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New hotels are under construction just west of I-275, changing the face of the Ford Road corridor.

Food pantry gets help feeding hundreds of families

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A Canton-based food pantry that feeds hundreds of families across western Wayne County is getting a boost as it heads toward the Thanksgiving holiday.

Open Door Ministry, which feeds about 430 struggling families every week, has been chosen for a food drive by Bayloff Stamped Products, a Belleville-based auto parts stamping plant, and Texas Roadhouse restaurant in Westland.

Adrienne Erwine, Bayloff administrative assistant, said it's important for those who have jobs and food to help those who don't.

"We recognize that we are very blessed," Erwine said. "We have jobs. We don't have to worry about providing for our families. We also have the capability to give back to our community."

Open Door helps families from communities such as Canton, Westland, Plymouth, Wayne, Livonia, Redford, Garden City, Belleville and others as far west as Ypsilanti and as far east as Inkster.

The latest food drive occurs 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Texas Roadhouse on Ford Road, east of Newburgh, in Westland. Erwine said items such as cereal, canned goods and "anything that has a long shelf life" may be dropped off at the restaurant. Donors who give five or more items will be entered into a drawing for two main floor, general admission tickets to country singer Kip Moore's concert Dec. 8 at The Fillmore in Detroit. Everyone who donates will get a \$5 coupon for Texas Roadhouse.

Steve Darr, Open Door Ministry director, said the organization depends on the help of the community. He said businesses, scouting organizations, school groups and many others pitch in.

"It just blesses my heart to see all these organizations come out to help us or donate money," he said. "We do depend very much on all the donations we get."

Open Door has distributed about 900,000 pounds of food so far this year, compared to 1.1 million pounds for all of last year. It gets much of its food

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Shoppers endure traffic woes on booming Ford Road

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It's a great place to shop and a horrible place to drive.

Canton's Ford Road business corridor is witnessing a two-year, sustained uptick in new development as the community's busiest thoroughfare continues a love-hate relationship with people who shop, live or work there.

Retiree

Clifford Lambert, a resident of 41 years, has seen Canton evolve from its rural past into a bustling suburb after he bought one of the first houses built in the Warren-Lilley area of Carriage Hills subdivision. He welcomes the changing business landscape.

"The value of my home keeps going up," he said. "I'm happy about that. Traffic is the only downside to me."

He is not alone with his traffic concerns. "That's why I live in Plymouth," said Matt Pierce, leaving Plato's Coney Island at Ford and Lilley.



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La-Z-Boy and World of Beer are among the newest additions to the Ford Road commercial mix.

Pierce visits his parents in Canton and shops at places such as Dunham's Sports, but he moved out of Canton 10 years ago.

"I try to stay away from Ford Road as much as possible," he said.

A spurt of new commercial development, particularly on Canton's east side, began about two years ago with a new La-Z-Boy Home Furnishings and Décor store on Ford Road, west of Lilley.

"That was about the beginning of it," Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

Consider what has happened since:

» The Shops of Canton, a new shopping center on Ford just west of Haggerty, is under construction and will house several businesses

such as Tom + Chee, MOD Pizza and Starbucks, among others.

» Art Van has announced plans to build a 71,333-square-foot store at Ford and Haggerty and open in late 2017 across from the IKEA, which has had a major expansion of its own.

» Two new four-story hotels are taking shape on Ford Road near the south-

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Police renew efforts to catch retailers selling alcohol to minors

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Canton police have ticketed three businesses amid accusations they sold alcohol to a minor who worked undercover to help authorities crack down on illegal alcohol sales.

Police sent a volunteer minor decoy into eight businesses after ratcheting up a zero-tolerance effort toward retailers involved in illegal alcohol sales.

"We want to keep alcohol out of the hands of minors," police Sgt. Jim Harrison said.

Police issued tickets to the 7-Eleven store, 7171 N. Canton Center; En-Joy Liquor, 39457 Joy Road; and Canton Party Store, 43431 Michigan Ave. Police say the businesses face \$100 fines and an administrative hearing before the Michigan Liquor Control Com-

mission. Harrison said businesses who have repeated violations risk losing their license to sell alcohol.

Canton police also named five businesses that followed proper procedure by asking for identification and refusing

to sell to the minor decoy. Those are Smoker's Express, 45156 Ford Road; Devz Pharmacy, 6624 N. Canton Center; Crown Liquor, 42432 Ford Road; CVS, 45300 Cherry Hill; and Oakview Party Store,

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from Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners Community Food Bank, but it also relies on help from local groups.

Open Door is in its 14th year. During that time, it has touched the lives of 6,500 families

and more than 20,000 people within its service area.

"That's huge," Darr said. "That many people at one time or another have had a need for food assistance."

For more on Open Door, go to <http://www.opendoorfoodministry.org/>.

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FILE PHOTO
Volunteers scramble at Open Door Ministry during one of its food distributions.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAYNE COUNTY

Blues at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks is set for 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The concert is in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society. There is a \$5 donation at the door. Bring your dancing shoes. The Dale Robertson Band returns with their crowd-pleasing rhythm-and-blues, toe tapping, dance-to music. Dale Robertson on harmonica and vocals, the famous Billy Davis on guitar, Robin Briggs on guitar and vocals, Michael Davis on bass, and Jake Segall on percussion and vocals. For more information, call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthannarbor-elks325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Holiday memorial service

L.J. Griffin Funeral Home presents its 22nd annual Holiday Memorial Service 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Canton Chapel, 42600 Ford Road, Canton. A keepsake gift will be presented to all who attend. Light refreshments will be served. Call L.J. Griffin Funeral Home at 734-981-1700 to make a reservation. When you call, let the funeral home staff know the name of your loved one to be honored and the names of guests.

Clean eating

The Livonia Public Library presents "Clean Eating: Protect Your Well Being in a Processed World" with Deborah



Dale Robertson and his band will perform at the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Club in Plymouth.

Lieder at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Lieder will discuss the modern food industry, how food affects our bodies, popular diets and dieting, and a mind-body-spirit approach to health and well-being.

Durwood Coffey art displayed

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton presents more than 10 years of paintings by artist Durwood Coffey. The exhibit will run now through Nov. 29, in the Gallery@VT, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Following in the footsteps of childhood heroes such as Howard Pyle, N.C. Wyeth and Norman Rockwell, Durwood Coffey learned the art of illustration and practiced this visual skill for more than 30 years in the corporate world.

Works of this award-winning artist will be on display Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as during public performances at the theater and also by appointment.

Laugh with comedy fest

The Laughing Pig Comedy Festival to raise funds for The Art Center in Garden City is set for 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Moose Lodge, 29137 Ford Road, Garden City. The evening features Ken Evans and Garden City's own Kevin Kramis and Travis Grand. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased in advance at the Garden City Downtown Development Authority, Fleming Financial Services or at the door the night of the show. For more information, contact John Fleming at 734-604-0227 or John@FlemingFinancialSvcs.com. Doors open at 4 p.m. Must be 18 years or older.

Christmas tour

Livonia's 28th annual Christmas Walk/Home Tour, sponsored by the Friends of Greenmead, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Tickets are \$10 or \$9 in advance and are available at Greenmead Historical Park, Livonia City Hall (Community Resources, 5th Floor), all Livonia public libraries, or from any member of the Friends of Greenmead. The tour will feature four private homes, St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, and the Simmons/Hill House and the A.J. Geer store on the Greenmead grounds. (Start your walk at Greenmead.) All proceeds benefit the restoration of Greenmead Historical Park. For more information, call 248-477-7375.

Good Morning Redford

Members and non-members are invited to attend the Redford Chamber of Commerce Good Morning Redford program Tuesday, Nov. 8, at McDonald's, 25830 Plymouth Road. Coffee is at 7:30 a.m., followed by breakfast at 8 a.m. Choices are hotcakes or oatmeal. The cost is \$8 for members, \$16 for non-members. RSVP to the Redford chamber office at 313-535-0960 or aa@redfordchamber.org.

Emergency food distribution

The city of Livonia will distribute food, through the State of Michigan Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the vacant district court building, 15140 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile. Applesauce, beef stew, shredded wheat cereal, pinto beans dry packed and tomato juice, plus other items provided by Forgotten Harvest will be distributed. This distribution is offered to Livonia residents enrolled in TEFAP with a TEFAP ID card.

Distributions are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month. Senior housing residents should check with their housing office for TEFAP information. For more information, contact the Community Resource Department, Commodity Food line at 734-466-2673.

Support Family Resource Center

The Family Resource Center will host its annual fundraiser, a Thanksgiving lunch provided and hosted by Chef Tony and his culinary arts students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. The event is set for 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 16, at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, Westland. Proceeds are used to help Wayne-Westland families in need through the Family Resource Center. The cost is \$10 per person.

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42256 Palmer Road. Alcohol sales checks occurred in October as the Canton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit worked with the minor decoy. The crackdown came as police have revived a program to monitor whether businesses are selling alcohol and cigarettes to customers too young to legally buy it.

Harrison's message to businesses: "Do your job. Follow the law."

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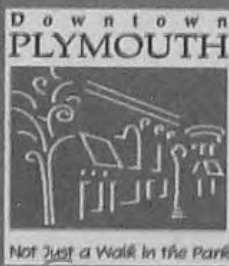
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Canton rolls out revised Veterans Day program

Canton has announced a revised program as it prepares once again to honor area service men and service women who have served and who are currently serving in the armed forces in a special Salute to Service ceremony Friday, Nov. 11, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

This Veterans Day celebration will recognize military personnel currently in active duty

in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserves, as well as veterans.

The public is encouraged to attend this free event, presented by Canton Township. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the public to enjoy exhibited military memorabilia displays and a cookie and punch pre-show reception, prior to the start of the formal stage presentation at 7 p.m.

This year's honored guest will be U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Dewey Smith, a Vietnam veteran who was one of the last eight soldiers of B Company who was rescued via helicopter by U.S. Army Lt. Col. Charles Kettles on May 15, 1967. This special presentation will include video interviews of Kettles, who recently fell ill after being awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration, by

President Barack Obama at the White House for his life-saving efforts of rescuing soldiers, who were trapped in a river valley in South Vietnam.

Kettles, a UH-1D Huey helicopter pilot who was serving as a flight commander assigned to the 176th Aviation Company, is credited with saving the lives of 40 soldiers and four of his own crew members. Hear Smith recall being rescued by Kettles, who

was described by Obama, as "the reason they lived and came home and had children and grandchildren. Entire family trees, made possible by the actions of this one man."

The program will also feature musical tributes sung by the Workman Elementary Choir.

In addition to the formal presentation, items for service men and women will be collected by the Michigan Military

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For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to www.cantonvillage.theater.org.

Area Toys for Tots begins prep for season

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With Halloween in the rear-view mirror, Christmas isn't that far off. And with the season of giving starting, area Toys for Tots coordinators are ramping up their efforts.

The program has coordinators all across the region, and wants those in the local community to know who to contact if they're looking to donate or are in need of some assistance this holiday season.

Kim Felske, a regional coordinator with Toys for Tots, said the group wants to inform residents of who their area coordinator is to help assist them in making sure donations, collections and other information are going to the right person.

"We don't want people missed, (that) is our biggest concern," the Brownstown Township resident said. "We'd like the toys collected in their communities to stay in their communities."

Coordinators for certain parts of the area have changed. For those in Livonia, Wayne and Westland, residents and business owners can

contact Nakii Adams at 734-258-2083 or via email at nakiit4t@gmail.com. For those in Redford Township and Garden City, the point person is Phil Smith, who can be reached at 313-720-2754 or at psmithtoysfortots@gmail.com. For those living in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Birmingham, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon or Milford, the contact person is Rebecca Yarbrough, who can be reached at 248-331-7433 or t4trebecca@aol.com.

