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Class size top priority for RESA funds

District has other needs for \$6.7 million it will receive

Joanne Maliszewski
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Plymouth-Canton school officials have plans ready for the district's share of the RESA enhancement millage approved by Wayne County voters Nov. 8. At the top of the list is class size.

"Immediately, we will restore the class sizes," Superintendent Monica Merritt said, referring to the 2016-17 budget that increased class sizes by

one for grades 3-12. That effort will cost about \$1.8 million as it will require the hiring of 18 new teachers to restore previous class sizes. Although at the end of the 2015-16 school year 35 teachers were laid off, all but one were called back for the current academic year, said Nick Brandon, district



Merritt

spokesman.

Restoring class sizes is one of a few plans Merritt has for the enhancement millage that will provide an additional \$385 per student in each of Wayne County's school districts. Plymouth-Canton will receive \$6.7 million in the first year of the six-year tax levy.

"I think this was an incredible effort across the county to get the word out," Merritt said. "This was the only way to get money into our hands for the kids."

In unofficial vote totals, the RESA measure passed 365,784

to 309,568.

In the Plymouth-Canton district, a grassroots effort took hold to get the enhancement millage passed. "It was good to see our community come together," Merritt said.

The enhancement funds will also be used to finance the costs of a bill commonly called the third-grade reading bill, signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder in October. It is designed to boost early elementary reading skills and included a controversial provision on third-grade retention. Starting in 2019-20, the new

law will prevent third-grade students from advancing to fourth grade if their reading proficiency is too low. The law, however, does not provide funding for programs to boost reading proficiency.

"We will use the money however we need to ramp up for that," Merritt said.

Safety and security is another priority use for the enhancement revenue. Changes at school buildings will include cameras and swipe cards for access. School building securi-

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Dionne Fitch handed her son, 2-year-old Cain Hawkins, to Santa. Cain doesn't look too sure about the bearded guy in the red suit.

Lighting up the holidays

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The Wayne County Lightfest officially opened Nov. 17 with the Lights On ceremony at Merriman Hollow Park.

The Lightfest is the largest holiday light show in the Midwest, displaying more than 50 animated themed displays and more than 100,000 lights. Among the attractions at the ceremony was a performance by the Livonia Franklin High School Choir, a fireworks show and an appearance by Santa. The ceremony concluded with Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans turning on the switch to kick off the first drive of the 23rd annual Lightfest.

Lightfest runs from Thursday through Dec. 31, with a closure on Sunday, Dec. 25. The cost per vehicle is \$5. Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights.

During Lightfest, Hines Drive closes to traffic at 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 5 p.m. each weekend.



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Fireworks light up the sky.



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Four-year-old Lyla Cunningham enjoys a doughnut before Santa arrives.



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Lego team wins inspiration award for deer-car crash solution

Sharon Dargay
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Muir Middle School's First Lego League team couldn't get a robot to climb a wall, but might have what it takes to make a deer stop in its tracks.

The Vallibots, a team of sixth- to eighth-graders led by science teacher Jason Vallimont, took 12th place this month in regional competition, a two-part contest that involved programming a Lego robot to perform different tasks, plus an animal-related research project. The Muir students chose vehicle-deer accidents as the theme of their project.

"The research did extremely well. We did exceptional in interviews and average in the robot games," Vallimont said. "They did research to

find out as much as they could about the problem. They had to come up with an innovative solution. They came up with KADTR, which stands for keep animals' deaths off the road."

The group devised an alert system involving two signs, infrared sensors, a sound system, reflectors and strobe lights. The sensors, stationed along the road, would detect if a car was approaching and if a deer was near or in the street. It would relay the information to another sensor near the deer. The device would send out a strobe light and random sounds to scare the animal away.

"There are deer whistles that are put on a car and work by air flowing," Vallimont said, "but this goes on the side of the road."

He invited Oakland County Road Commissioner Ron Fowkes and Oakland County Commissioner Bob Hoffman to talk with students about their idea.

"The road commissioner said it was a good idea and he had a couple things that would need to be tweaked with it. The road signs on the side of the road are built so if a car hits one, it doesn't annihilate the driver," Vallimont said. "They would have to be solar-powered. That would be the next step."

The students created an image of their invention on computer, but did not build a working model.

Hoffman gave the team a thumbs-up for their research and presentation.

"I think the kids are absolutely amazing," he said in an interview this week. "They are very creative. They thought it

through and they gave us a little demonstration. It sure makes them think."

He likened the team's idea to hidden or invisible fencing that keeps family pets from straying away from his home.

"It's all done with sound waves," he said. "It's more than possible. I would suspect that as time goes on, there will be something like this built into cars, so that as you're driving along, it would alert you to all kinds of things."

Although the Vallibots didn't qualify for the state tournament, they did earn the judge's inspiration award. Vallimont called the group well-rounded with "great core values" such as team work.

Vallimont will mentor a different robot team for another series of competitions, but he noted he'd be happy to work with the Vallibots if the group wanted to de-



Alyssa Hagan, dressed as a deer, works with Lego League team member Johnny Thompson on the robot portion of competition.

velop the deer warning system.

"The would be awe-

some," he said.

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ty came under scrutiny across the country following the December 2014 shootings of 20 children and six adult staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

Enhancement funds also will be used to ramp up academic programs at the district's individual school buildings, as well as to make other improvements, such as with physical structures and seating.

Although each district will receive the same per pupil, Plymouth-Canton is a donor district — designated under the 1994 Proposal A — as its share is much less than the \$10 million-plus it would have otherwise received. As a donor district, Plymouth-Can-

ton school taxpayers pay a lot more to the state than the district receives back in funding. Plymouth-Canton receives \$7,511 per pupil in state foundation funding.

"We are the third largest district in Wayne County," Merritt said.

Nonetheless, Merritt said she is incredibly thankful and grateful to voters who supported the county-wide measure that called for levying 2 mills for a period of six years, 2016-21.

The superintendent pointed directly to one parent, Corrin Stamatakos, a member of the district's Blue Ribbon Panel, for leading the charge. "It really was a great grassroots effort," Merritt said.

Stamatakos, a Canton resident who has a child in both the second and third grades, as well as a 4-year-old, said she has watched the district

struggle financially. As she went into the community to advocate for the enhancement millage, she discovered a disconnect. "There was a huge lack of understanding of how public education is funded in Michigan," she said.

Stamatakos also found she had to explain how and why Plymouth-Canton is a donor district and consistently receives less per pupil from state funding than many surrounding districts. "This is going to affect kids," she said. "This will be the bane in their academic careers in the district."

So Stamatakos got to work. She made heavy use of Facebook and created a page, Vote Yes to Support P-CCS, just to spread the word about the RESA enhancement millage. She had 6,000 page visitors. "That was very cool," she said. "I

created presentations and put articles on it. I kept everything very factual."

She and others enlisted in the cause visited each Plymouth-Canton school and held teacher and staff meetings. "I used all of it as a way to teach the public of the terrible inadequacy in public funding," Stamatakos said. "Funding is not tangible for the general person. My goal was to make it tangible."

And that she did. The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education last week honored her for the work she did in communicating the facts about the RESA proposal. "I really enjoyed working with the district," she said. "I enjoyed the role I played. I want to remain an avenue for parents."

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Weather patterns continue to baffle experts

Gene Scott
Correspondent

Believe it or not, the Detroit metropolitan area this year set another new weather record — our hottest summer ever.

The National Weather Service recently reported that for the summer months of June, July and August, Detroit had an average daily temperature of 74.9 degrees. That's the average temperature during the 24 hours of each day and night, besting the previous record of 74.8 degrees set in summer 2012.

What's more, our August average daily temperature this year was a record 76.7 degrees, with that month's highest temperature only reaching 96 on Aug. 10. The Weather Service records go back to 1874.

These new records for this summer occurred even though the temperature never hit 100 degrees. Our hottest day was 98 on July 23. And, there were fewer 90-degree days this summer than in previous years.

