ranked No. 4 in the Class A poll and has had Northville's number during Grant's three years on the varsity. But Grant remains optimistic the tables can be turned.

"We're going to get Novi some day," she said with a smile.

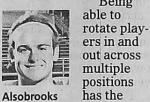
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PREP FOOTBALL Churchill rolls in homecoming win vs. Plymouth

Chargers one victory away from players after 41-14 triumph

Tom Morelli Correspondent

When it comes to football, one of the greatest attributes a team can have is a roster full of versatile players. Being



ability to add the elements of both danger and surprise to any system.

In a game where the end result is based on inches, being able to field a cast of versatile players can be the differencemaker in going from a pretender to a contender.

Livonia Churchill's seemingly never-ending supply of flexible resources was on full display Friday, as the Chargers (5-1 overall, 4-0 KLAA Gold) pieced together five touchdowns in the second half on their way to a 41-14 homecoming win over Ply-

mouth. "Roster-wise we're

down, but I think that depth-wise we have a lot of pretty solid players,' Churchill coach Bill De-Fillippo said. "We have a lot of good players that aren't starters and sometimes that can be frustrating, but when those guys get their opportunity, they come and they play hard and do a good job for us."

Quarterback Drew Alsobrooks played a pivotal part in putting up points for Churchill, using both his hands and feet to get the job done.

By the time the final whistle blew, Alsobrooks found himself all over the stat sheet. Among his scoring escapades, the junior booted two field goals (30 and 28 yards), scored on a two-point conversion and connected with classmate Avery Grenier on an 8-yard touchdown to finish with 143 yards on 5-of-16 passing and 11 rushes for 73 yards.

"We started a little slow and didn't have a great first half, kind of like last week," Alsobrooks said. "We didn't really finish any drives in the first half and then once we got into the locker room, our thing was 'finish, finish, finish.' The first three drives of the second half we scored and finished every one with a touchdown and I'm proud of our guys."

A wide receiver, Grenier (three catches for 59 yards, three rushes for 113 yards) also showcased his range of talents outside of his normal position, reaching pay dirt on an 84-yard run with 1:32 remaining and sneaking in reps at quarterback.

The Chargers' momentous flurry of offense didn't stop there however, as they had nine different ball carriers on their way to 373 yards rushing.

"The key thing was our offensive line - we struggled a little bit last week, so they had a pretty long week of practice," DeFillippo said. "We challenged them and they played incredible tonight, so that was great to see."

Among the other Churchill players to score a touchdown were running backs Darrell Mason Jr. (13 rushes for 85 yards) and Tyrese Williams (eight rushes for 33 yards) in the third quarter, followed by senior quarterback Martin Dooley's 5-yarder with 2:08 to g0.

"Our kids responded and we have done that all year," DeFillippo said. "We have a really good character group and, at times when they let us get after them, they always respond. I'm proud of those guys for the way they came out in the third quarter and finished drives and continued to play well on defense. We had contributions from a lot of guys."

The game was delayed for about 20 minutes early in the fourth quarter after a horrific leg injury sustained by Plymouth senior quarterback Zach Beadle. He was carted off by ambulance after suffering a compound fracture.

Finishing the contest at quarterback for the Wildcats was junior Blake Nowicki. Here are four other

takeaways: **BORN TO RUN**

The Wildcats (2-4, 2-2) relied on their running game as their primary strategy to move the ball down the field, throwing only six passes. Junior running back

Carson Miller notched a game-high 183 yards on 30 carries, including a 2-yard burst into the end zone to give Plymouth a 7-6 lead just before halftime

The longest run for Miller came on the first play of the final quarter, as he cut through the inside and evaded tacklers on third down to the tune of 49 yards before being brought down at the Churchill 32.

Plymouth's only other TD came with 1:50 in the fourth on a 61-yard scurry down the right side by running back Logan Walkley.

"It's turned into a rivalry from 2012 on and it's always a good matchup," Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk said. "We're very young this year and I thought we played exceptionally well with our young kids in the first half. We played with emotion, we played smart and then we came out in the second half flat against a good time with a bunch of athletes."

GOING THE DISTANCE

Wildcats wide receiver Mike Mathias proved to be a hot commodity on special teams by pulling off a pair of lengthy kick returns.