More information can be found at trenton-mi.toysfortots.org, novi-mi.toysfortots.org or detroit-mi.toysfortots.org.

Felske said the organization still sees need all across the region. Some areas tend to be higher for donations than others, though she said the need across Metro Detroit hasn't gone down.

"What we haven't seen is the need going up. But that could be for many different reasons," she said. "We haven't seen a drop in need for many, many years."

Parkinson's patients fight symptoms by boxing

Pugilistic Dementia is a term that refers to the brain impairments caused by the sport of boxing. Parkinson's Disease is a progressive neurological disorder of the brain and is said to affect 1 million people in the United States. Parkinson's is often characterized by shaking tremors throughout the body, impaired gait, poor balance, impaired speech and other associated difficulties.

One doesn't have to go further than Muhammad Ali for an example of the best of boxing and the debilitation of Parkinson's disease.

Recently, I learned of a relatively new form of exercise that uses boxing in the fight against Parkinson's. My initial naive thought was, "Do people involved in this program have rocks in their head? Don't they know that a sport with the object of damaging your opponent's brain would add to, not remediate the symptoms of Parkinson's disease?"

However, information from our local Sports Club of Novi, which conducts Rock Steady Boxing classes specifically for people with Parkinson's disease, set me straight.



Len McCulloch
GUEST COLUMNIST

You see, they do so in a non-contact way, without striking each other. There are also Rock Steady affiliates in Beverly Hills and Troy and at 50 other sites around the country.

Boxing exercises

The exercises of boxing seem well-suited for targeting symptoms of Parkinson's. Stretching out helps with stiffness, footwork is used for balance and agility, the forced intensity of punching with a large glove can steady tremors, sparring is for coordination and counting, shouting and singing is used for the so-called "short voice syndrome" associated with changes in speech.

The program uses speed bags, heavy bags, medicine balls, even pool noodles — all sorts of equipment — to help fight the many symptoms of Parkinson's. The participants also "spar" with the certified coaches to work on strength, focus, footwork, power, agility and so much more. The coaches use "mitts" to

give the participants a focus point and, at the same time, encouragement.

The website for Rock Steady Boxing has an interview between Lesley Stahl of CBS News and her husband, Aaron Latham. Aaron has Parkinson's disease. On the video, Aaron speaks for other participants who acknowledge improvements in both the physical conditioning and their emotional and mental abilities as a result of this program. They've regained control over the body, an achievement that alleviates depression.

Research

The program, started in 2006, evolved from research conducted at the University of Indianapolis. Studies comparing participants with Parkinson's who are involved in boxing versus those without the activity seemed to show patterns

of improvements in various areas of medical and mental health. There is some suggestion that forced intense exercise may generate renewed growth of brain cells that are neuroprotective and can actually slow the progression of Parkinson's. In some cases, great improvement may occur.

For more information, go to www.rocksteadyboxing.org or call Suzanne Schulz, certified personal trainer and Rock Steady Boxing coach at 248-735-8850, ext. 217 or email fitnesscoachsuz@gmail.com.

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bound Interstate 275 ramp, bringing a combined 178 rooms. Construction is continuing on Towne Place Suites by Marriott and Fairfield Inn & Suites, which represent a combined \$20 million investment in Canton.

» Michigan's only World of Beer opened in October on Ford, west of Lilley, next to the La-Z-Boy store.

» Fresh Thyme Farmers Market is building a 28,709-square-foot store on Morton Taylor, just north of Ford, behind the Target store.

» Black Rock restaurant opened a year ago on the site of the former Roman Forum eatery.

» Two new Mexican eateries now dot the Ford Road landscape, Qdoba at Haggerty Road and Chipotle at Lilley.

» Further west, Ultra Beauty, a salon, opened near Sheldon Road and a T.J. Maxx store is expected to open soon near Canton Center.

» Land on the east side of Lotz Road, south of Ford, has been rezoned residential amid expectations that a developer will build nearly 300 apartments and condominiums. Faas said the residences, in part, will be marketed to millennials.

Mixed feelings

Westland resident

Barb Haskin said she comes to Canton's Ford Road corridor to shop at places like Hobby Lobby and Meijer.



Haskin

Haskin, among those interviewed outside stores along Ford Road, has mixed feelings about the new development.

"It's good for business, but it does mess up the traffic situation," she



Chipotle anchors a strip mall at Ford and Lilley.

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said. And, during rush hour and weekends, "it's all bumper to bumper. You just have to go with the flow."

Her friend Kim Miller recalls when the area was largely farmland, before development changed everything.

"I think it's too much at this point," she said, though she goes to the Target and Meijer stores. She said she would prefer to see efforts to fill existing vacancies as opposed to new development.

Plymouth Township resident Charles Badics welcomed the surge in new development in Canton.

"It's a good thing be-

cause we want more choices as consumers," he said, adding that some new businesses will prosper while some may fail. He said he can accept the increased traffic.

"Traffic is just a necessary evil of having a chance to keep the dollars in the community," Badics said. "We want to keep the money here in Canton."

Faas said new development is being partly driven by a new housing boom. Canton has had 446 residential permits this year through the end of September, compared to about 300 for all of last year, Faas said.

Roads, too

To help ease Ford Road traffic, Lotz Road has been paved between Ford and Cherry Hill, providing another north-south artery. The Michigan Department of Transportation also recently improved Ford Road in the I-275/Haggerty area by adding a continuous third lane

from Lotz to Lilley, lengthening turn lanes and improving ramps.

"That has helped a lot," Pierce said, adding that it appears Canton officials have done what they can to address traffic problems.

Although Canton is one of 43 communities in Wayne County, it has three of the 10 most accident-prone intersections in the county, with Ford and Haggerty being the worst. Residents have long complained of traffic woes.

Canton officials have tried several times to no avail to secure federal dollars for road improvements. MDOT officials have said the long-term solution could involve transforming Ford Road into a boulevard, but funding remains a hurdle and state officials have given no projected timetable.

Meanwhile, the new development continues.

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A pedestrian's view as changes continue on Ford Road.

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Marching bands compete in Great Lakes Invitational

Diane Hanson
Correspondent

Autumn colors and smells delighted the senses Saturday, Oct. 29, but it was the unseasonably warm weather that added to the enjoyment of the hundreds that filled the Canton High School bleachers to watch 10 area bands take the gridiron with outstanding performances of music, marching, color and choreography.

The show opened with a performance by the Junior Color Guard, composed of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders from the Plymouth-Canton middle schools.

The bands, hosted by the Plymouth-Canton marching band — which played in a judged exhibition — and the P-C Boosters, performed their approximately 10-minute shows, developed over the season, to an appreciative crowd.

All four flights were represented — flights are determined by school enrollment, not by band size — with Flight I composed of the largest schools.

The Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, at Ford Field.

Great Lakes Invitational scores included:

Flight I: L'Anse Creuse, 93.2, first with Caption Awards for Outstanding Music and Outstanding General Effect; Novi, 92.825, second with a Caption Award for



The Junior Guard, composed of students from the Plymouth-Canton middle schools, opened the Great Lakes Invitational.



Perfect fall weather welcomed crowds at the Great Lakes Invitational.

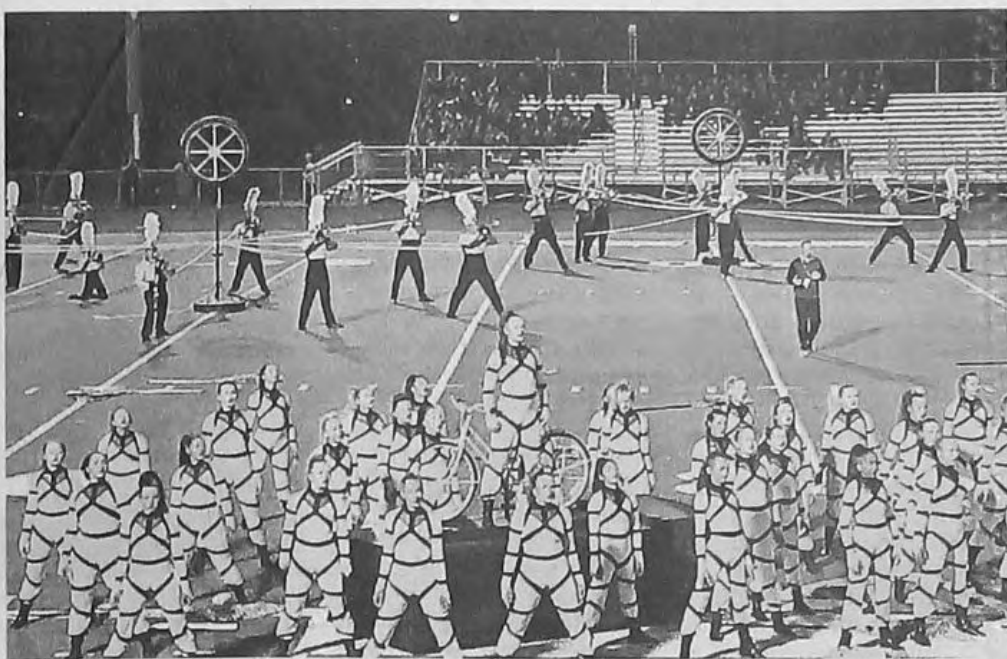
Outstanding Visual Performance; Clarkston, 90.9, third; Plymouth Canton, 95.425, Judged Exhibition.

Flight II: South Lyon, 90.525, first with Caption Awards for Outstanding Music, Visual and General Effect; Livonia Franklin, 87.3, second, Wyandotte Roosevelt, 87.175,

third.

Flight III: South Lyon East, 88.075, first with Caption Awards for Outstanding Music, Visual and General Effect; Hazel Park, 85.55, second.

Flight IV: Ferndale, 90.175, first with Caption Awards for Outstanding Music, Visual and General Effect.



The 176-member Plymouth-Canton Educational Park marching band, directed by G. Jonathan Thomann and Clayton Wachholz, performed its challenging and innovative program "Tangled In Greed" on its hometown field.



The Livonia Franklin High School marching band put on a great show at the Great Lakes Invitational. The 63-member band, under the direction of Kristi Jasin, earned a Flight II second-place trophy with a score of 87.3 for its performance of "The Potion."

WSDP-FM (88.1) The Park to cover election

Plymouth-Canton's hometown radio station WSDP-FM (88.1), known as The Park, will continue its mission of serving the community by providing live election returns coverage from 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The four-hour election night special will cover the important national races, including the presidential contest between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, but its primary focus will be the local races impacting

daily life in the Plymouth-Canton area. Coverage will include up-to-the-minute results in school board, city and township elections, legislative races and the Wayne County Education Enhancement Millage.

Plymouth seniors Amanda Barberena and Clay Martin will join station assistant manager John Kreger in anchoring the coverage from The Park studios. Student reporters will provide live updates from local clerk offices with the latest voting results. "We're excited to pre-

sent our election night special and give our listeners a place to get updates on the races that matter here in Plymouth and Canton," said Bill Keith, station manager, "Our coverage will put local politics front and center on a night when national races will dominate most of the major

media coverage. Our students wanted to give people an alternative to the message they'll get anywhere else on Election Day."

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GUEST COLUMN

Kids support passage of the RESA enhancement millage

The Wayne County Education Enhancement Millage is really about our children in Wayne County. School districts in Wayne County have all experienced significant cuts over the last five years. From 2011-15, school operating funds for school districts in Wayne County dropped by \$485 million.

The community hears about cuts in district budgets. But what does it really mean to our students? The voice of today's student is often drowned out by parents and other adults. The student voice is important in this ballot initiative, because each student in our community will be the ultimate benefactor of the funds secured by the millage.