Helping set the new record was a consistent pattern of nights with low temperatures up in the 60s and 70s. And it was humid, too.

The weather certainly ranks high as one of our most popular topics of conversation. Most of us like to talk about how the weather outside is frightful, about how cold it's supposed to get tonight. How rainy or snowy it is or was or is going to be, about how hot it is has been this summer or cold this past winter.

We usually remember the nastiest rather than the nicest days. Whether in Michigan or Moscow, the weather is the subject of universal complaint. Like most people, we tend to think our weather is unique.

Michigan and Detroit have had their share of unusual and unpredictable weather, but little of the really disastrous kind. At least, little that we know of. People didn't begin to keep reliable weather records until the mid-19th century. Weather-recording devices have been around for several hundred years and the mercury thermometer since 1714, following its invention by Daniel Fahrenheit.

Remember the winter of 2013-14, just three winters back? Detroit set a new record back then for its snowiest winter: 94.8 inches, surpassing the previous record of 93.6 inches in the winter of 1980-81.

Think we have had

some hot summers or cold winters lately? Unofficially (that is, before we had the National Weather Service), the winter of 1784-85 in Detroit may have been among the coldest winters the city has ever known. A device for measuring temperature at that time recorded 23 days of below zero in January and February.

That winter, the Detroit River had frozen over by Jan. 7 and February went out with a roar at minus-10 degrees. The ice on Lake St. Clair that winter didn't melt until May. On the other hand, the winter of 1824-25 was so mild that the grass grew a foot in January.

Is Detroit's record 71 inches of precipitation (rain and snow) in 1855 a myth? The modern day rain record (after 1874) for Detroit is the 48 inches that fell in 1880 (well above the city's annual average of 30 inches). Incidentally, the modern day rain record for a city in Michigan is 64 inches at Adrian in 1881.

This is far from the record for the wettest spot on Earth — 1,041 inches at Cherrapunji, India, in 1860.

Unofficially, Detroit's coldest night ever came three days before Christmas in 1872, when the thermometer dipped to minus-24 degrees. Coldest night in Michigan was at Vanderbilt Feb. 9, 1934, when it was minus-51. Coldest night on Earth was minus-127 at Vostok, Antarctica Aug. 24, 1960.

Back in Michigan now, the winter of 1880-81 may have been the coldest of all — 86 days when the temperature stayed below freezing. Ironically, the following winter was the warmest (in the 19th century), when the average daily temperature was 37 degrees.

The city's all-time record for a one-day snowfall — 24.5 inches — came on the unlikely date of April 6, 1886. Surprisingly, that is not far below the record one-day snowfall for Michigan — 29 inches at Ishpeming on Feb. 23, 1972.

One of Detroit's driest years was 1889, when there was just 21 inches of precipitation. This was slightly eclipsed in 1963, with a new record dry year of 20.5 inches.

Although most of Detroit's snow is political, in 1900 the city had the most snow on the ground ever officially recorded, 26 inches, by March 5. Three winters later, there was snow on the ground from November to late March, a record



Few folks at the Fox Run senior living community were out and about during this summer's many hot and humid days.

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The heavy snows of the winter of 2013-14 were piled high at Franklin High School in Livonia.

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ord 119 days for this area.

The year 1912 brought one of the coldest Januaries of the 20th century, when temperatures averaged 13.1 degrees. This was not eclipsed until 1977, when the January average was 12.8.

Conversely, in the early 1920s, the city got three winters in a row without a below zero temperature reading. The record for warm winters, however, fell in the 1950s, when Detroit had more than five years with no zero nights at all (December 1951 to January 1958). The winter of 1931-32 was the warmest of the century — an average daily temperature of 35.6 degrees.

Like the snow, most of the wind that blows in Michigan and Detroit is political, too. Winds of gale force or higher are relatively rare, but a wind gust of 104 mph was recorded in Detroit on July 22, 1960, and there was a sustained

wind of 95 mph on June 17, 1890. Both were from the northwest.

Nothing seems to bring on the complaints about the weather like an icy, windy day or a hot, humid one. When a cold spell or heat wave lingers, the complainers

become even more abundant.

Detroit's longest cold spell was in January 1977, when it was below freezing every day the entire month. The longest period of below zero weather was 68 hours, Feb. 8-11, 1899.

Through the years, the weather has remained an unpredictable and uncompromising phenomenon. No wonder the words weather and whether sound alike. Sometimes they really seem the same, too.

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2016 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2016 December Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Conference Room, 201 S Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:
Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act". If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Courtney Dugger in the Assessor's Office at (734) 453-1234, ext 252.

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Canton residents to weigh in on police accreditation

Residents will have a chance to share publicly their thoughts about the Canton Police Department.

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., will arrive Monday, Nov. 28, to examine all aspects of the Canton Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services.

The assessors are tasked with reviewing and gathering information to be taken back to the commission, which then determines if the Canton Police Department has met the commission's high standards necessary to be awarded the highly-prized recognition of re-accreditation for their delivery of law enforcement excellence.

Canton Police Department was awarded its original recognition in 2007 and has maintained re-accreditation every three years since then.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency person-

nel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, in the township board room of the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

If an individual cannot attend the public information session but would like to provide a comment to the assessment team, that can be done by calling the assessors from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 29 at 734-394-5409.

All comments in person or by phone are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the CALEA standards can be obtained from Canton Police Department's CALEA program manager, Lt. Craig Wilsher by calling 734-394-5420 or emailing cwilsher@canton-mi.org.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about

the Canton Police Department's ability to meet the standards for re-accreditation also may send them to: CALEA, 13575 Heathcoat Blvd., Suite 320, Gainsville, VA 20155.

The team of assessors assigned to Canton are experienced law enforcement practitioners from similar, but out-of-state agencies. In addition to accepting public comments, the assessors will review written materials, interview individuals and visit on- and off-site offices and locations where compliance can be witnessed.

This year's assessors are Assistant Chief Eric Kerns of the Burlington, N.C., Police Department (team leader) and Officer Brent Grammel of the Union Township, Ohio, Police Department.

For more information about CALEA, go to www.calea.org.

150 years later, a former state governor comes home

Ken Palmer
Lansing State Journal

Kinsley S. Bingham was Michigan's first Republican governor. He spoke against slavery, championed education and signed the legislation establishing an agricultural college that came to be known as Michigan State University.

But all of that was academic to Joshua Risner when he set about reproducing a portrait of Bingham to hang at the state Capitol Building.

Risner, the Capitol's decorative artist, felt an affection for the man based on the Lewis Ives portrait from more than 150 years ago.

"I think it's interesting how pleasant he looks," Risner said. "He looks like a guy who would be easy to get along with. It seems like the artist was able to capture this guy in an abstract way, an essential way. There's a kindness, a warmth that makes me think he was approachable."

Capitol historian Valerie Marvin had another word for it: "Grandfatherly."



DAVE WASINGER | LANSING STATE JOURNAL
Joshua Adam Risner describes the handmade frame around his portrait of former Michigan Gov. Kinsley Bingham hanging in the Capitol Building last week in Lansing.

However you describe him, Bingham has joined the ranks of leaders hanging in the Capitol's Gallery of Governors.

His likeness went up

last week in a second-floor hallway of the Capitol's west wing in front of the Speaker's Library. The portrait was formally dedicated in a ceremony earlier this week.

"I think it's interesting how pleasant he looks. He looks like a guy who would be easy to get along with."

JOSHUA RISNER
artist

The Michigan State Capitol Commission hopes to have all of Michigan's governors represented at the Capitol someday. Last year, 19th century territorial Gov. George Bryan Porter joined the fold through donation.

Bingham is No. 36; 11 are still missing.

"He was a remarkable man," Marvin said. "He was one of the most respected 19th century governors we had. I like that he has a strong personal connection with (the Lansing area). He grew up in a farming family in New York, learned law, served as a probate judge, a district attorney and was involved in politics for decades. He believed

that agriculture education was very important. And he felt so strongly about the slavery issue. That really became his life's work."