Following an Alsobrooks field goal that made it 3-0, Mathias test-

ed the Chargers' coverage unit by pulling off a 54-yard kickoff return to advance Plymouth just past midfield.

Mathias (four rushes, 29 yards) didn't have to wait long to show off his wheels again, as he went 53 yards in the second quarter following another Alsobrooks make.

A LITTLE EXTRA

In addition to his two field goals, Alsobrooks also connected on his three extra-point attempts before Katherine Ristola took over in the fourth.

A senior, Ristola booted home the point-after following Dooley's touchdown, but had her other attempt partially blocked in the waning moments of the game.

WIN BIG OR GO HOME

With the victory, Churchill matched its win total from last season.

This marks the fourth straight year that the Chargers have notched at least five victories and have now reached that quota in six of the past seven.

Of those years, Churchill went to the playoffs on four occasions.

PREP ROUNDUP

Northville girls, Plymouth boys rule Legends Invite

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY LEGENDS INVITATION-

AL: Senior Ana Barrott posted a personal best 18:07.18 for 5,000 meters as Northville (76 points) upended top-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer (85) and Troy (95) to win the Ann Arbor Running Company's Legends Invitational Gold Varsity team title Sept. 30 at Huron Meadni (21st, 20:10.3), Jessica Hughes (22nd, 20:13.0), Claudia Shuler (26th, 20:28.7) and Kiersten McBride (30th, 20:48.2).

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY LEGENDS INVITATION-

AL: Plymouth sophomore Carter Solomon placed second overall Sept. 30 with a school record time of 15:32 to lead the Wildcats to the team title at the Ann Arbor Running Company's Legends In-vitational Gold Varsity team at Huron Meadows Metropark.

Right on Solomon's heels was Plymouth teammate Ethan Byrnes, who was third with a 15:33 time. Other top performers for the Wildcats (all PRS) included Brandon Boyd (seventh, 16:16), Patrick Byrnes (ninth, 16:24), Tyler Mus-sen (11th, 16:25), Jarrett Warner (23rd, 16:42) and Adam Stepek (43rd, 17:11). Livonia Franklin came in 11th out of 17 teams. Top Patriot finishers included Grant Rudd (34th, 17:00), Logan Evanchuk (44th, 17:12), Jackson Nordbeck (56th 17:31) and Russell Rusnell (60th, 17:33). Brendan McCoy ran a 39th place time of 17:04.86 for 14th-place Livonia Churchill HANSON'S INVITA-TIONAL: Canton tallied 93 points Sept. 30 to finish fifth at the Hanson's Invitational, at Stony Creek.

Shane McKimmy (16th, 16:54.9) and Nolan Teodori (19th, 16:59.0)

GIRLS SWIMMING NORTHVILLE 121,

STEVENSON 65: Lauren Heaven, Lulu Mans and Katelyn McCullough each figured in four firstplace finishes as the Mustangs (4-1, 3-1) rolled to the KLAA Gold Division dual meet victory Sept. 28 at Livonia Stevenson.

Heaven captured firsts in the 200-yard individual medley (2:16.75) and 100 butterfly (1:00.69), while Mans swept the 200- and 500 freestyles in 2:02.78 and 5:25.28, respectively. McCullough won the 50) and 100 reestvie (24.88) backstroke (1:02.09).



Brighton's Annie Pietila and Heather Fortushniak.

Other Northville scorers included Mariella Simoncini (78), Sufna Gill (87) and Paige Molloy (93).

Novi's other three scorers included Leah Kiura (86), Hrishika Gogineni (96) and Despina Alexander (97).

BOYS SOCCER

NOVI 2, CANTON 0: On Sept. 27 at Canton, the Chiefs were unable to mount much of an offen-sive attack against Novi.

PLYMOUTH 2, BRIGH-TON 1: Benjamin Tetlow and Justin Wojcik scored as the Wildcats won again on Sept. 27

PLYMOUTH 2, STE-ENSON 0: On Sept. 26 Benjamin Tetlow and Justin Wojcik scored goals for the Wildcats.

ows Metropark.

Barrott placed fourth overall in the 5,000-meter race followed by teammates Yasmine Yanski, sixth (personal best 18:14.96); Olivia Harp, 11th (season best 18:52.62); Emily Gordon, 18th (personal best 19:11.95); and Kiera Courtney, 37th (19:47.03).

Pioneer's Ann Forsyth was the individual winner in 17:36.61.