The cost for the average homeowner in Wayne County will be less than \$8 a month. Having been active in local elections during my K-12 school years, I thought it might be good for our communities to know what our kids actually think. I recently interviewed students from Livonia Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and Wayne-Westland Community Schools.



Adrienne Davis
GUEST COLUMNIST

I asked each student what they thought about the millage and how it would impact their individual school experiences. I learned that students are very aware of the messages that adults are sending via social media.

Ella Pierzecki, a seventh-grade student in Plymouth-Canton, says, "I noticed that initially many adults were against the millage, but now support is growing because of the P-CCS Vote Yes campaign; comments on social media are now more positive." When Ella learned that the district-wide middle school leadership council was cut this year, she was sad because she has aspirations of becoming the president someday.

Valerie Pierzecki, a fifth-grade student also in Plymouth-Canton, says, "My classroom is very crowded this year. It's really tight, it feels like a lot more students in our class than last year."

Jourdan May, an



Plymouth-Canton students and sisters, Ella Pierzecki (grade 7), Valerie Pierzecki (grade 5) and Adrianna Pierzecki (grade 1).

eighth-grade honors student in Wayne-Westland, says, "We need better stuff, such as new books that are not beat up and tattered, new computers and more staff for after-school programs."

"In biology class at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, we need updated tools because we can't do certain versions of laboratory experiments. Yes, we are able to do experiments, but not the more complicated versions" says Ashu Acharya, a 10th-grade student who loves science.

All of these responses reflect Wayne County school districts' priorities of reducing class sizes, hiring quality teachers, repairing schools and improving technologies.

Livonia Public Schools high school seniors Bella Carpenter and Abby Jenkins will be graduating next year and have experienced firsthand cuts throughout their high school years from grades 9-12. Abby captures the impact of cuts in the arts. "Funding provides materials that students need for productivity. In the music



Acharya Carpenter Jenkins May

department, there are no funds for needed items, which takes away from the overall experience. For example, we don't go to solo and ensemble competitions anymore, because there is no money to pay for it. We rely on parent donations and our booster clubs to pay for necessities such as sheet music.

"In my regular classes, I see that supplies have been cut, textbooks need replacing and technology support for our teachers is lacking. I think this millage should pass, so schools can have the tools they need to educate students."

And Bella would like our communities to consider the following: "People should help fund our schools because it'll benefit everyone. The children in LPS are part of the future of Livonia. The more resources available to us, the smarter and more able we become. The smarter and more

able we become, the more we can help our community in the present and in the future."

Please support Ella, Valerie, Adrianna, Jourdan, Ashu, Abby and Bella in their educational endeavors by voting yes Tuesday, Nov. 8, for the Wayne County Education Enhancement Millage, And as Jared Davis, a P-CEP 2013 graduate and current MSU student raps in the jingle, "For the Kids" — "For the kids, for the kids, for the kids, for the kids; think about the kids, think about the kids; learning, growing, education; for the kids, for the kids, for the kids, for the kids; think about the kids, think about the kids; Vote yes for the kids!"

Adrienne Davis is a former member of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

LETTERS

Accusations are false

Since voters are deciding who to hire, the election process includes a very public background and integrity check. I share this aspect of the election process with my opponent and everyone else in America running for office.

I am proud that my background and integrity check was approved by voters without question. Yet, I am disappointed that this past week, a letter to the editor included multiple false accusations about both my opponent and me. Although the letter from Charles Miller, titled "Siegrist takes high road" on Nov. 3, was taken off the newspaper website almost immediately, it was printed by mistake.

Regardless of what is going on outside Canton, it is most important to think, live and vote local! Your local elected offi-

cials impact your local safety, your local tax rate, your local property value. So, get out and vote Tuesday. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Linda Obrec
candidate for
Canton clerk

Support Graham-Hudak

I am a resident of Canton and have had the delightful privilege of living in our warm and embracing township for the past 11 years. My heritage is Indian/South Asian. As a member of the Hindu American community of Michigan, I have had the opportunity to represent our community, on the board of the Interfaith Leadership Council of Detroit. I currently preside over a nonprofit named SAAVI, that helps the South Asian American Community of Michigan in matters of civil rights and we try to address the needs of our community

through education, advocacy, and outreach.

I write this letter to humbly express my support which echoes the sentiment of several hundred South Asian Americans from Canton, who consider Anne Marie Graham-Hudak as a capable, competent and deserving candidate to represent all of us, as a trustee of Canton Township.

Anne Marie has been a tall leader and a dedicated community worker. She has been a champion for civil rights, interfaith harmony and inclusiveness in society. She has a compassionate heart to work for each one of us leaving none behind. Her background in engineering with the automotive sector, will be an asset to our township. As residents, we all know that the township is reeling to cope with the pressure of a growing population that is supported by inadequate infrastructure. Canton needs to

preserve green neighborhoods. We also need to plan and manage our infrastructure efficiently. Anne Marie has the experience and integrity to make it happen.

Chandru Acharya
Canton

Rev. Skiminis retires after 22 years

On Sept. 3, 2000, Rev. Skiminis delivered a sermon titled, "Being an Authentic Christian," at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. I still have a hard copy of that sermon. For the past 22 years, Dr. James Skiminis has exemplified what it means to be an "Authentic Christian."

In the message that morning, Dr. Skiminis expressed the idea that it is a pity that we don't preach more often from the Book of James because it is aimed at the 21st century. The Book of James talks about doing the work of God by trying to live honestly and faithfully.

To quote Jim Skiminis, "Often times, in life, we can look at the disconnect between what's in our head and what we do and we wonder how to reconnect it together."

The Book of James begins to point us in a direction of how we can become authentic in our Christian living. Not perfect — but authentic.

We live in extraordinary times and are surrounded by major shifts in technology and our economy. The sheer rapidity of change, and the uncertainty that it brings, is real.

Rev. Skiminis has repeatedly offered sermons based on a verse from 2nd Timothy: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Sunday, Nov. 6, is the last scheduled worship service for Rev. Skiminis, and it is quite appropriate, for this Scotsman, that it is St. Andrews Sunday. Our community

has been very blessed with the moral example of Rev. Skiminis for the last 22 years. Jim Skiminis has lived by the words of John Wesley, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, for as long as ever you can."

Thank you, Jim. You did a great job!
John C. Stewart
Plymouth

Support RESA tax

Dear parents of Plymouth-Canton schools, I would like to thank you. So many of you have put in a tremendous effort to seeing the Wayne RESA Enhancement Millage pass. From putting up lawn signs, to organizing others to get lawn signs, or making posts about it, you have shown your support. Please know how appreciative all of

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Charitable people can donate required distributions

Q: I read one of your recent columns about making charitable contributions with your minimum required distribution. I have a couple of questions that I hope you can help me with. This year, my minimum required distribution is going to be a little over \$20,000. Because of a number of different reasons, I have decided to donate the entire amount. My first question is, does it have to go to one charity or can you spread it out to a number of different charities? My second question is, if I do it this year, does it have any impact on future years? A friend of mine said that he thinks that if you donate to a charity one year, you have to



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

continue that into the future. I do not know what I want to do in the future.

A: With regard to donating your minimum required distribution, you can donate that money to as many charities as you choose. The law does not require you to give to just one charity. In addition, you are not required to donate all of your minimum required distribution. You can choose to donate as much or as little as you like.

With regard to whether what you do in 2016 will affect future tax

years, the answer is no. What you do in 2016 with your minimum required distribution will have no impact whatsoever on what you do in future years. If you choose to donate your minimum required distribution this year, you are under no obligation to do it next year. For this part of the law, every tax year stands on its own.

I am frequently asked who should take advantage of the provision in the law that allows one to donate their minimum required distribution directly to a charity without tax consequences. First, the individual has to be charitable in nature. For someone who doesn't make charitable contributions, this is probably irrelevant.

However, for people who are charitable in nature and who do make charitable contributions, using this provision can provide a significant tax savings, particularly for people who do not itemize their deductions. For people who are generous in nature and who do not itemize their deductions, when they make a charitable contribution, they do not receive a tax deduction. They are going to pay tax on their minimum required distribution, but receive no tax benefit when they make their contribution. By donating all or a portion of their minimum required distribution directly to a charity, they avoid paying tax on that distribution. Not only will this save them on income

taxes, but it also could have a positive impact on whether their Social Security benefits are subject to tax and how much they will pay in Medicare premiums.

Like everything else, when it comes to taxes, it is important to dot the I's and cross the T's. To do this transaction, the money must be directly transferred from the IRA to the charity. If the money is distributed to you directly, then you cannot take advantage of this provision.

When it comes to taxes, it is important to have a strategy. In some situations, depending upon someone's financial or tax situation, gifting appreciated securities outside a retirement account may be more

beneficial than donating your minimum required distribution. Therefore, a talk with your tax person about which way makes more sense for you is probably appropriate.

With regard to donating your minimum required distribution, the key is that this transaction must be completed by Dec. 31. Remember, IRA custodians get very busy near the end of the year, so you don't want to wait too long before you request this transaction.

Good luck!

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

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the Plymouth-Canton teachers are to see our community rally behind this cause. The following letter is to those of you who are undecided or planning to vote no for the millage.

My name is Luke Haddad and I am a social studies teacher at Discovery Middle School. I have taught in our district for five years both at Discovery and Starkweather Academy. I am also a proud graduate of Salem High School, and went to Field, Miller, East and then Salem, respectively. My 16-month-old daughter, in a short few years, will be gracing the halls of Hoben as a Hornet.

I love our schools and I love this community. That is why I am asking you to vote yes for the millage. I know the reasons you are not. No one likes an increase in taxes and not every dollar you put in will go back to Plymouth-Canton schools. I understand, and if there was a different way, I'd be all for it. Unfortunately, there isn't.

There are two indisputable facts:

1. Plymouth-Canton Schools is underfunded. We currently get \$7,511 per pupil (tied for the lowest in the state of Michigan) when the Michigan Education Finance Study found that for a school to be just adequately funded, they need \$8,667 per pupil. We are short by \$1,100. With a population of 17,500 students, we are \$19.25 million per year behind where we need to be according to the finance study.

2. This is the only way Plymouth-Canton Schools can improve their per pupil allowance under Proposal A which passed in 1994. During that time, we were given 12 months to pass a millage to increase our funding but it was shot down at the time — twice. We are now paying for that decision. Ironically enough, in 1994, I was a second-

grader at Field Elementary in Mrs. Bradley's portable, we could have really used the funding to be in a real classroom.

I hope that one day Proposal A is repealed, or at least reformed, which would allow for local millages to take place. I hope that one day Plymouth-Canton Schools has local control of funding, the way it should be. That is why next week, I will be voting a pro-public education ballot across the board. However, in the meantime, the immediate thing as a community that we can do is vote yes on this millage. Vote yes on Plymouth-Canton Schools. If there was anything in life to invest in, it is our future.

On behalf of Plymouth-Canton teachers,
Luke Haddad

Pobur supports voting reforms

Democracy works best when all citizens have a say in the policies that govern us. Young people, however, often have busy schedules that leave them unsure of where they are going to be on election day. In an increasingly hectic world, Michigan's current election laws don't accommodate the busy lifestyles of students and workers. Unlike other states, Michigan doesn't have no-reason absentee voting or early voting, both of which would make voting much more accessible.

Of the candidates for Michigan's 20th House District, Colleen Pobur supports these reasonable reforms to our voting system. These reforms are state-level policies, and we need a representative in Lansing who will lobby for them. Our representatives should be in the business of making voting easier, not harder.

Mario Gruszczynski
Walter Hanley
MSU students, Plymouth

Pray and vote

I had the pleasure of attending Franklin Graham's Decision America Rally in Lansing on the steps of our Capitol on Oct. 4. It was a truly

great and epic event. (Please view <https://decisionamericatour.com/a-time-for-decision/>). Billy and Franklin Graham implore us all to do our civic and heavenly duty. The choice is yours.