Bingham was governor from 1855-59. During the early to mid-1850s, he broke with fellow Democrats over the issue of slavery and joined with members of the Free Soilers, Free Democrats and Whigs to form the Republican Party.

Before becoming governor, Bingham was speaker of the state House for several years and served in the U.S. House. After his two terms as governor, Bingham represented Michigan in the U.S. Senate. He died in 1861.

The Ives portrait of Bingham was on exhibit at the Michigan Historical Commission. Risner used it as inspiration for a larger version. He also recreated the elaborate frame using three different types of wood.

"The frame is what drew me to the piece," Marvin said. "When we went over to see those portraits the first time, I thought this was clearly one of the most elegant. I

remember thinking, what do we do with a frame like this? I was both shocked and very impressed when Joshua said, 'Let me try.' We're very fortunate to have him on our staff. He's a very talented artist."

The portraits are an important part of the ambiance at the Capitol, Marvin said.

"The portraits can spark conversation," she said. "They create an opportunity to educate people about these past leaders. They draw us in. They give us insight into who this person was, what their priorities were as governors. What did they accomplish? What, perhaps, did they fail to accomplish?"

"Just seeing that face on the wall every day encourages me ... to discover just who that person was, what made them tick."

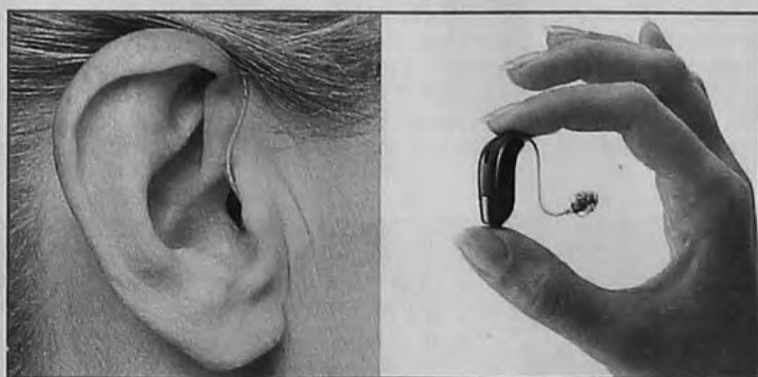
As for who might be next to join the Gallery of Governors, Marvin isn't talking specifics.

"We've tossed around several ideas," she said. "We'll probably look at it again in the new year."

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Couple's life: Expanding special-needs opportunities

Brad Kadrich
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Levi and Bassie Shemtov were raised in Jewish families, who believed a life well-spent was a life spent helping others.

They followed the teachings of an influential rabbi, who believed helping others was a large part of the reason God put them here on Earth.

And, like their families before them, the Shemtovs have done exactly that. But rather than sticking to helping those in their faith, Bassie and Levi have reached out to people of all faiths — especially children — with an outreach effort that benefits youngsters with autism, in particular.

The couple met through a connection with Bassie's brother, married in 1994 and moved from New York to Michigan. They started their outreach by establishing Friendship Circle (now one of more than 90 around the world), a nonprofit that provides assistance and support to thousands of people with special needs and their families by providing recreational, social, educational and vocational programming.

It focused on the Jewish community at first, meeting Levi's desire to help those with addictions. The group moved around for the first few years, finding space where it could in people's homes and even a trailer.

"We wanted to do social outreach," Bassie Shemtov said. "Levi thought it would be a good fit for him ... to reach out to the community suffering from addiction. As it grew, we were able to expand. Leaders told us there was a need in the special-needs community, so we reached out there, too."

Starting small

The outreach started out small, with the Shemtovs finding a few teenagers to "do a good deed" and taking them to the homes of the special-needs children they were serving. The work was really aimed at helping the children — "We wanted to help the children and give respite to the families," Levi Shemtov said — but a funny thing happened on the way to the outreach.

"We found (the teens) were actually bonding with them," Bassie said. "It was supposed to be a one-way street, teens helping kids, but that's not how it worked out. They often became friends."

The nomadic nature of the center, though, couldn't keep up with the mission and left the Shemtovs wanting something more permanent. "We were borrowing space everywhere ... to feel like a real organization, we felt we needed a space," Bassie said.

Enter the Meer Center, opened with 23,000 square feet in West Bloomfield in 2005. The program grew exponentially — Meer Center houses LifeTown, a program that brings a sense of independence to autistic kids, with a Huntington Bank branch, a theater, a store and other avenues that teach the kids about money, socialization and other aspects of independence.

Learning about life

A wide range of districts use the LifeTown program to teach their special-needs students life skills. Milford High School special education teacher Jennifer Grubb just had a group there Monday and has another group going Nov. 30. A total of some 55 autistic and cognitively impaired students from Huron Valley Schools use the program annually, she said.

Huron Valley has been using LifeTown for "at least 10 years," Grubb said.

"It's a really great

opportunity for our kids to learn those life skills in a safe, friendly environment," Grubb said. "It's been a very positive experience for our kids."

All of the outreach, particularly to those with special needs, fits with the teachings of Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, who the Shemtovs call the most influential Jewish leader of their time.

Schneerson, who they refer as "Rebbe," had a passion, Levi Shemtov explained, for understanding, as the underlying basis of the Jewish faith system, that each person "has a soul sent here by God with a unique mission."

"Rebbe doesn't see people; he sees souls. ... He dedicated his life to speaking to those souls," Levi Shemtov said. "We decided to take that message and use it to elevate other people."

Attracting donors

Word about that kind of work gets around and Friendship Circle has benefited from generous donors who like the work the group is doing and came calling with offers to help.

"A lot of our donors were people who were attracted to us instead of us reaching out to them," Levi said. "They saw the work we were doing and it spoke to them. They said, 'I see what you're doing and I want to be part of it.'"

That kind of work also gets around the professional communities. Muiyua Cornish, lead autism spectrum disorder teacher at Seaholm High School in Birmingham, said teachers around his district have heard about Friendship Circle and LifeTown through "word of mouth."

The Birmingham district is using LifeTown for the first time this year.

"It's a great educational opportunity" for ASD students, Cornish said. "They learn to use money, they learn to socialize ... it's a great opportunity to give them their independence."

Age progression

But what happens once the kids get past high-school age? It's a question Bassie and Levi didn't quite have an answer to, so they created one: The Farber Soul Center, opened in April 2016. The center houses the Soul Café and centers where artists can draw and painters can paint, a weaving room and an art gallery and is a place, Bassie Shemtov said, where special-needs adults can create.

The Soul Café is a place where autistic adults can continue their independence. Some 40 percent of the staff at the café are autistic.

"These are your families," Levi Shemtov said. "If we went into it because we accepted this is our family, you don't stop just because they turn 18. The reason you're helping them is because they need the help."

That, too, fits in with Schneerson's philosophy that you shouldn't limit people with challenges.

"Rebbe believes if God gives someone a challenge, He also gives them an exceptional trait," Bassie Shemtov said. "Rebbe says when he sees someone with a challenge, he chooses to see them as exceptional. He sees something as its essence. The goal is to see deeper down and not just see the outside."

Being leaders in their faith runs in the family. Bassie's parents taught her to be involved and now Bassie is passing that faith down to her family. The Shemtovs' daughter, Mushky, and her husband, Levi Dubov, run the Chabad in Bloomfield.

Life's work

"My parents have raised us very strong in who we are and why we're here," Bassie said.



Levi and Bassie Shemtov, founders of Friendship Circle, opened Soul Cafe in April.

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Learning about money is one of the benefits of the program at LifeTown.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

"Everything we did was about helping people. My father gave us so much pride. He does what's right. It's being proud of who you are and never being judgmental."

It's been the couple's life's work and they hope they are fulfilling the destiny God gave them.

"I hope I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing here," Levi said. "We're never sure what our mission is in this world. The harder you work, the more you can say, 'Maybe this is the mission — to help them feel they are special, exceptional and that their life is not defined by their disability.'"