In the Blue Varsity race, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (58) took first over East Lansing (102) and Holly (123). Novi was sixth with 168 as Katherine Ray took eighth individually in 19:52.42.

 Plymouth placed 12th and had two runners eclipse the coveted 20minute mark: Arwa Hararwala (33rd with career best 19:43) and Londyn Swenson (38th with career best 19:58)

 Livonia Franklin finished 13th overall, paced by Erin Seibert (23rd, 19:26.3)

DEWITT INVITATION-

AL: Salem captured the DeWitt Invitational on Saturday with 49 points, topping the 10-team field.

Top performers for the Rocks were medal winners Shae Wilson (fourth, 18:57.7), Reagan Justice (ninth, 19:07.6), Hallie Younglas (11th, 19:14.7), Olivia Millen (12th, 19:34.8), Bridget Nelson (13th, 19:38.4), Hannah Jeffress (14th, 19:42.1), Sophie Jeffers (16th, 19:50.2), Mamie Waggoner (17th, 19:50.6), Lizzy Lu (19th, 20:03.1), Madison Grant (20th, 20:04.8), Gabrielle Manci-

A number of Canton runners enjoyed milestone performances, led by Shane Andrews (season best 16:27, best-ever at Hanson's by a Chief).

Other Chiefs included Grant Hoffmeyer (16:44), Garrett Nagelhout (17:16), Daniel Jimenez (career best 17:20) and Braden Heimbaugh (career best 17:31)

MARAUDER INVITA-TIONAL: Salem edged No. 2-ranked Saline (38 points to 39) Sept. 30 at Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown Twp

The Rocks had seven finishers in the top-20, paced by Ryan Exell (third, 16:05.3). He was followed by teammates Luke Haran (sixth, 16:23.1), Andrew Beyer (10th, 16:39.5), Christo Jeffers (12th, 16:43.4), Talha Syed (14th, 16:49.0),

Paige Jensen also captured the 1-meter diving (143.62 points) for the Mustangs

Northville swept all three relays including the 200 medley with McCullough, Jennifer Ostrowski, Heaven and Meghna Ancha combining for a time of 1:56.85. The 200 freestyle relay team of Heaven, Mia Testani, Ancha and Mans added a first in 1:44.66. The quartet of Mans, Lexi Barritt, Emilie Chen and McCullough took the 400 freestyle relay (3:51.09).

Stevenson's individual winners included Sara Thurston (100 freestyle, 58.62) and Scout Froney (100 breaststroke (1:15.23)

VOLLEYBALL **NORTHVILLE 3**, BRIGHTON 1: Christina

Valentini (12), Clare McNamara (11) and Brianna Maccoux (10) reached double figures in kills on Sept. 28 as the Mustangs (25-5) outlasted the host Bulldogs in four sets, 27-25, 19-25, 25-16, 25-13 in a KLAA Gold Division match.

Setters Rachel Holmes and Gabi Fisette added 29 and 12 assists, respectively, while Hannah Grant finished with 26 digs followed by Ally Zayan (13) and Jenna Boksha (10)

NORTHVILLE SWEEPS: The Mustangs (24-5) rolled to a trio of threeset KLAA wins Sept. 26 over host Livonia Churchill (25-16, 25-17, 25-15), Franklin (25-14, 25-8, 25-15) and Stevenson

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The Northville girls cross country team captured the Gold Varsity team title at the Legends Invitational.

(25-12, 25-17, 25-20). Northville kills lead-

ers on the night included Clare McNamara (18), Izzy Guleff (16), Brianna Maccoux (14) and Christina Valentini (12). Setters Rachel Holmes and Gabi Fisette added 46 and 35, assists, respectively.

Hannah Grant recorded a team-best 30 digs and seven service aces. Other digs leaders included Ally Zayan and Maccoux, 16 each; Holmes, 12; McNamara and Fisette, 11 each.

PLYMOUTH 3, JOHN GLENN 0: On Sept. 26, Kayla Courtney returned from an injury to notch 11 kills as the Wildcats swept host Westland John Glenn.

Other solid performers for Plymouth included Annie Tustian (six kills), Kenna White (11 kills, six digs), Lauren Wheeler (35 assists, eight digs), Gabby Diamante (seven digs) and Annie Tustian (six kills).