Please pray and ask yourself what God would ask you to do. I think the choice is clear. There is one party that supports life and religious freedom. The other party does not. This is not about two personalities, but rather what policies will accompany the winner of the election. Franklin Graham tells us, "Check their stance on pivotal moral issues and vote for those who best reflect Biblical values."

He also reminds us that the next president likely will have a huge impact on the Supreme Court as three of eight current justices are 77 years old or older.

Franklin Graham quotes Samuel Adams, one of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence, when he said "Let each citizen remember, at the moment he is offering his vote, that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual — or at least that he ought not so to do, but he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society, for which he is accountable to God and his Country."

Franklin tells us that "This is the most important election of our lifetime!"

I agree. I humbly ask you to do two things: pray and vote.

Bob Cushman
Northville

Bring productive change

The Van Buren school board campaign is about voting for new people who want to bring about productive change. We are four concerned residents of the township, who are each running for a position on the school board. We met when we entered into the race and decided immediately that we shared similar core beliefs and knew we could do great things together for the students, administration and our

community.

We have a vision to engage, educate and empower every student to succeed and become a contributing member of society; allow teachers the freedom to apply their own creativity within the appropriate structural boundaries to enable them to teach our students; and ensure the district maintains the highest standards and strives for the highest level of achievement through sound policy and fiscal responsibility;

A good school system is the most important contributing factor to any community. We are prepared to represent our community and make the type of changes needed to ensure we have the best to offer our students and our teachers. We would be honored to serve on this board and ask you to vote for productive change by voting for Victor De Libera, Susan K. Featheringill, Darlene Loyer Gerick and Simone Pinter.

Susan K. Featheringill
Van Buren

RESA tax unfair

The RESA tax increase is unfair to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district taxpayers. A total of \$10,500,000 would be collected from P-CCS taxpayers and put into the pool to be re-distributed to Wayne County school districts. When re-distributed, \$6,700,000 would come back to P-CCS and \$3,800,000 would be re-distributed to the other 32 districts in Wayne County.

The \$6.7 million to P-CCS is 64 percent of the total. This adds to the already disproportionate amount P-CCS taxpayers already pay to the state versus what the district receives back from the state.

P-CCS district taxpayers send \$30-plus million in school property taxes and approximately \$61 million in sales tax for a total of approximately \$91 million to the state and we get back from the state \$71 million in per-pupil foundation aid or approximately \$20 million less than we pay. The RESA tax Increase compounds the problem of

the taxpayers paying more than we receive. The solution should be to fix the way the tax dollars are distributed, not just increase taxes.

John Giummo
Plymouth

Where is money coming from?

Where do all these authorities requesting we pay more taxes think this money is coming from? Many retirees are on a fixed income. Pensions are normally fixed and lose value due to inflation. Our health care insurance is increasing every year. Car registration fees are increasing. Capital gains taxes have been increased. Dividend taxes have been increased. Medicare tax has increased. Vehicles are more expensive. And now homeowners should pay 40 percent of a 57-percent RESA tax increase (3.5 to 5.5 mills) to fund DPS schools, which just received an additional \$614 million from the state. Will this never end? Can organizations please live within their budgets?

Robert Harris
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Where are the women in politics? Trying to break a 200-year ceiling

Susan Bromley
Correspondent

Nearly 100 years after women won the right to vote — and with a presidential election a week away in which the country will have the first female candidate from a major party on the ballot for the nation's top office — the proportion of political representation between women and men remains grossly unequal.

Women comprise half the population, but far fewer, less than 25 percent across the country, hold legislative political office. Will that change with the first female candidate for president, Hillary Clinton, facing off against Donald Trump, who has been criticized for sexist remarks and actions?

It could. "I definitely hope that Hillary will motivate more women to run for office, but you see that she is constantly attacked and scrutinized at a deeper level than any previous candidate," said state Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton. "People might be uncomfortable with women leadership, especially at the top position."

Conversely, she believes Trump, Clinton's Republican adversary, discourages people from voting altogether with rhetoric she calls demeaning and uninspiring. When Pagan, who is running for a second term representing the 21st District, speaks with voters, she hears they are disgusted and sick of it all and don't want to participate.

Neither Trump nor Clinton would be the first choice of state Rep. Kathy Crawford, R- Novi, who is also running for her second term representing the 38th District.

"This is probably the most unusual election we've ever had in our history, certainly in my lifetime," said Crawford, 74. "I know a lot of women are disillusioned with Hillary, a lot are happy. I don't know if they will feel like, 'At last we've been redeemed.' A lot don't like her policies or plans for the future. It could hurt women in politics. I can't see the pluses, really. And I hear people say Trump should shut up, he can't stay on message, he's not a politician, he doesn't know the political speak. Maybe that is good, that might be what they like, but it's hurtful when he says things that are a little mean."

Pagan faces a Nov. 8 challenge from Republican Derek Moss. Crawford is running against Democrat Amy McCusker.

Julie Walters, associate professor of political science at Oakland University, said in all recent scientific polls, Trump has increased the likelihood that women around the country will vote against him, including Republican women voters, whom he can't afford to lose.



State Rep. Kristy Pagan of Canton is seeking her second term in the Michigan House.



State Rep. Kathy Crawford testifies about a bill before a Senate committee.

"If (Hillary Clinton) wins this November, she will have broken through a glass ceiling that has existed for over 200 years — the election of a (U.S.) woman president," Walters said. "She is among the most qualified candidates for president the U.S. has ever had in terms of experience and education related to the responsibilities of the presidency."

College-educated Congress

Experience and education are just two of the many factors that may have contributed in the past to a lack of women running for political office at all levels of government. Although women now are conferred the majority of college degrees, this has been a shift that has occurred only over the past decade.

Though education post-high school is not a legal requirement for national office, Walters notes it has been the norm. She cites statistics that in the early 1970s, roughly 90 percent of the members of Congress had college degrees; today, it stands at about 95 percent, with the majority of those — 74 percent of senators and 64 percent of congressmen — holding a master's degree or higher, commonly a law or business degree.

The majority of state legislators also have college degrees, she continued, with 40 percent holding a graduate or professional degree, giving them not only the advantage of knowledge, but increased earning capabilities to aid with campaign financing and increased opportunities to network with people and institutions linked with political influence.

"That doesn't mean being without a college education renders one hopeless for running for elected office, not at all," Walters said. "But among those state and federal elected officials without education post-high school, experience as business owners has been important."

Crawford is in the minority, not only as a woman in the state House, but also as a legislator without a college degree.

She does however, own a business, Kathy Craw-

ford Communications, and also had the benefit of name recognition normally accorded to incumbents, as she is married to Hugh Crawford, a politician in his own right.

Her political career mirrored his, with him serving first on the Novi City Council, then as an Oakland County commissioner, then as a state representative. She served in the same capacities as he left each office. While she acknowledges she followed in his footsteps, she believes it is her own experience and accomplishments that led to her successful campaigns.

Generational success

Starting out on the campaign trail, Kathy Crawford's perception was that the difficulty in seeking office would be not only her gender, but her age.

"My perception of things was that it would be a bigger challenge being an older woman," Crawford said. "I think we make a lot of rules for ourselves and think that things will be different than they really are. I didn't find any resistance or roadblocks to being on committees, which was a little surprising. Politics was never on my bucket list. This isn't exactly how I thought retirement would go."

The Crawfords married in 1964, at a time when she said women didn't work outside the home. She was a stay-at-home mom to their three children, but was involved in volunteer efforts. When her children were teenagers, she found herself working toward establishing a senior center in Novi. She convinced the city to hire her in the 1980s and she would work in the field of aging as the state's second certified senior center director for more than 30 years, before venturing into politics.

"I've always sort of been a natural leader. It's just that people recognized something in me I never saw in myself," Crawford said. "I think a lot of women in their workplace, they don't get a chance to try out being a leader as men do. I stepped out of my comfort zone. Leaders tend to do that, step out of their comfort zone and take

chances. That is something that doesn't always come natural to women. Most women in their 60s, 70s, 80s, they just don't take risks like that. They live life through their husband and children and have lost a little of themselves and I always thought that was sad."

Pagan comes from a different generation. The 34-year-old got her start in politics when she was a freshman at Salem High School and ran for student council president, losing that first election to a boy.

"Even though it was mostly girls voting, it was the boy who was seen as the leader," said Pagan, who went on to Western Michigan University, where she started a women's leadership organization that is still going strong more than a decade after she graduated with majors in health education and women's studies and a minor in political science.

Pagan pursued her master's degree at George Washington University, studying politics at night and working as an education policy aide for U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, during the day for two years before undertaking her own run for political office.

"I see major barriers for women running for office and in serving," Pagan said. "Women aren't asked to run for office and a major thing for women is we want to be asked to do something first before we volunteer. I think it's a societal construct."

Training to campaign

Beth Kelly is executive director of Emerge Michigan, which launched last year as part of the Emerge America network, an organization dedicated to helping Democratic women to run for office.

A 70-hour, five-month program from which 15 women graduated in July trains not on the issues, but on the nuts and bolts of running for and winning office, explained Kelly, who notes that in Michigan, women make up only 20 percent of the state Legislature.

"Women bring a unique perspective and they prioritize issues that affect women and fam-

ilies, which is why it's so important (for them to be in elected positions)," Kelly said. "We need quality legislation and representatives to bring attention to these issues and it's difficult when the people who are affected are under represented."

Women, she continued, need encouragement to run for office and, even when they are asked, may need to be asked repeatedly.

"They need different encouragement than men and have less confidence in their abilities and experience than men," Kelly said. "We know we need to approach women accordingly if we are to make progress, basically acknowledging that we need to meet them where they are, let them know they are ready, qualified, successful and can do this."

There are only 25 women in the Michigan House out of 110 members. Of those, 16 are Democrats, nine are Republicans. The Michigan Senate has 38 members, only four of whom are women. Out of 14 Michigan representatives in the U.S. House, three are women. Only in the U.S. Senate is Michigan equally represented by one man and one woman, with Stabenow holding her office since 2001.

At the national level, according to the Center for American Women and Politics (www.cawp.rutgers.edu), in 2016, women held 19.3 percent of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, or 84 out of 435. In the U.S. Senate, women were in 20 of the 100 seats. Of the 104 women in Congress, 76 were Democrats and 28 were Republicans. Nationwide, 1,815, or 24.6 percent of 7,383 legislators in the U.S., are women.

Kelly notes there are more women getting invested at the local level, including school boards, city councils and township boards.

Family considerations

Women running for political office face special considerations, she adds, with balancing family life and running a campaign, which can be arduous. Pagan knocked on thousands of doors during her first run for state representative two years ago.

"If you're not willing to knock on doors, you're not going to win," said Pagan, who is single and has no children. "It's easier to run as an in-

cumbent, but I have still been going door to door every day this summer and fall."

Incumbents hold the advantage, Walters noted, and that factors into the number of women in elected office as well, since men continue to hold the majority of those positions, even with the number of women dramatically increasing since the early 1990s.

"Regardless of sex, being successfully elected brings benefits that help one continue to hold office and survive subsequent elections," Walters said. "Incumbents already have the benefits of having established donor lists, name recognition among voters, experience with successful campaigning and the hesitancy of voters to choose someone or something new. For example, despite Americans giving Congress a miserable 15-percent approval rating in 2012 (Gallup), they returned incumbents to office at a rate of around 90 percent."

"Challengers, regardless of sex, just don't tend to be successful in defeating incumbents," she added. "Most incumbents are male, so that dynamic contributes to the fact that fewer women than men hold elected office in the United States."