With Schneerson's encouragement that they "dedicate our lives to the purity of our soul," Bassie and Levi plan to continue the mission.

"When you know someone that holy and giving, it teaches you how to run your life," Bassie said of Schneerson. "When you know why you're here, it's calming, it's reassuring. Ever since we were little, we had a clear direction. It's an amazing feeling to get up every day and be excited to go out and make this happen."

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Sam Morris prepares a table at Soul Cafe.

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Ben Nadis peels onions in the kitchen at Soul Cafe in West Bloomfield.

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Kim Kaplan (right), trainer of the Friendship Circle, watches David Kole unload dishes at Soul Cafe.

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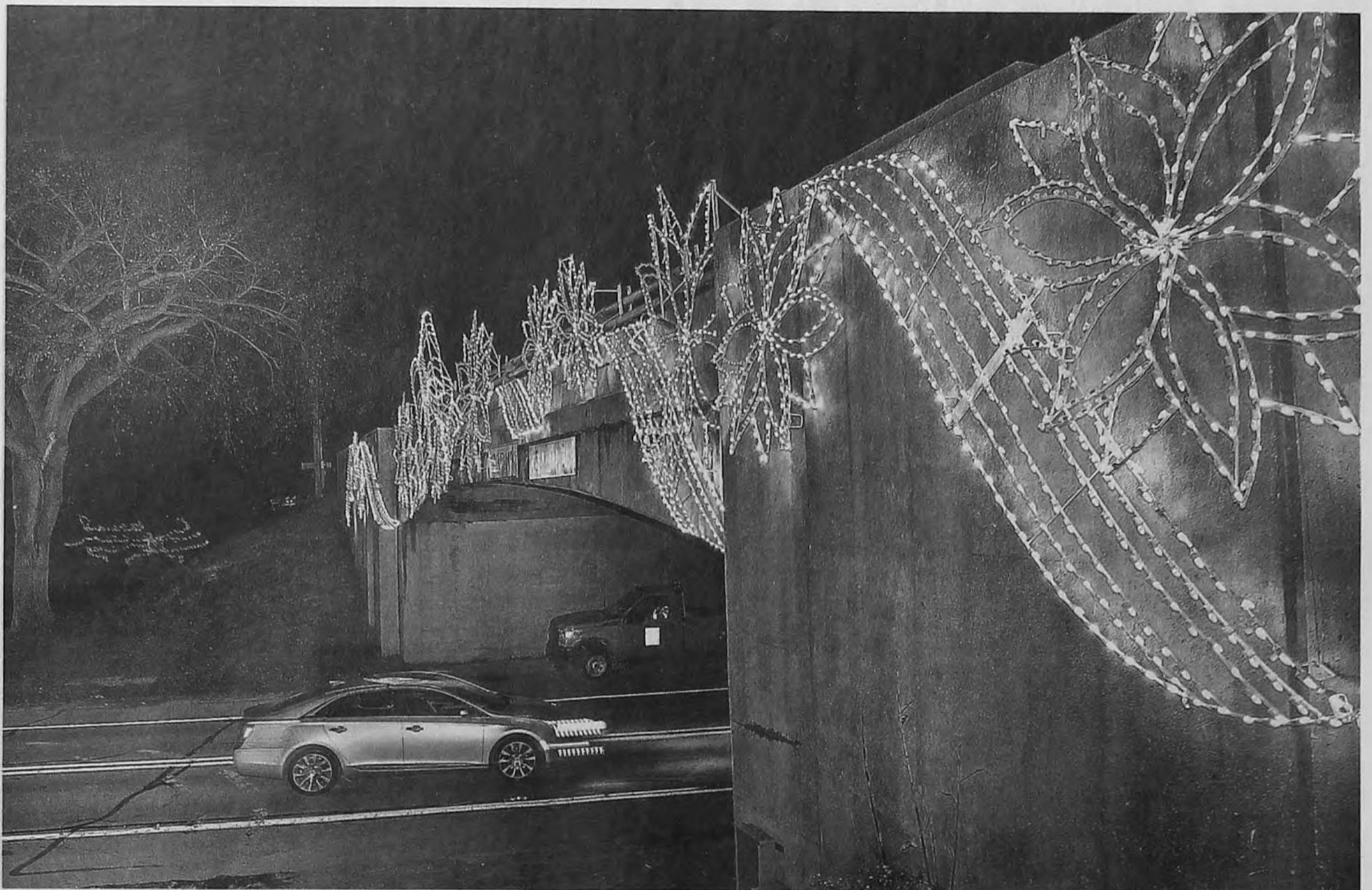
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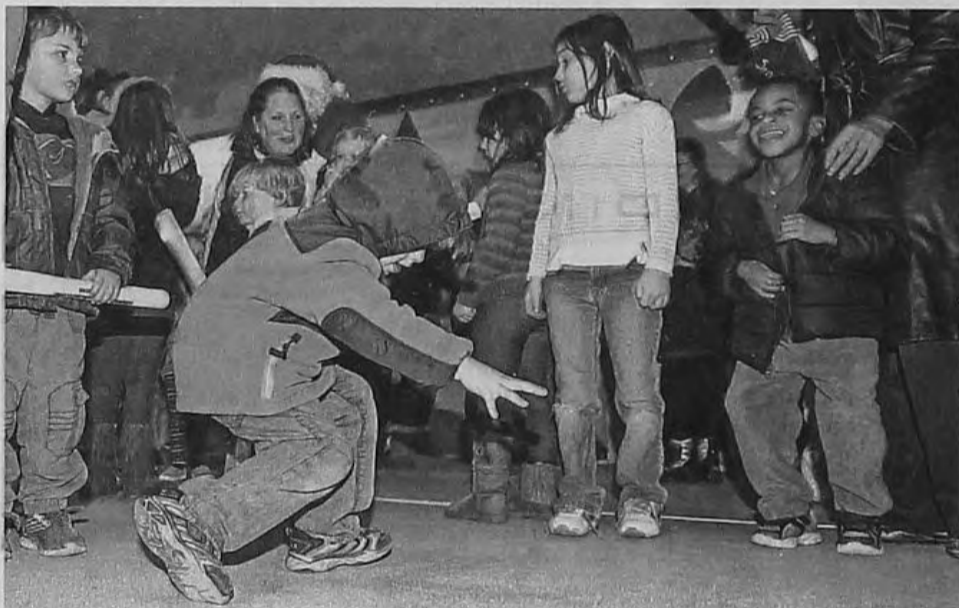
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Wayne County celebrates start of Lightfest



Franklin High School's bell canto choir sings holiday songs.