GIRLS GOLF CANTON 318, NOVI 318: On Sept. 27 at Walnut Creek Country Club,

the teams needed to add scores of fifth and sixth players and still came out deadlocked.

Medalist with a 1under 35 was Novi's Abby Livingston.

For Canton (3-9-1), Manasa Potluri led with a 40 while Simi Neeluru shot a 48. The KLAA **Conference Tournament** will be Tuesday, Oct. 3 at Salem Hills Golf Course.

NORTHVILLE 178, SALEM 210: On Sept. 26, the Mustangs defeated the Rocks despite a 49 score by Salem's Nicole Hahn.

SANDER MEMORIAL **TOURNEY:** Freshman Nicole Whatley posted a season best even-par 72 as Northville (330) took runner-up honors Sept. 25 in the Jim Sander Memorial at Prestwick Village G.C

Brighton captured the team title with 306 with South Lyon (340) and Novi (351) taking third and fourth, respectively.

Whatley, who carded four birdies, shared individual medalist honors with Novi's Abigail Livingston, along with

BOYS TENNIS

BRIGHTON 7, STEVEN-SON 2: Livonia Stevenson faced a tough opponent Sept. 26, emerging victorious only at No. 1 doubles.

The Spartans' wins were posted by Erik Schmidt at 4 singles (a tough, three-setter over Drake Harbrecht) and by the 1 doubles tandem of Kevin Dunne and Josh Maj, winning 7-5, 6-1 over Jack Simpson and Jack Gray

NORTHVILLE 9, SA-LEM 0: The fourthranked Mustangs were in control Sept. 25 in this lopsided victory over the Rocks

Northville was sparked by 1 singles player Janak Mukherji, who won 6-1, 6-0 over Eric Liu (only his second loss of the season). Other Mustang singles winners included Arvind Kalyana (No. 2), Ryan Gallagher (No. 3) and Samir Rajani (No. 4).

The Mustangs also got doubles victories from Matt Freeman and Cameron Mailley (No. 1); Trevor Kelterborn and Nishant Chava (No. 2); Michael Ying and Pranav Doppalapudi (No. 3); Joe Vig and Ilija Jaksic (No. 4); Michail Boksha and Srikar Kesamneni (No.

5) **GRAND BLANC 8**, PLYMOUTH 1: The Wildcats finished their regular season Sept. 25 with this loss to the Bobcats.



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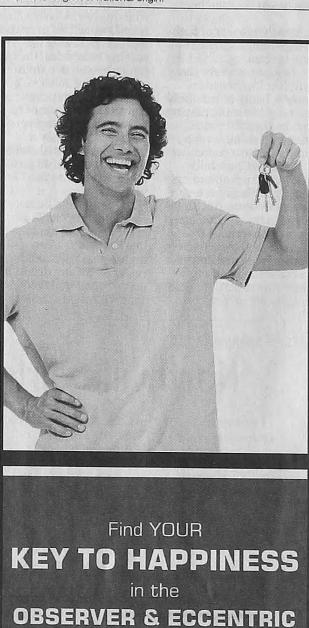
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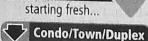
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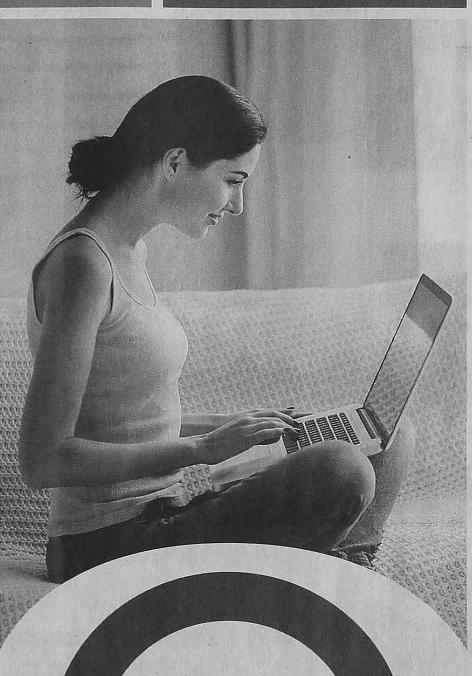


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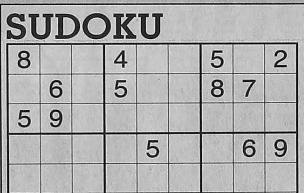
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