Striving for equality

"If we had equal representation, it would bring a much more unique perspective and prioritize policies, not just for women, but families," Kelly said.

All of the women interviewed agreed that women bring a different perspective to political office, but Walters contends that what have historically been considered "women's issues" — well-being of children, access to quality K-12 education, domestic violence and women's health care — are also men's issues as they impact everyone in society.

But like Kelly, Crawford and Pagan, she agrees women are needed in public office because they introduce policy questions that were previously ignored or under-weighted and they introduce new ways of approaching policy challenges, as well as serving as important role models that women can excel at campaigning and governing.

"For girls and boys, seeing both women and men as elected officials, engineers, tradespeople, teachers, doctors, business people, etc., means that society will have an even larger pool of citizens reaching their greatest potential and contributing to the well-being of society as a whole," Walters said. "Supporting women in office begins with the very young and involves teaching children that, regardless of being a boy or a girl, we should not be limited in considering running for elected office eventually. As for adults, if you think someone you know could make a positive difference in governing, please bring the possibility of running for office to her attention. Follow up that encouragement with supportive action."

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Music makes singer forget about her pain

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Jennifer Kincer is "very picky" about the singers she mentors. When she met Ali McManus five years ago, Kincer didn't think twice about coaching the 19-year-old Bloomfield Hills woman.

"I think it's one of those things where I saw something special in her. There has to be a balance of passion, talent, kindness and a willingness to serve the community. She seemed to encompass all of those things," Kincer said.

"Ali is always willing to perform as much as she can. She has drive and passion. Her voice is unique. It has a unique tone and timbre. Her songwriting is genuine, real, and from the heart."

That McManus can sing at all is something of a miracle.

The spunky Oakland University freshman sings and breathes with 30 percent lung capacity. The voice work helps strengthen her lung muscles, although McManus occasionally runs out of air on long notes and lengthy warm-ups.

When McManus was 13, her spine bent to a curvature of 146 degrees, crushing her lungs and stomach. The severe case of scoliosis diminished her long-term lung function and hindered her ability to eat at the time.

"When you start getting scoliosis, you need to act on it when it's at 15 degrees. But with mine, my bones are weak, so they (doctors) were always like, we can't touch her," McManus explained. "I lost 20 pounds in a month because I could only eat a clementine a day. I had no neck whatsoever and my shoulder blade was to my hip. The main problem was within a year I would have stopped breathing."



Ali McManus tones her guitar in her dorm.

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Health challenges

The daughter of Julie and Mark McManus of Bloomfield Hills, McManus had a rough start in life, being born premature with a 50-50 chance of survival. During her childhood she had 10 surgeries, including a neck surgery that required her to wear a halo vest afterward, and hip surgery that led to a body cast for 67 days at age 9.

At 13, with lung capacity at 19 percent, McManus had no choice but to undergo spinal fusion surgery that would insert steel rods into her back and neck to fuse and straighten her spine. The 12-hour surgery took place at Shriners' Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., where McManus had previously been seen for her fragile bones and scoliosis. The spinal fusion operation, and the halo traction that followed, meant McManus would live at the hospital for nine months.

"I made the best of it ... but I was being pulled up by my head with 40 pounds 24/7," she said,

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Ali McManus plays a song on piano in her dorm at Oakland University.



describing the traction. "My back isn't perfect but it is amazing compared to what it was. I grew seven inches in those nine months. I got a neck, which I love. It's short but I can wear scarves now and necklaces."

She entertained other patients at the hospital and earned the title "Patient Ambassador." As a child, McManus had discovered music helped take her mind off her pain. She learned to play piano, sang in the school choir, penned songs at age 11 and took up the guitar two years ago. The

instrument was challenging because she can't bend her neck to watch her fingers play chords.

"I had to mentally picture my hands on the strings," she said. "If Stevie Wonder can play blind, I can play guitar."

She took that same confident attitude with her to a singer-songwriter camp at Interlochen two years ago. The experience proved to herself and others that she could live on her own. She graduated from Bloomfield Hills High School in June and began taking communications, writing and a music class at OU



Ali McManus, 19, says music kept her feeling positive through 10 surgeries during her childhood.

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this fall.

100 shows

McManus zips around campus in her wheelchair, which she considers temporary. She's waiting for technology to improve and assurances that her bones won't shatter if she undergoes needed hip surgery. Off-campus she stays busy with live performances and studio work. She has recorded two of four songs for an EP that she hopes to release next year.

"Her first recital for me was at the Royal Park Hotel, (in Rochester), Kincer said." Since then she has done about 100 performances."

McManus sang at Arts, Beats, and Eats this year, and shared the stage a few years ago

with Chad Smith of the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Her most meaningful shows are for patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan and at Children's Miracle Network events.

"I sing and speak about how important it is for music therapy to be in a patient's life. Music healed me and it really did save my life. Music is how I stayed sane and positive. Music is my three minutes of no pain."

McManus will participate in the For Kids Radiothon! Thursday, Nov. 17, which will be broadcast live from Beaumont Children's Hospital on 96.3 WDVD. Visit her website at alimcmanus.com.

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Tastes and smells of Parmenter's entice

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

When you pull into the parking lot at Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill, the first thing you notice are the smells. The sugary sweetness of doughnuts frying. The tangy scent of hot dogs with ketchup. And, above it all, the aroma of freshly crushed apples.

It's an irresistible combination for Leo Benchich, who hails from Westland. "I used to work not too far from here ... I'd come here at lunchtime, just to have a quart of cider and six doughnuts," he said.

Now, Leo and his wife Debbie like to stop by on the weekends. This time, they brought their two big black dogs, Bailey and Jack.

"It's close," Leo said. "They've got good cider, too."

Parmenter's, located at 714 E. Baseline Road, is a fall hotspot for folks from Northville and the surrounding area. Carina Nelson of South Lyon, one of the owners, said their visitor count on any given weekend numbers in the thousands.

"We open at 10 in the morning and sometimes we already have a line," she said. It's not uncommon for the cider-and-doughnut queue to stretch from the door to the parking lot and back again.

Nelson has worked at Parmenter's for 10 years and does everything from scheduling staff to spinning caramel apples and sugaring doughnuts.

"That's what makes it special — the doughnuts," she said. "Everybody says we have the best doughnuts."

Parmenter's makes its doughnuts and all its cider on-site. A sign on the door points out that today's cider is made from Honeycrisp, Jona-

than, Golden Delicious and Gala apples — all grown in Michigan at Dietrich Orchards.

Through the chain-link door at the side of the mill, you can see the cider presses hard at work. Apples arrive in big pallet boxes, each containing 18-20 bushels. They're washed and put through a grinder that crushes them into a thick pulp, like applesauce. That goes into nylon bags and then into the press for squeezing. Juice from the pulp pours out into a large stainless steel container below. It's pasteurized with UV light; a quick chill tank takes it to 38°F and it's ready to serve.

Jack Tenbusch of Northville is manager of the cider press. His aunt and uncle own the mill and he works every weekend as his college job.

Watching the presses is a real hit with the kids, he said. He estimated that Parmenter's turns out about 1,000-1,200 gallons of cider a day.

At the counter, fall staples like cider, doughnuts and apples are the top sellers, although cider slushies are pretty popular, too. There's also maple syrup, honey, pumpkin and apple butter and apple pie. For adults, there's hard cider and wines like Muse and Pink Moon from the Northville Winery and Brewing Co. across the parking lot.

The winery building was a recent addition to Parmenter's, dating from 2012. The red mill barn dates from around 1977. Parmenter's itself has been operating in Northville since 1873, when Civil War veteran Benajah Aldrich Parmenter used his mustering-out payment to start a mill in his hometown.

In its earliest days, the mill was powered by a team of horses and



Parmenter's is located at 714 E. Baseline Road in Northville.

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Rob Nelson (left) and his son Robbie toast each other with a jug of cider and a spiced doughnut at their Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill, Parmenter's.

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produced apple cider vinegar. It was run by five generations of Parmenters until being sold in 1968. Today, it's the second-oldest continually operating business in Northville, after the Northville Record.

Christina Rohn has been coming to Parmenter's for 42 years. She lives near the Novi/Northville border and remembers the old days when the Guernsey restaurant, a few blocks north on Novi Road, was

a tiny place that sold hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream.

Rohn and her daughter-in-law, Karen Bryan, were spending an afternoon people-watching at the cider mill. Across the lawn, Leo and Debbie Benchich's dogs barked at another black dog, ready to play. A three-person band strummed an old-time dulcimer tune. One kid sat on a vintage flatbed wagon, eating a giant blue cotton candy cone. Another group had set up an impromptu picnic there, with several gallon jugs of cider and white paper bags of doughnuts.

Eric Dolesh and Sara Terrio, who live in Novi, took advantage of the nice day to get their fall fix. "We come about once a year — we come for cider, doughnuts and to get the baby outside in the fresh air," Eric said. "We like the winery,

too, and the fudge hut," Sara added. The trio stopped by the little fudge stand on their way out.

For Bryan, who lives in Milan, it was her first time to the mill in quite a few years.

"I like all the diversity — people of different backgrounds all having a good time together," she said. "It's nice to see so much enjoyment."

Nelson said that while the vast majority of customers are locals who come back year after year, they do get some out-of-staters. "A lot of them want to come to cider mills in Michigan because their home state doesn't have any," she said. "We get all ages, all walks of life."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

PCA captures district title

Eagles take care of Rudolf Steiner in three sets

Tim Smith
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Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity volleyball team Friday took an expected step in its championship quest.

The Eagles posted a 3-0 victory over Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner in the Class D district final at PCA. With the triumph, coach D.J. Kellogg's team now gears up for the regional hosted by Morenci, which opens Tuesday.

"The postseason has our team fired up," Kellogg said.

PCA (18-6-1) was led by Grace Kellogg, who had 13 kills.

Chipping in with eight kills and five defensive digs was Olivia Mady, while the attack was orchestrated by setter Jessica Paulson's 21 assists.

Other Eagles who helped close out the championship included Gabriella Kellogg (five kills), Ruth Doty (three digs) and Divna Roi (two digs).

According to the coach, PCA faced an opponent that gave it all it had.

"Their girls were a very vocal team and communicated well," he said.

"They were a great example of good sportsmanship before, during and after the match."

Semifinal win

The Eagles got off to a good start in the postseason Wednesday, handily winning its Class D semifinal against Lutheran Westland in three sets.

The Eagles, a top-ranked team with championship aspirations, defeated the pesky Warriors 25-17, 25-18 and 25-8 in one of two district contests at PCA. In the other, Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner swept to victory over Huron Valley Lutheran (also 3-0).

"Lutheran Westland is a well-coached team," Kellogg said. "We've played them twice already this season and know what they were capable of."



Jumping up for the ball Friday is PCA's Olivia Mady.

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PREP FOOTBALL



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Off to the races for a touchdown Friday night is Canton senior Markus Sanders, who nearly rushed for 200 yards against the Hornets.

CHIEFS FEEL HORNETS' STING

Canton can't overcome miscues in 37-31 loss against Saline

Tim Smith
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Even after Saline had pulled ahead 37-24 midway through the fourth quarter of Friday's Division 1 district final, the Canton Chiefs believed.

They believed even more when senior quarterback Jake O'Donnell found senior running back Reid McDonnell in the end zone for a 4-yard TD toss with 1:20 remaining.

But the onside kick everybody knew was coming at Hornet Stadium rolled out of bounds near the midfield stripe and Saline was able to hold on for the 37-31 victory.

"We didn't recover the onside kick," veteran Chiefs head football coach Tim Baechler said. "We worked on every possibility of onside kicks

"They have a lot of good players and they're very well-coached. It is what it is. We had to play near perfect to beat a team like this and we didn't."