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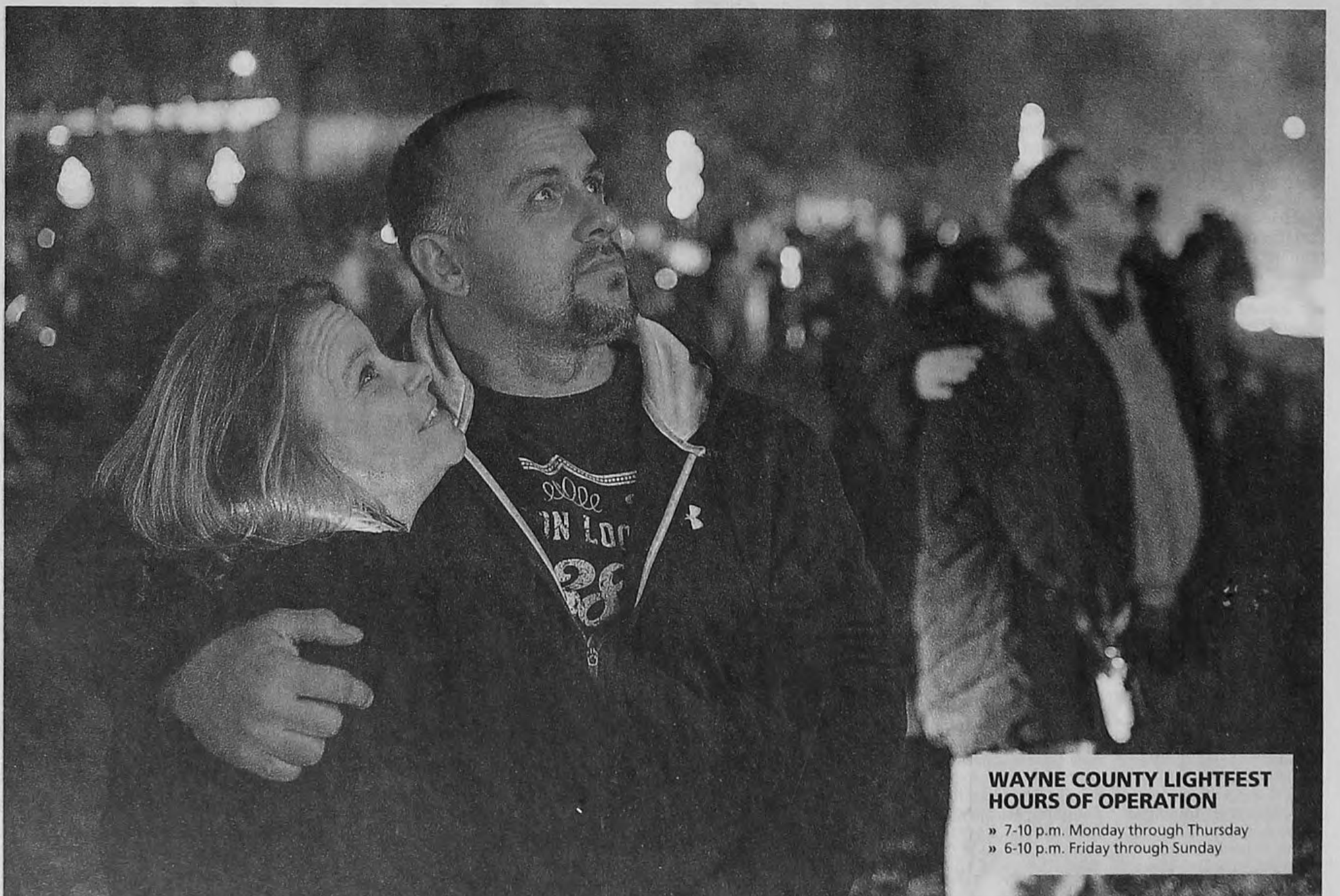
The crowd on stage freaks out at Santa's arrival and breaks into wild dancing.

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Santa Claus wows the Lightfest crowd.

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Jay and Monica Suarez have come to opening night of Lightfest for 10 years. They are from Westland.

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Parade lights up the holiday season

Northville community turns out in force as summer-like temperatures greet marchers

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

Northville's streets last Friday were a sight that would have made Dr. Seuss proud.

There were Grinches everywhere: walking along the sidewalks, tossing candy to parade-goers, waving from the back of a pickup truck strung with twinkling lights. A yellow school bus marked "Whoville Public Schools" rumbled by, carrying a pile of colorfully wrapped presents. A little girl with a string of lights around her neck held up a hand-painted sign: "Grow Your Heart 3 Sizes."

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas" was the theme of Northville's annual Holiday Lighted Parade, hosted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce the evening of Nov. 18.

It was an unseasonably warm night for November, with temperatures hovering around 66 degrees. Sweatshirts and T-shirts were the outfit of the day. But even without Jack Frost nipping at people's noses, the holiday spirit was alive and well. Lindsey Butzin, events manager for the Northville chamber, put the number of attendees at an estimated 10,000.

All along the parade route, crowds lined the sidewalk five or six people deep.

"I'll tell you, it was packed," said Mayor Ken Roth, who saw it all from his seat on one of the floats. "It's bigger than Streets of Treats, bigger than the Fourth of July. It's one of the largest community events we've seen in years."

About 45 businesses, bands and performers took part in the parade, including the Northville High School marching band, members' horns bedazzled with colorful lights. Everywhere you looked, lights were a-twinkle: flashing necklaces around kids' necks, whirling circles from lighted bicycle wheels, glowing light sabers waving from the sidelines.

The dancers from Performer's Edge had white lights under their white tutus. Winchester Elementary Girl Scout Troop 40478 was dressed as presents, with green felt "box" tunics, red bows and gift tags. "It's our second year in a row, so our costumes are getting a little fancier," said Laura Paredes, leader of the troop. (Last year, the girls were snowmen.)

After the parade, she and the girls and everyone on the sidelines crowded into Northville Town Square to watch Santa Claus light the huge tree.

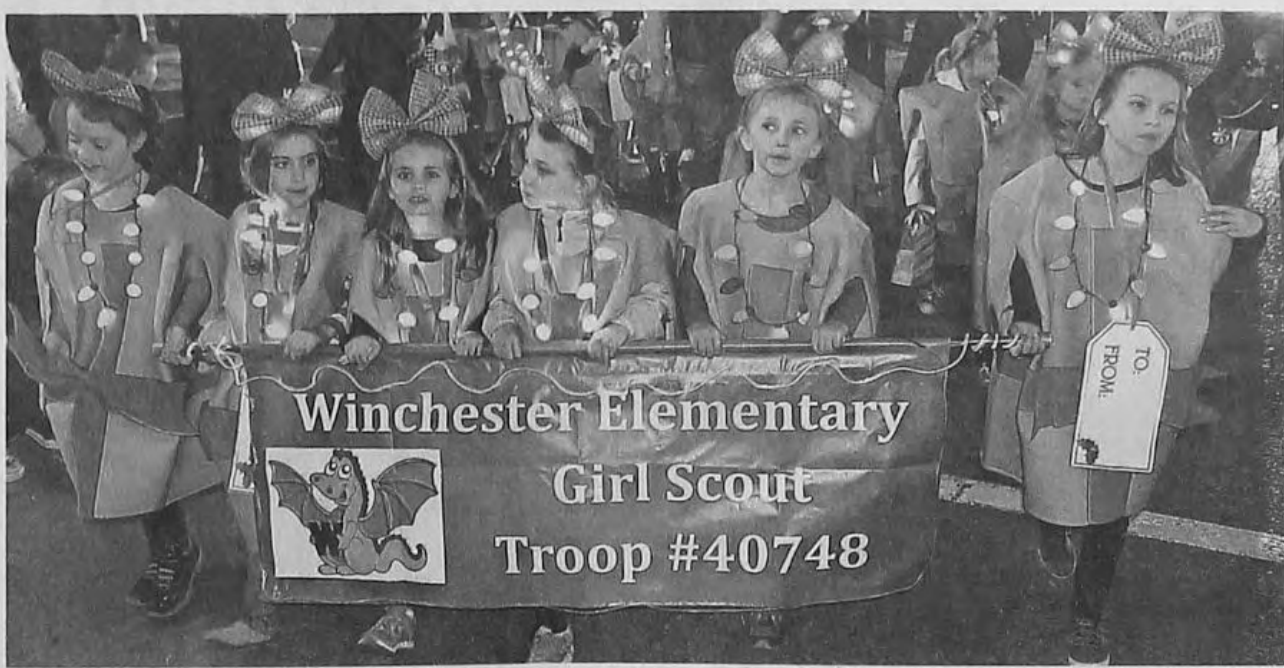
"I believe the man of the hour is right around here, so I need you to scream what your Christmas wish is this year and maybe he'll come faster," Tina Genitti said to the crowd.

As hundreds of voices joined together, Roth presented the man in the red suit with a giant golden key. "It opens all the doors to all the good boys and girls so the gifts can be delivered," he said.

After that, it was time for cocoa, bags of buttery popcorn and pictures with Santa.

"Tonight is just true Northville," Roth said. "Everyone is out having a good time."

He said while the weather was certainly a factor in the turnout, it wasn't the only reason for the crowds. "It's the weather and it's a great place to be," he said. "You have to have both to make it work."



Winchester Elementary's Girl Scout Troop marches in Northville's Holiday Lighted Parade on Nov. 18. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Having a bit of fun, a trumpet player with Northville High's marching band mugs for the camera instead of playing her instrument during the Holiday Lighted Parade. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Dressed in her best Cindy Lou Who costume, Sophia Valentini marches in Northville's Holiday Lighted Parade on Nov. 18. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Santa makes his grand entrance at the end of the parade in Northville on Nov. 18. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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Workers finish up at an intersection just west of Haggerty Road on Six Mile on Nov. 16 as the route gets a major overhaul of its road surface.

End in sight for Six Mile construction in Northville

Joanne Maliszewski
hometownlife.com

The end is in sight for residents and businesses as construction on Six Mile — from Haggerty to Northville Road — is expected to be completed and fully open for traffic in early December.

The \$6.2 million Wayne County project was long in the making and, for some, felt just as long in the doing. Construction began in November. The project includes total reconstruction of 1.5 miles of Six Mile with new sewer installations, markings, guardrail and sidewalk improvements, as well as new signs. The reconstruction includes a three-lane pavement with intersections widened to accommodate five lanes.

As Tom Casari, Northville Township public services director, said at the start, the project would cause great inconvenience and frustration in the short term, but is a long-term solution to the roadway's congest-

tion.

Still that great inconvenience bothered many homeowners along Six Mile, particularly in subdivisions with only one outlet. "We have been trying to field the complaints," Casari said.

He confirmed residents' complaints about the length of time the road has been under construction — though original estimates had completion at the end of November — and the lack of access along the east-west thoroughfare.

"They would do one outlet and then the other," said resident Ron Pawlak, who kept the construction in public view with township and county officials. "It took a little bit more time. The job was different. They never expected the base (roadway) they had."

Kaye Byrd, spokeswoman for Wayne County Public Services, confirmed that. "To ensure the longevity of the concrete reconstruction, some of the soil under the original pavement

needed to be restored," she said. "The soil restoration extended the completion time line from mid-November to early December."

But Pawlak offered that from what he can see, "It looks like better engineering."

During the project, eastbound Six Mile has been closed. When portions of new pavement were complete, traffic was rerouted for additional construction. But what added to residents' angst was the need for them to turn west onto a lane open on Six Mile, even if they needed to travel east. Instead, residents had to travel west and head to Five Mile.

Construction included bringing rights-of-way to current standards along Six Mile. That involved removing boulders, trees, retaining walls, railroad ties and any other obstructions that may be viewed as hazardous to motorists. Pawlak expressed concern about the trees that were removed.

Fire at recycling center by dump continues smoldering

Joanne Maliszewski
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A fire at the Great Lakes Recycling building near Five Mile and Beck — close to the Arbor Hills Landfill in Salem Township — filled the skies with black billowing smoke Sunday afternoon that left firefighters from surrounding fire agencies battling the blaze into the night.

The smoke that could be seen miles away brought out Northville Township officials and neighbors in nearby Northville Township neighborhoods. At first, some believed the fire was at the Arbor Hills Landfill, but township Supervisor Bob Nix, who was at the scene, confirmed late Sunday afternoon that the fire was not at the landfill.

Salem fire officials were unavailable for comment Monday.

As the smoke continued to billow Sunday, nearby subdivision residents expressed concern about what was burning and potential health hazards. But in an email to Steeplechase resident Tracey Birkenhauer, Larry Bean, a supervisor with the Department of Environmental Quality, said there was no evidence of contaminants. Birkenhauer is founder of Stop Arbor Hills, a grassroots effort to stop any expansion of the landfill or the siting of a new one in Salem close to Northville Township.

According to Bean, who was at the site until about 1 a.m. Monday, most of the material that burned was cardboard, but there was some plastic automotive scrap and polyurethane automotive seating scrap in bails for recycling. "We were not aware that they started to take the plastic and



SUE NIX

Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix and other township board members went out to the fire at the Great Lakes Recycling Center, near Five Mile and Beck.



SUE NIX

This is the billowing black smoke Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix saw when he arrived at the fire Sunday afternoon.

polyurethane," he said. "The fire department hazmat team tested the smoke and determined there were no contaminants that would affect residents off-site."

Meanwhile, it was reported that fire departments had to connect to hydrants in nearby subdivisions in Northville

Township to battle the blaze.

The Northville Record's calls to Salem Township and the Washtenaw Sheriff's Department were not answered Sunday afternoon while the fire was underway. Northville Township Trustee Fred Shadko also went to the scene and said he saw fire trucks from Dexter and Scio. It was reported that firefighters from some 10 area fire departments were at the scene.

By the time Bean left the recycling center, firefighters were pulling back the collapsed roof to expose hot spots and putting those out as they moved the roof. The material was expected to continue smoldering, he told Birkenhauer.

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CATHOLIC CENTRAL 17, ROMEO 0



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Catholic Central's Cameron Ryan (right) gets around the corner on Romeo's Kade Messner en route to the Shamrocks' first TD.

'SMASH-MOUTH' SHAMROCKS

Injuries, cold weather unable to stop CC in Division 1 semifinal

Tim Smith
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A power outage Saturday at Howell High School forced a change in venue for Saturday's Division 1 football state semifinal.

But nothing — not 36-degree temperatures, snow flurries,

the late move to nearby Parker Middle School or an injury that knocked out their quarterback in the first half — was about to short-circuit Novi Detroit Catholic Central's quest to return to the championship game.

More than two hours in the cold weather didn't sap any of the power out of Catholic Central's running game, either, as the Shamrocks blanked defending D1 state champion Romeo, 17-0.

"This is what CC is known

for, smash-mouth football," said Shamrocks junior running back Isaac Darkangelo, who scored on a 3-yard run with 25 seconds left to cap the win.

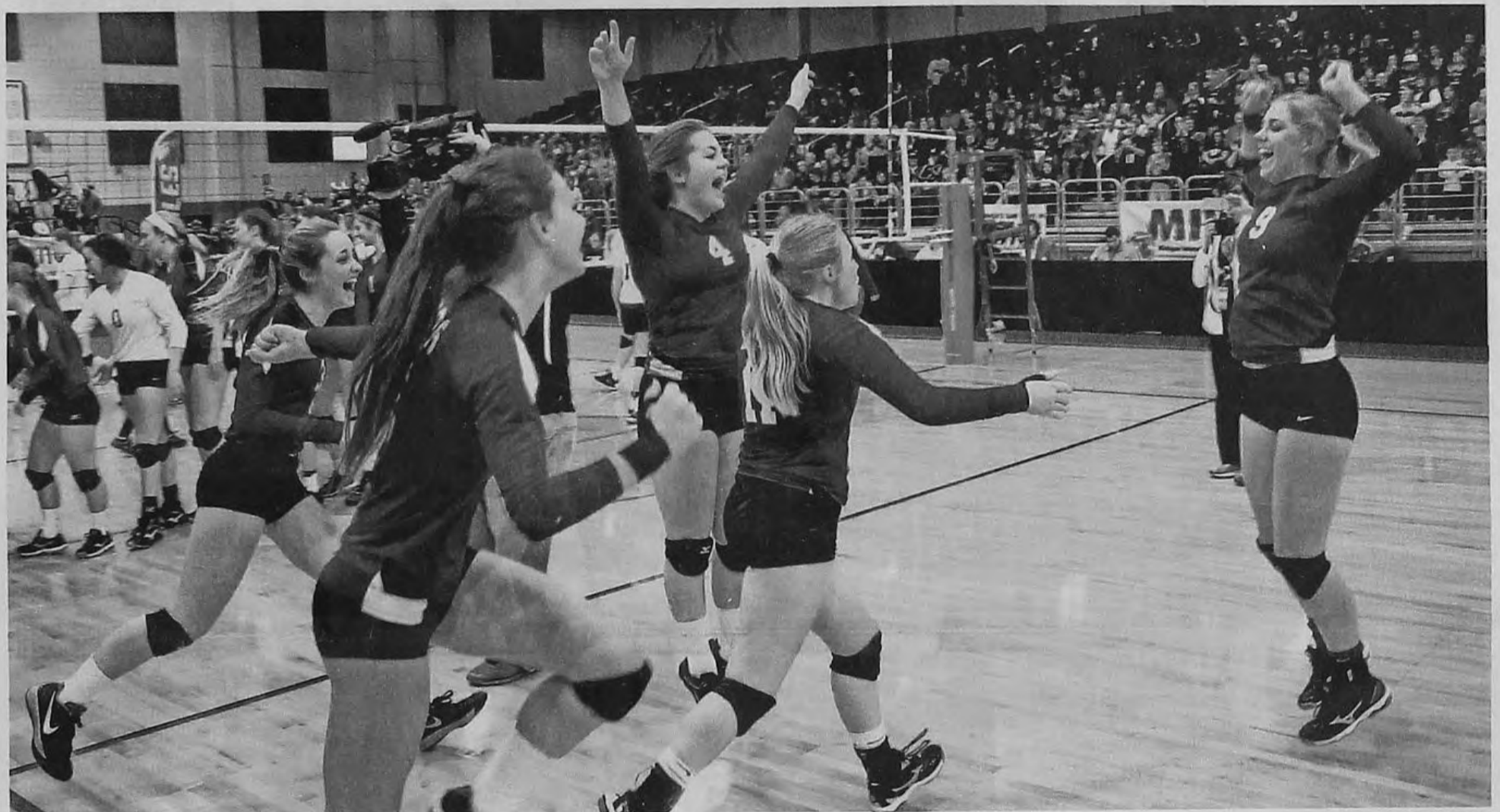
"We knew what we had to do. We came in and did it."