TIM BAECHLER
Canton head coach

all week. We just didn't get it done."

Baechler also lamented missed opportunities that cost the Chiefs — including a would-be interception by sophomore Steven Walker that turned into a long reception that led to a Saline field goal with five seconds to go in the first half, knotting the score at 17-17.

He also shook his head about miscues that led to a 64-yard touchdown

catch-and-run by Saline senior tight end Bryce Wolma (five catches for 115 yards) and a 47-yard run on a fake punt by senior running back Connor Hibbard (18 rushes, 183 yards) early in the fourth, when Canton trailed only 27-24.

Hibbard zig-zagged down the field to set up a first down inside the Canton 15. Three snaps later, quarterback Zach Schwartzberger bootlegged it into the end zone from the 7-yard line to open up a 10-point lead.

"Four big plays they had on offense were mental mistakes," Baechler said. "We had two potential picks, didn't make the plays. They have a lot of good players and they're very well-coached. It is what it is. We had to play near perfect to beat a team like this and we didn't."

After the heartwrenching defeat ended Canton's season at 8-3 (Saline

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Park teams bumped out of tourney

Semifinal losses spell end of the line for Plymouth, Canton

Brad Emons
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Novi opened defense of its MHSAA Class A volleyball state championship Wednesday with a 25-13, 25-16, 25-18 win over host Plymouth.

The No. 1-ranked Wildcats, who improved to 48-1 overall, were led by junior setter Erin O'Leary, who finished with 30 assist-to-kills, eight kills and eight digs.

Other contributions came from junior middle hitter Kathryn Ellison (15 kills, 11 digs) and senior libero Claire Pinkerton (three aces, eight digs).

The Wildcats will face KLAACentral Division rival Northville for the fourth time this season in the district final beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 at Plymouth.

Mustangs advance

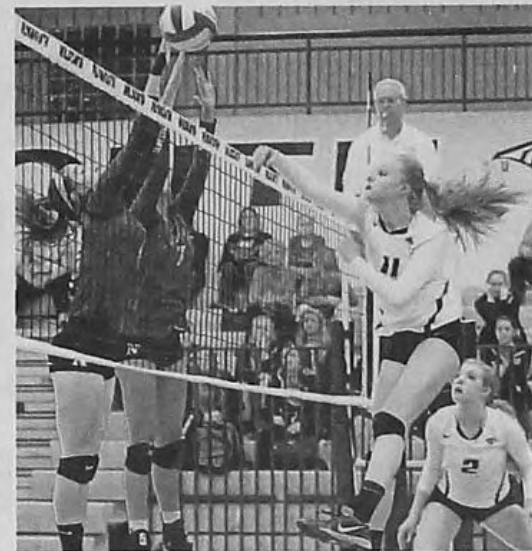
Senior Miss Volleyball nominee Emily Martin finished with 17 kills and 10 digs as Northville (44-6-1) rolled to a 25-22, 25-12, 25-17 Class A district semifinal win Wednesday over Canton at Plymouth.

Other standouts for Northville included Hannah Grant (19 digs), Rachel Holmes (38 assists), Kiera Borthwick (eight kills, four solo blocks), Bryce Quick (eight kills, two solo blocks) and Claire Wenrick (six kills).

Lions stay alive

Liberty Romanik finished with 12 kills, and setter Hannah Barton added 27 assist-to-kills Wednesday as South Lyon (21-14-2) earned a 25-13, 25-23, 26-24 Class A district semifinal win over Howell at Hartland.

Other top performers for South Lyon included Chloe Grimes (nine kills), Megan Mrocka (12 digs), Emily Kalinowski (five assists, nine digs), Callie Harper (nine digs) and Larissa Dean (two blocks).



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Plymouth senior Alexa Ebeling (right) powers the ball over Novi blockers during Wednesday's Class A district semifinal. In background for Plymouth is junior Lauren Wheeler (No. 2).

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YOUTH FOOTBALL

Canton Lions teams split final games vs. Redskins

The Canton Lions hosted the Dearborn Heights Redskins Sunday to close out the regular season and the day ended in a split for the squads.

Both the junior freshmen and freshmen Lions outscored their opponents, while the JV and varsity teams fell short.

Despite the 37-0 loss, the varsity Lions have survived to see the postseason. The varsity, JV and freshmen Lions will meet up with the Redskins again in playoff action (Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Dearborn Heights home field, 4650 Pardee Ave.)

These games will determine who goes on to the Western Suburban Ju-

nior Football League Super Bowl, taking place Sunday, Nov. 13 at John Glenn High School in Westland.

Junior varsity

With a final junior varsity score of 7-0, with the Redskins prevailing, it was a defensive battle. Both teams were scoreless at halftime.

Passes were broken up by Lions JaMarcus Barnes, Dylan Fleming, Luke Matusik, Carson Sampson, Avery Satterlee and Derik Watson. A string of strong tackles by Aaron Alexander, Justin Anderson, Barnes, Gavin Bobby, Wesley Faulkner, Fleming, Michael Kuzara, Sampson, Satterlee and Aiden

Wallace allowed only one touchdown for the game.

Still, the game had its share of highlights for the Lions offense. The Lions made several strong efforts to put points on the board, with carries by Alexander, Bobby, Kuzara, Matusik, Sampson and Josiah West. A 40-yard carry by Sampson gave the Lions their best chance for a touchdown, though the pride wasn't able to reach the end zone.

Freshman

The freshmen Lions finished an undefeated regular season with a 24-6 win. Defense dominated across the

board.

For the Lions, Kris Easley recovered a fumble, and on the next play, capitalized with a 58-yard touchdown run. Caleb Williams had an interception and also recovered a fumble, and Diego Hernandez-Ramirez recovered two. Leading with tackles were Braylon Williams, Caleb Williams, Bralen Willis and Alex Witt.

The Lions offense shined as well. Easley finished the game with three touchdowns total. Also reaching the end zone for the Lions was Devin Kaugler. Oronde Patterson completed a 39-yard pass to Caleb Williams.

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improved to 9-2), O'Donnell fought back emotion as he talked about his team leaving it all out on the field.

"The boys played their hearts out," O'Donnell said. "I love our boys; we did all we could. I love them. All I wanted was another week of practice with them."

Baechler praised his team, but stressed that it was going to take a while for the sting of the loss to go away.

"Great season, especially after going 0-2," Baechler said. "They rallied. You get used to winning, it was eight in a row. Losing stinks, it hurts. This is going to stay with us."

"We're all going to be walking around depressed the next couple weeks."

Big games, once again, by Canton senior running backs Markus Sanders (19 carries, 188 yards) and Julian Thornton (14 carries, 146 yards), were not enough to keep the streak alive.

The Chiefs got on the board first, at 4:53 of the opening quarter, on a 31-yard field goal by Ben Tubaro.

Setting up the low-liner that split the uprights was Sanders, who returned the opening kickoff 40 yards to near mid-field.

Wild second

That 3-0 lead carried into the second quarter, which was a wild-and-crazy quarter with 31 points combined between the teams.

Canton enjoyed a 92-yard scoring march that concluded when O'Donnell scrambled and connected with Sanders for a 9-yard scoring pass with 10:15 left in the half.

On the play, the senior quarterback scrambled all over the backfield before finding Sanders open in the left flat. The diminutive running back broke a tackle along the left sideline and took it in from there to make it 10-0.

But the Hornets showed they



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Canton senior running back Reid McDonnell tries to elude the grasp of a Saline defender Friday night.

weren't going to fold on the next snap, as Cole Daniels threw a halfback pass that quarterback Schwartzberger caught and turned into a 67-yard gain down to Canton's 10.

Schwartzberger then hit tight end Wolma in the end zone for a 10-yard touchdown, slicing the Chiefs' lead to 10-7 with 9:16 to go in the second.

Saline got the ball right back after the ensuing kickoff was fumbled, giving the Hornets a first down at the Canton 47.

On second down, Hibbard ripped through the line for a 47-yard touch-

down run to put Saline up 14-10 with 8:57 remaining in the quarter.

This time, however, the Chiefs responded. Thornton lost his footing before finding it again and, by the time he stopped, he had scored on a 62-yard run — putting Canton back up 17-14 with 6:44 left before the intermission.

Just when it looked as though the Chiefs would add to the lead, however, a pass by O'Donnell was intercepted in the Saline end zone.

The Hornets then moved the ball 46 yards to Canton's 25 with just five seconds left on a play that easily could

have been an interception by Steven Walker.

Schwartzberger's long throw down the left side of the field looked to be picked off, but Emmett Turner came down with the ball instead, wrestling the ball away from the Canton sophomore.

That gave kicker J.T. Turner enough time to launch a 37-yard field goal as the half expired, sending both teams into the break tied at 17-17.

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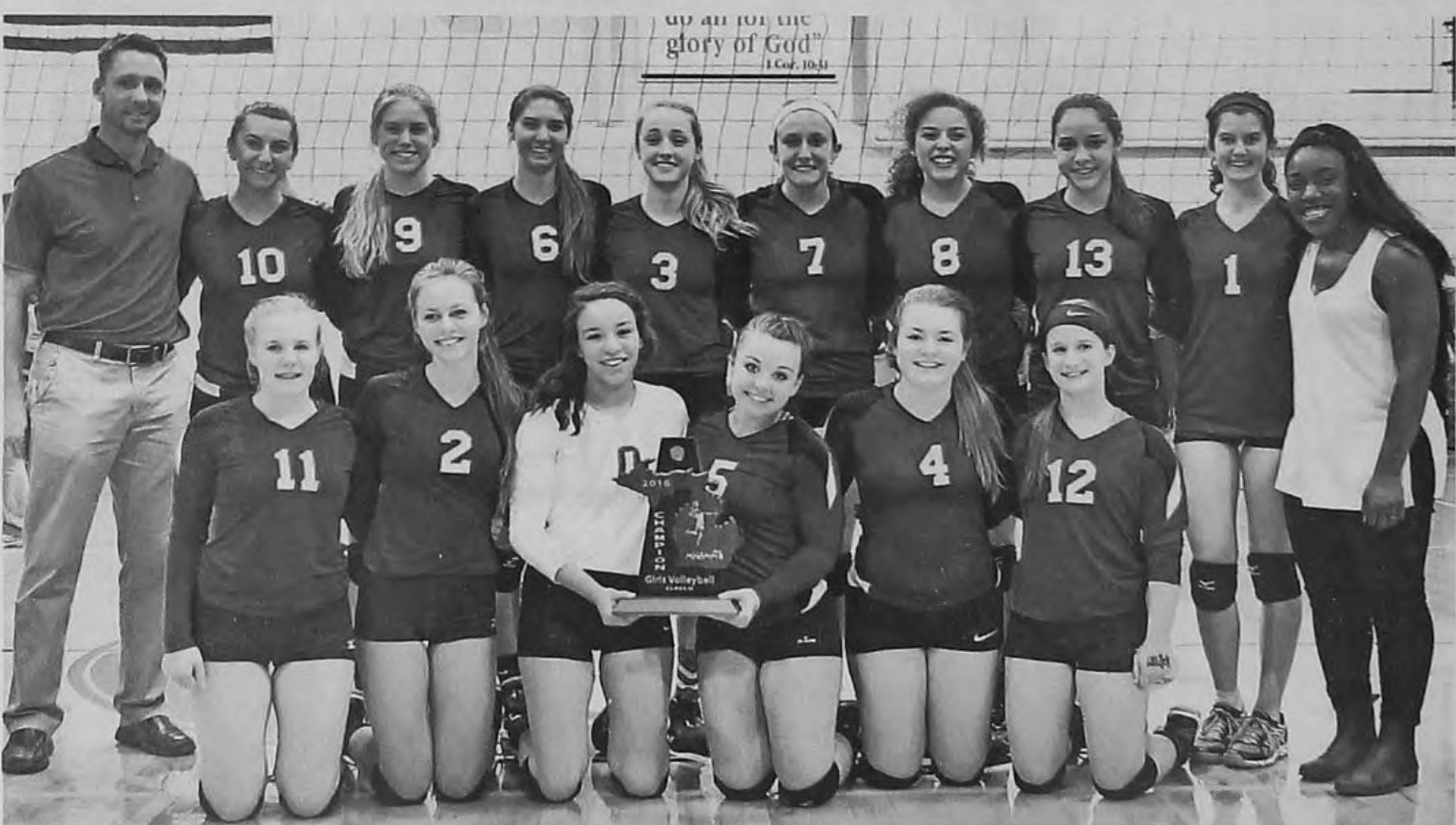
"We certainly couldn't take them for granted. We saw it most in the first game. They wanted it and fought hard. It was not an easy game."