The Shamrocks, now 13-0, will make a state-record 17th trip to the state finals, at 1 p.m. Saturday against undefeated Detroit Cass Tech at Ford Field.

Catholic Central clung to a

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CLASS D VOLLEYBALL STATE FINAL



TOM LANG

Plymouth Christian players jump for joy after winning the Class D volleyball state title in Battle Creek.

Plymouth Christian earns first state championship in school history

PURPLE REIGN

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The Kellogg sisters stamped their own naming rights Saturday on Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena, leading Plymouth Christian Academy to its first state championship in school history.

The dynamic duo of junior Grace and freshman Gabriella

Kellogg, coached by their father D.J., combined for 34 kills as the Eagles captured the MHSAA Class D state title with a 25-18, 22-25, 25-19, 25-19 win over fellow Michigan Independent Athletic Conference member Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

The Eagles finished the year with a 35-11-3 overall record.

PCA lost a close four-setter in last year's state semifinal to Battle Creek St. Philip, but this time the Eagles were determined to take it two steps further.

"Last year, it was kind of new and more stressful, because we had never been in this situation before," said

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BOYS HOCKEY

Trenton skates past Salem in opener

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Right from the puck drop Friday night, Salem's varsity hockey team had trouble keeping up with Trenton.

Perennial Division 2 powerhouse Trenton combined speed, skill and physicality to rout the Rocks, 5-0, at Plymouth Cultural Center, spoiling the Rocks' season opener.

"I don't know if speed was so much our issue today as it

was our decision-making under that speed," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "When you have a lot of speed against you, you can't take a second when you have half a second."

The Trojans built a 3-0 lead after one period and were never really threatened after that, although the Rocks did compete well in stretches.

Compounding matters for Salem was an injury sustained by senior forward and captain

Matt Schaumburger. His palm was cut by a skate and he needed to go to the hospital for treatment.

Trenton opened the scoring with 13:40 to go in the first period, when Nik Moody ripped a wrist shot over the shoulder of Salem senior goalie Tristan Rehling.

About three minutes later, the Trojans struck again on a goal by Kenny Styles (his first



KELLY DOBSON

Salem's Matt Schaumburger looks to pass the puck during Friday's season opener. At left is Trenton's Conner Howey.

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3-0 halftime lead, thanks to a 31-yard field goal by senior kicker Jacob Nichols midway through the second quarter.

Finishing touch

For a while, it looked like that would be all of the scoring as both offenses literally struggled to get a grip on the slippery football.

Two big gainers set up Nichols' field goal. First was a 38-yard pass over the middle from sophomore quarterback Austin Brown to senior tight end Jack Morris.

On the next play, Brown zig-zagged 29 yards before being tackled hard at the 3-yard line. He had to be helped off the field and did not return.

At halftime, veteran

CC head coach Tom Mach reminded his team it was doing everything well except getting into the end zone.

"We had a lot of good drives in the first half, but we just weren't finishing," Morris said. "We were in the red zone, but we weren't finishing. That's what we talked about at halftime."

It took a while in the second half for the Shamrocks to gain some footing on the snow-covered turf.

After a three-and-out series with under four minutes left in the third and the game still 3-0, CC junior Joe Jasser — stepping in to punt after starter Chris Jakubik limped off with an injury — lined a kick that rolled inside the Romeo 1-yard line.

The Bulldogs (9-4) managed to move the ball to their 36 before senior defensive back Nick Capatina led a host of



Romeo quarterback Austen Malczewski is brought down by Shamrocks defenders (from left) Joe Natoci, Blake Bueter and Jack Morris during Saturday's D1 state semifinal at Howell.

SCOTT CONFER

Shamrocks tacklers to sack quarterback Austen Malczewski and force a punt.

Breathing room

Catholic Central took over at its own 32 and went on a productive 11-play scoring drive to make it 10-0 with 4:24 left.

Carrying the ball on each snap, the CC trio of Darkangelo (eight carries, 61 yards), junior Cameron Ryan (20 carries, 85 yards) and junior Matt Young took turns bursting through the line.

Ryan, in particular, was tough to bring down, bouncing off tacklers and

picking up key yardage. He ultimately scored on an 8-yard run through the left side of the line.

"All our running backs run with a low pad level. We run hard," Ryan said, insisting that the cold weather wasn't a problem. "We just keep our feet moving."

The Shamrocks added the late insurance TD by Darkangelo for good measure.

"We had to keep the ball on the ground, keep the ball moving, keep the ball away from them, because they're a very explosive offense," Mach said. "They're a very explosive offense. I thought our kids did a great job coming back."

Catholic Central also overcame losing Brown. "They knew when Austin went down that we had to control the ball on the ground," Mach said. "Our line had to come

through, our backs had to come through.

"Just try to keep that ball away from them and not put them into scoring position."

Mach said the punt by Jasser "was gigantic, it just worked out. Great effort on his part, but it took the right roll and it kept going."

Romeo co-coach Jason Couch downplayed the impact of the Jasser punt.

"We got the ball out to the 35 or 40 on that series," Couch said. "It's just that (with) the change of the quarter, we weren't able to keep the momentum going."

He added that he was proud of his team, which wasn't able to knock out the Shamrocks for a second straight postseason. "They continued to battle the entire game and they did it with class."

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VOLLEYBALL

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Grace Kellogg, who finished with match-best 21 kills. "So this year, we knew coming into it on what our attitude should be and it's like any other game, give it our all. We just pushed through it and played it like any game."