Kellogg added that the Warriors seemed to lose "a little steam in the second and third games. We knew they had another gear or two and had to be careful. Our girls wanted it too and played well overall. They had good energy the whole match."

Leading PCA with 12 and 11 kills, respectively, were sisters Gabriella Kellogg and Grace Kellogg. Olivia Mady chipped in eight kills and 12 defensive digs.

Other contributors for the Eagles were setter Jessica Paulson (26 assists, six digs), Abbi Pray (eight assists) and Divna Roi (five digs).

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PEGGY PAULSON

Celebrating its Class D district title Friday is Plymouth Christian Academy's volleyball team.

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BHT gallops to title



Livonia's Black Horse Tavern recently won a triple-header to capture the men's fall league softball playoffs in the Livonia Parks and Recreation fall league. BHT (finishing 13-1 for the season) defeated Team Chalk, 19-18; Livonia Detour, 25-15; then the Christadelphians, 23-13 in the championship game. Team members include (front row, from left) Mike Gerou, Dan Dooley, Bob Carver, Bill Otto and Kevin Percin and (back row, from left) Roger Garvin, Steve Damron, Bryan Wilson, Rob Davidek, Pat Wilson, Jim Lechner, Tony Wilson, Ryan Jones and Andrew Grabowski.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Junior varsity Steelers win to open playoffs

Steelers junior freshman team wins MYFCC crown

The junior varsity Plymouth Canton Steelers opened the 2016 playoffs Oct. 29 with a contest that would have made Bo and Woody proud by prevailing 15-12 against the Rochester Redskins Gold Squad.

Next up for the Steelers is a playoff game at 1 p.m. Saturday against the West Bloomfield Lions at Stoney Creek.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Steelers lit up the scoreboard first on a 3-yard run by Cavanaugh Diton.

The touchdown, followed by a Charlie Tarns PAT, was set up by a 26-yard run by QB Brady Blakita.

In the second half, after trading turnovers, the Redskins closed the gap to 8-6 with a TD pass.

Each team failed to score on their next two possessions, but the Steelers then scored on a 4-yard run by Brayden Willis (20 carries for 92 yards) that was set up by a 26-yard end around by Connor Hands. Willis then tacked on the PAT making the score 15-6.

Rochester made it interesting with a quick touchdown pass to make it 15-12 with 4:48 left.

The blocking of Diton, Michael Beydoun, Tams, Trevor Moulton, Adam Nicholas, Ryan Fisher and Zack Badger and Hands allowed the Steelers to grind out two first downs and run out the clock.

The defense was led by Evan Cosgrove (fumble recovery), Cavanaugh Diton (caused fumble), Baechler Houser, Charlie Tarns, Andon Locke, Brady Blakita, Tate Marco and Adam Nicholas.

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Talk about a defensive juggernaut. The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior freshman football team blanked opponents for 22 consecutive quarters.

That stingy streak started in the sixth week of the Michigan Youth Football and Cheer Conference season and extended into the semifinals.

When the dust finally settled, the Steelers were 9-0-2 and won the MYFCC championship, outscoring rivals by a 64-6 margin.

Members of the team, coached by Dan Cosgrove and several parent assistants, include players Dominic Allam, Jayden Buckines, Kyle Candito, Lucas Diton, Kendon Dmytrusz, Drew Eisenbeis, L.J. Kerul, Micky Laser, Sam Nieset, Ben Papke, Mitchel Paspal, Isaac Plave, Logan Rozum, Akshay Singh, Mack Swafford and Bryson Williams.

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The MYFCC champion Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior freshman team celebrates an undefeated season. Team members include (first row, from left) L.J. Kerul, Ben Papke, Lucas Diton and Micky Laser; (second row, from left) Kyle Candito, Logan Rozum, Sam Nieset, Kendon Dmytrusz and Jayden Buckines; (third row, from left) Bryson Williams, Mitchel Paspal, Drew Eisenbeis, Mack Swafford, Isaac Plave and Dominic Allam; and (fourth row, from left) head coach Dan Cosgrove, coach Balow, team mom Papke, coach Kerul, coach Laser, coach Diton and team mom Eisenbeis. Also on the team is Akshay Singh.

COLLEGE HOCKEY

Tough weekend for Schoolcraft squad

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There are times when Schoolcraft College men's club hockey coach Rob Lindsay is reminded his program is just getting started.

Such was the case last weekend, as Grand Valley State University's D2 team earned 6-2 and 8-2 wins over the visiting Ocelots.

Lindsay lamented slow starts and rough patches, particularly against the Grand Valley power play. He is hopeful things will turn around when Schoolcraft hosts Northwood University (6:15 p.m. Saturday) at Redford Arena.

"I believe in our players and know they will come through next weekend with a better performance," Lindsay said. "I believe we got back what we gave to Calvin College and Washtenaw College (earlier in the season).

"We hammered both of those teams then we got hammered by GVSU. The boys need to come ready to play every single game."

Friday's 6-2 loss was closer than the score indicated, but three of the goals allowed by the Ocelots came unsuccessfully fighting off penalties. The fifth tally came into an empty net.

"We have to stay out of the penalty box in tight games," Lindsay said.

After falling behind 3-0, Schoolcraft answered with a goal by Matt Bederka, set up by Sheldon Varhol (Garden City) at 9:06 of the second period.

The Ocelots got to within 3-2 when Varhol converted Bederka's set-up at 16:21 of the stanza.

But GVSU scored in the period's final minute and added two late goals in the third.



Looking to dish the puck during a game against GVSU is Schoolcraft forward Tanner Switzer (right).

Saturday night, a 4-0 deficit after one frame proved far too insurmountable for Schoolcraft.

"Our team started doing what they were suppose to do halfway through the second period and started playing a better game," Lindsay said. "The defensive zone started looking better but it was too late in the game to come back."

Lighting the lamp midway through the contest for the Ocelots was Livonia

Stevenson product Zack Finzel (from Tanner Switzer of Garden City and Livonia Churchill alum Derek Klisz) but by that time the goal only shaved the deficit to 5-1.

Schoolcraft's Vinnie Glenn (Livonia Stevenson) found the range with 32 seconds to go in the period, making it 7-2. Assisting was Jacob Stanley (Westland).

"We really do have a very talented

team," Lindsay added. "But we have to give 100 percent every single shift and run our systems."

Following Saturday's home contest, the Ocelots will return to Redford Arena for another game 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 against Lake Superior State-D2.

Redford Arena is located on Beech Daly between I-96 and Plymouth Road.

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Northville captures KLAA Central Division title again

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For the sixth consecutive year, Northville reigns supreme as KLAA Central Division girls swimming and diving meet champion.

The Mustangs, winning nine of the 12 events, dominated the five-school field Oct. 29 at Novi with 790.5 points, while South Lyon Unified, made up of East and South Lyon high schools, was a distant second with 500.

Rounding out the top five were Salem (389.5), the host Wildcats (304) and Livonia Stevenson (215).

Salem's Camille Burt was the 1-

meter diving champion (396.85 points), while the Rocks' foursome of Katie Xu, Jenna Chen, Sarah Griffiths and Morgan Davis captured the 400 freestyle relay (3:43.8).

South Lyon's Carolyn Bischoff took first in the 200 freestyle (1:56.38).

KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET Oct. 28-29 at Novi H.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 790.5 points; 2. South Lyon Unified, 500; 3. Salem, 389.5; 4. Novi, 304; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 215.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS
200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Katelyn McCullough, Erin Szara, Lauren Heaven, Nicki Pumper), 1:50.4; 2. South Lyon (Carolyn Bischoff, Avery Covert, Anna Smith, Lindsay Boals), 1:52.08; 3. Salem (Molly Rowe, Miranda Li, Sarah Griffiths, Jessica Zhang), 1:56.52; 4. South Lyon, 1:58.34; 5. Northville, 2:00.28; 6.

Stevenson, 2:01.31.
200 freestyle: 1. Bischoff (SLU), 1:56.38; 2. Lulu Mans (N'ville), 1:59.78; 3. Katelyn McCullough (N'ville), 1:59.86; 4. Taylor Sciborski (SLU), 2:00.6; 5. Nerys Gravell (SLU), 2:03.79; 6. Danielle Gardon (Novi), 2:05.17.

200 individual medley: 1. Sophia Tuinman (N'ville), 2:11.11; 2. Laura Westphal (N'ville), 2:13.11; 3. Katie Xu (Salem), 2:15.05; 4. Maria Arakelian (LS), 2:16.44; 5. Heaven (N'ville), 2:17.22; 6. Emily Mayoras (Novi), 2:17.62.

50 freestyle: 1. (tie) Szara (N'ville) and Gillian Zayan (N'ville), 25.86 each; 3. Libby Silverson (SLU), 26.03; 4. Mia Testani (N'ville), 26.05; 5. Savannah Manley (N'ville), 26.2; 6. Kelsey Macaddino (N'ville), 26.26.

1-meter diving: 1. Camille Burt (Salem), 396.85 points; 2. Starr Bryan (SLU), 361.85; 3. McKaela Hill (Novi), 343.85; 4. Lorna Dunn (Novi), 319.65; 5. Abi Cave (SLU), 317.95; 6. Alexis Bidwell (SLU), 304.90.

100 butterfly: 1. Heaven (N'ville), 1:00.25; 2. Griffiths (Salem), 1:01.82; 3. Manley (N'ville), 1:02.93; 4. Amber Gulau (LS), 1:03.26; 5. Gardon (Novi), 1:03.77; 6. Jordan Baal (N'ville), 1:03.9.

100 freestyle: 1. Zayan (N'ville), 55.02; 2. Pumper (N'ville), 55.71; 3. Macaddino (N'ville), 56.34; 4. Jenna Chen (Salem), 57.1; 5. Arakelian (N'ville), 57.25; 6. Boals (SLU), 57.48.

500 freestyle: 1. Westphal (N'ville), 5:09.82; 2. Mans (N'ville),

5:19.08; 3. Emma Phillips (N'ville), 5:22.59; 4. McCullough (N'ville), 5:24.28; 5. Griffiths (Salem), 5:26.0; 6. Melanie Dunnuck (SLU), 5:27.24.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Macaddino, Szara, Brooke Verble, Zayan), 1:43.03; 2. Salem (Morgan Davis, Chen, Meghan Maikowski, Xu), 1:43.57; 3. Novi (Karen Xu, Linda Weng, Idalia Moore, Mayoras), 1:43.96; 4. South Lyon, 1:45.37; 5. South Lyon, 1:48.53; 6. Northville, 1:50.44.

100 backstroke: 1. Tuinman (N'ville), 1:59.56; 2. Bischoff (SLU), 1:01.86; 3. Pumper (N'ville), 1:01.99; 4. Rowe (Salem), 1:02.47; 5. Kate Cousino (Salem), 1:06.2; 6. Lauren SanMillan (SLU), 1:07.66.

100 breaststroke: 1. Szara (N'ville), 1:05.01; 2. Covert (SLU), 1:11.74; 3. Xu (Salem), 1:12.14; 4. Mayoras (Novi), 1:12.29; 5. Xu (Novi), 1:12.87; 6. Phillips (N'ville), 1:13.0.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Xu, Chen, Griffiths, Davis), 3:43.8; 2. Novi (Weng, Gardon, Mallory Martlock, Mayoras), 3:46.65; 3. Northville (Emilie Chen, Emily Guerrero, Tuinman, Westphal), 3:47.67; 4. South Lyon, 3:48.55; 5. Northville, 3:48.75; 6. South Lyon, 3:59.04.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Wildcats turn tables on rival Mustangs at regional with triumph

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The repeat proved to be sweet as Novi scored 54 points to win the MHSAA Division 1 boys cross country regional title Oct. 29 at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

The Wildcats, placing three runners in the top 10, will be joined Saturday, Nov. 5, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn by regional runner-up Northville (87) and Livonia Stevenson (133), which edged Novi Detroit Catholic Central for third and final automatic qualifying spot by one point.

"We ran great," Novi coach Robert

Smith said. "All seven runners ran with intensity and focus. Northville beat us just a week ago in the KLAA (Kensington) Conference meet. Our guys really stepped up their game today to beat them and bring home the regional title."

Northville, last year's Division 1 state runner-up, will be making its fifth straight state finals appearance.

Oak Park senior Cameron Cooper was the individual winner, covering the 5,000-meter course in 15 minutes, 52.3 seconds.

Novi junior Gabriel Mudel took runner-up honors in 15:54.4, while seniors Scott MacPherson and John Landy placed sixth and seventh with times of

16:02.7 and 16:03.2, respectively.

The Wildcats' other two scorers were senior Aric Landy and sophomore Trey Mullins, who placed 19th and 20th, respectively, with times of 16:28.4 and 16:30.7.

Kensington Conference champion Northville was paced by the trio of sophomore Nicholas Couyoumjian (13th, career best 16:06.7), senior Ben Cracraft (14th, 16:09.1) and senior Evan Ferrante (15th, 16:15.5).

Rounding out the 13-school field were Salem (138), Plymouth (143), Livonia Churchill (150), Canton (158), Berkley (224), meet host Ann Arbor Huron (298), Oak Park (299), Livonia Franklin (308), University of Detroit-

Jesuit (311) and Westland John Glenn (443).

The area individual state qualifiers included Plymouth's Ethan Byrnes, a junior, and Carter Solomon, a freshman, who placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in 15:55.9 and 15:57.1.

Also headed to MIS by finishing in the top 15 were Canton senior Zac Clark (10th, 16:05.1) and Churchill senior Tyler Opdycke (11th, 16:05.4).

Canton junior Shane Andrews missed the final qualifying berth by one place, taking 16th overall (16:16.5).

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RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER CONCERT

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

Location: Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

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

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

CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12

Location: Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Pianists Ralph and Albertine Votapek play music by Mozart, Gershwin and more. Tickets are \$28 general admission and \$25 for seniors and students. Order tickets from Joyce Chersch at 248-788-9338 or Ann Sipher at 248-661-1348

Contact: vivaceseries.org

CONCERT

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

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

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

Contact: kirkinthehills.org

CONCERT

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

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

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

Contact: 586-5353; chambersoloistsdetroit.org

CONCERT

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

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: unityoflivonia.org; 734-421-1760

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

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

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

LIVONIA CARES

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

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

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

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

THANKSGIVING EVE

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

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

Details: Worship service

Contact: 734-427-3660

VETERAN'S DAY MASS

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

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

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

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

DECEMBER CONCERT

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

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

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

Contact: 734-425-5950

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY CONGREGATION BETH AHM

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyelen879@att.net

OUR LADY OF LORETTO

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Ezekiel. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or on line at www.livoniastmichael.org.

FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township

Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386

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EXERCISE

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FOOD

SALVATION ARMY

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. second Saturday of the month

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

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Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

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CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

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Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

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Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

ST. EDITH CHURCH

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES DETROIT WORLD OUTREACH

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

STEVE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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Contact: 313-534-0399

SUPPORT

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Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

CONNECTION CHURCH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

DETROIT WORLD OUTREACH

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

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Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

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Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

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Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

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Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 9 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts), Thursday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

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Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

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Contact: 734-637-7618

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

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Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

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Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, with an education hour at 11 a.m. Social hour follows the service.

Location: 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia

Contact: 734-421-0749; celebrationLC.com

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Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830

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Identify signs that you should quit your job

BY MARY LORENZ
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Everyone has days when they wish they could walk out of their job, never to see or speak to their boss or co-workers again. It's normal to have days when you feel frustrated, angry or tired of dealing with the daily grind — after all, no job is perfect. But how do you know when enough is enough?

"You know your job is no longer working for you when the difficult days outnumber the good," says Alyssa Krane, chief talent strategist for Toronto-based Powerhouse Talent Inc. It's not worth constantly feeling dissatisfied, stressed or undervalued, she says. Below are some more indications it may be time to leave your job once and for all.

1. You're not advancing. "A major indicator that it's time to quit your job is if you're not growing professionally," says Maddie Stough, a team lead at LaSalle Network, a national staffing and recruiting firm. Perhaps you were passed over for a promotion with no guidance on what's needed to advance. Maybe you don't feel challenged anymore. Or perhaps you feel as if you're not fully using your skills. If you feel bored or pigeonholed, it may be time to move on.

2. You dread going into work. "It's time to quit when you wake up dreading the day," says Elene Cafasso, founder and president of Enpace Inc. Executive Coaching. If you feel depressed on Sunday night thinking about the week ahead, your boss or co-workers are abusive, or your health is suffering, these are red flags that you need to leave, she says. "Life is too short to spend the bulk of it miserable."

3. You've lost all ability to care. It's definitely time to quit when you "go to work

feeling like a zombie," says Gregory Golinski, a human resources coordinator for Hotel Carmel in California. "If things aren't great in your office but you have arguments with colleagues and managers, at least it proves that you still care," he says. It's when you don't have the energy to complain or try to fix your situation that you need to start looking for a new job.

4. Your boss doesn't support you. If you've talked to your boss about why you are unhappy and have asked for more challenging

assignments or guidance on how to advance, but he or she is not responsive, it's probably time to move on.

5. Your goals don't align with your employer's. "If you find yourself being steered away from the career path you wish to pursue, it is definitely time to start looking for a position which will allow you to follow your own career objectives," says Lee Fisher, chief of human resources for Roman Blinds Direct, an interior-goods company based in the United Kingdom. Otherwise, the longer you stay in

the job, the further you will get from where you want to be, Fisher says.

Before you make the decision that it is indeed time to quit, make sure you have exhausted all your other options first. Start by talking to your boss. "Oftentimes, employees aren't communicating to their boss that they either want to grow in their role or that they are unhappy," Stough says. "Their managers may be more understanding and willing to help than the employee thinks."



Alternatively, you can contact the human resources department to see if there is another position available in a different department or team to which you could transfer.

It may also help to find someone else who has gone through a similar experience and seek his or her advice on what to do, Stough says. That person might be able to provide additional insight that could help you in your current job or save you more heartache and frustration at your next one.

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Car Report

COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES: RAM PROMASTER, FORD TRANSIT FAMILIES STROKE HOT-SELLING CARGO VAN SEGMENT



By Dale Buss

Ask them to answer a multiple-choice question about what is the buzziest segment in the U.S. auto business these days, and most Americans probably wouldn't guess: It's cargo vans.

Arguably the most mundane of all vehicle types, commercial vans -- not aspirational Mustangs nor tough-talking F-150s -- were the vehicle Ford hyped most on the huge stage of World Series television broadcasts with its incessant promotion of the Transit.

And Ram has just launched a new marketing campaign into the swell, to try to capture more sales for its ProMaster and ProMaster City models.

Ram commercial sales overall are up more than 30 percent so far

this year compared with a year ago, and industry-wide commercial sales are more than 15 percent higher, representing 2.6 percent of the total vehicle market in North America, FCA said.

By contrast, after a record seven-year run, the total U.S. vehicle market is losing gas, as year-to-year sales are expected to fall in October for the third straight month.

Enter Ford's marquee positioning of Transit in the Fall Classic and Ram with a campaign that shows off the utility and versatility of ProMaster and ProMaster City with TV ads and digital elements that illustrate these qualities.

Ram's video includes "test drives" of a day for four different actual small businesses, such as Andrew's Honey, a beekeeper in New York City, and Vestro, a food-delivery company in Los Angeles.

"We're trying to reinforce that we're easy to do business with and respectful of [consumers'] time and

that we've got some great, efficient offerings for them to look at," Jim Morrison, head of the Ram brand, told me.

Ram introduced its new generation of commercial vans beginning in 2013 with ProMaster and followed with the smaller ProMaster City in 2014.

These sales are becoming more important. The segment has boomed in part because of a proliferation of offerings, with Ford Transit and Transit Connect, and the new Mercedes-Benz Metrix, along with associated advertising, creating more interest. Plus, FCA's entire truck fleet has taken on even more responsibility as the company's biggest profit driver while sales of its cars dwindle.

"The [commercial] segment will sell around 450,000 units this year, which is a lot," Morrison said. "And also there's a lot of other volume linked to commercial-van sales. A business might have a fleet of 10 pickup trucks, and since we recently upgraded our fleet of vans, now we have a chassis cab for them.

"Before, if they had the trucks but needed a van, they had to go to two different dealerships. This way they can have one relationship, with one dealer, one guy who does their regular maintenance and service on the whole fleet, and one purchase order."

Right now is "commercial truck season" also, Morrison said. "Business owners are wrapping up their finances



A commercial featuring the 2017 Ram ProMaster City

for the year and taking advantage of tax breaks. They're upgrading fleets. So we're explaining what we have to offer them. For some people, it's just getting their recognition of our full line of commercial vehicles."

Morrison acknowledged statistics which continue to show a decline in the formation rate of new U.S. businesses over the last several years and an increase in the failure rate.

"But I think small businesses are getting more confidence in their wealth, so they're coming in and buying," Morrison insisted. "Also we're attracting them with our efficiency message, about having the most fuel-efficient work van and about total cost of ownership. Also ProMaster City is very easy to maneuver. And ProMaster is available in both gas and diesel. A lot of customers are trading in old rear-wheel-drive V8 vans, so they can both upgrade and

save money."

Ford seems to encourage a certain amount of non-commercial consumer interest in its Transit Connect small commercial van, even offering it in a seven-passenger version. Why doesn't Ram do likewise?

"Well, that's a function of the fact that Ford doesn't have a minivan," Morrison explained. "Whereas FCA has minivan leadership for consumers with the new Chrysler Pacifica. We don't try to stuff people into cargo vans."

Morrison also dismissed the fact that there's been a crescendo of discussion about declining viewership of NFL games on TV, where Ram -- per the industry norm for trucks -- launched its ProMaster campaign. But he insisted he's not concerned overall.

"There are still a lot of people watching football," he said, "and they're not DVR-ing it."



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Accurate Mortgage Solutions	164511	(800) 593-1912	3.375	0	2.75	0
AFI Financial	2431	(877) 234-0600	3.375	0	2.625	0
Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	127931	(248) 740-2323	3.375	0	2.625	0
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	399721	(313) 565-3100	3.625	0	2.875	0
Lenderful.com	1326443	lenderful.com	3.5	0	2.75	0
Fifth Third Bank	403245	(800) 792-8830	3.5	0.125	2.875	0
Ross Mortgage	107716	(248) 282-1602	3.75	0	3	0
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