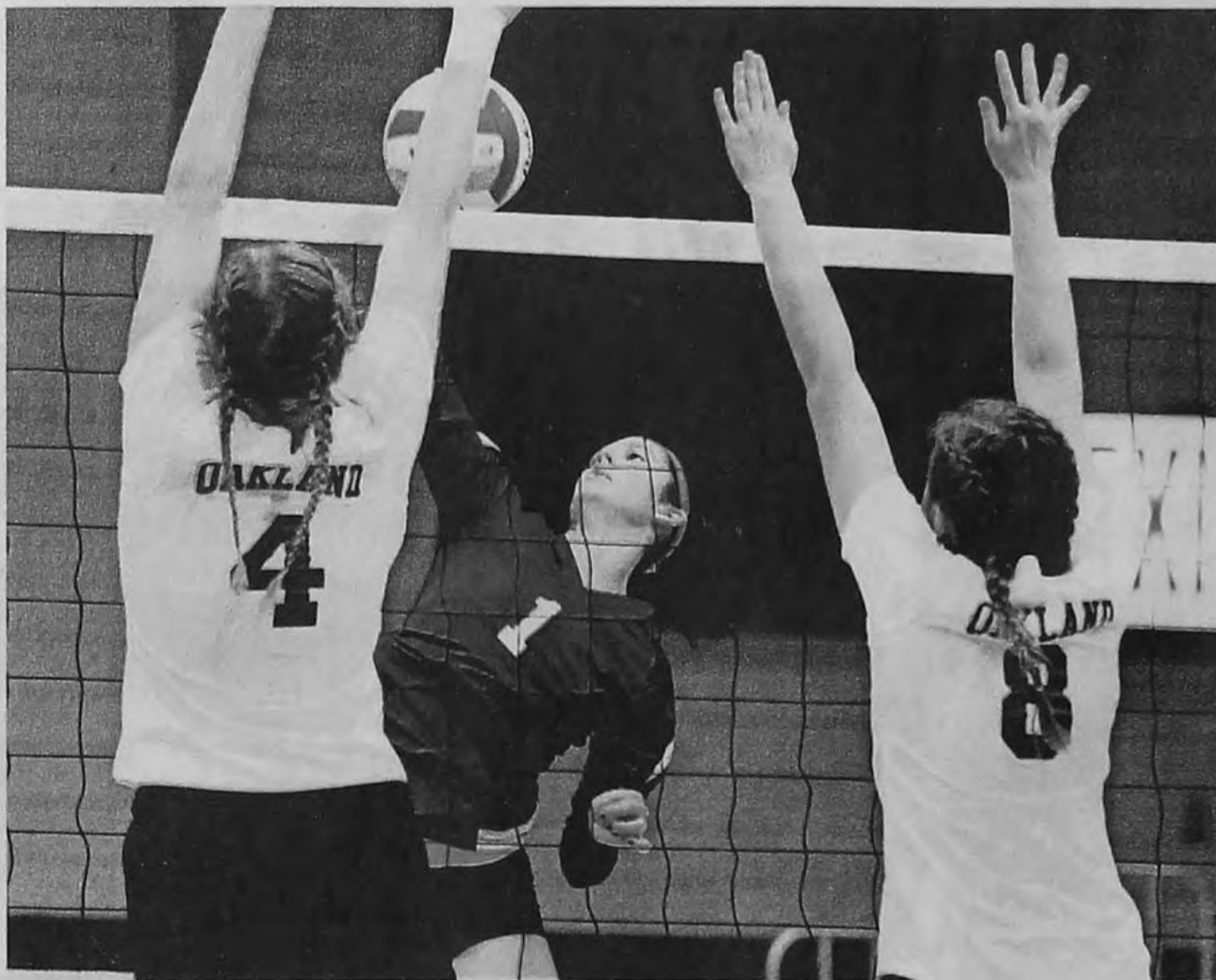
Meanwhile, 5-foot-9 Gabriella supported her older sister with 13 kills in the championship match.

"We've been breaking stuff around the house for years playing volleyball," D.J. Kellogg said with a laugh. "She surprised me this year. I coached her last season in club and played as an outside (hitter) for me. We had to put her at middle this year and we felt it was the right fit for her and she just embraced it and she's done really well. I'm really shocked. It's not that I don't trust her type of thing, but she's done above and beyond what I expected."

The Eagles, who had split their regular season MIAC Blue meetings with their co-division champion Lancers, cruised through the opening set, 25-18, and took a 12-8 lead into the second before the Lancers starting tipping and dinking balls across the net to catch them off-guard, resulting in a 25-22 Oakland Christian win.

But PCA regrouped in set three and took control from the start as Olivia Mady's ace cemented a 25-19 victory.

"Our team motto is 'Better the ball,'" D.J. Kellogg said. "It's used a lot in volleyball. Every time you contact the ball, make it better than you've got it. But we use it as a metaphor for our team. Every interaction we have with our team, every touch we have on the court or off the court, every contact we have, we should be adding value to each other, adding value to the team or the game. This team has done that and this is the by-product. I've never had a team that's had this



PCA's Olivia Mady (middle) hits through the block of Oakland Christian's Starr Sumner (left) and Jacqueline Schneider.

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much, that have had each others' back."

In the fourth set, PCA jumped out to a 19-10 advantage after back-to-back aces by Grace Kellogg, but the Lancers clawed back to within 22-19.

"I just thought we had to side-out on every key point, not get down in tough situations or focus on things we mess up on, just stay focused," said Grace Kellogg, who stopped the Lancers' mini-run with a kill.

A block by Aliyah Pries and an ace by Grace Kellogg finished the job.

"I thought Plymouth was extremely consistent, although they had their problems, too," said Oakland Christian coach Priscilla Larned, who is retiring after 32 seasons. "I thought we played hard. We did not give up. These kids have done a good job. I don't think they were terrible today. We just had a tough time



The Plymouth Christian volleyball team captured the Class D state championship Saturday, beating Oakland Christian.

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and they're still a great group of kids."

Alexandra Gudobba paced the Lancers (43-5-5) with 14 kills, while setter Samantha Morse collected 28 assists. Genia Castillo and Marisa Mingle added 16 and 11 digs, respectively.

PCA setters Abigail Pray and Jessica Paulson combined for 44 assist-to-kills with 26 and 18, respectively. (Mady also contributed eight kills, while Pries had six.)

Senior libero Divna Roi also came up huge defensively with 24 digs,

while Mady and Grace Kellogg added 12 and 11, respectively.

"She knows how to read the hitters," Mady said of Roi. "She has a sense how to adjust and see where the block is. She is extremely helpful for the hitters because,

when Grace and I are hitting, we'll be in mid-air and Divna will say, 'Oh, roll shot, roll shot.' She's just extremely helpful."

PCA was able to counteract the Lancers' off-speed attacks.

"(Roi) had some key points, a nice pancake to save a point," D.J. Kellogg said. "When we lost to them at their place, that was our biggest takeaway, was they found corners, they found tips and you could see they did the same thing today. The big difference was more the defensive coverage and where things were going to be. It really had to be about reading the hitter, watching hands, watching elbows. (Roi) was all over it. She wanted this game bad, as much as anyone on the team. She wasn't going to let a ball fall. She was diving on the floor."

After last year's semifinal loss, D.J. Kellogg intentionally bulked up his second-year schedule with top-ranked Class A and Class B schools.

"We played Novi, we played (Macomb) Dakota, (Pontiac) Notre Dame Prep, North Branch," he said. "Looking at the Miss Volleyball board, we played four or five of those teams all season. We did that on purpose. And the way we structured drills, we put pressure on the girls in certain situations because, technically, we knew what it took. We wanted the slight edge, the mental edge, to push us over the top."

And for coach Kellogg, he can savor winning his first state crown in none other than Kellogg Arena.

"It's great for the school," he said. "Obviously, I want to win it, but I think it puts Class D schools on the map a little bit and that we can compete. I think having a great season and the showing we had, we got a little more respect this year. Not that we lacked respect before, but I think it brought it up a little bit."

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HOCKEY

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of two) and added another with 4:28 to go, when Brendan Morgan skated in on Rehling and flipped the puck home.

Salem nearly gave up a shorthanded goal in the opening seconds of the second period, but Rehling was able to sprawl and deny an in-close try by Noah Thackeray.

The Rocks finally pressured Trenton goalie Joe Sant'Angelo, with Martino Zaia firing a shot from the right circle that was stopped and covered.

Senior forward Joey Driscoll followed with another hard shot, from the right circle, but Sant'Angelo turned it aside.

Trenton added to its lead with 10:37 remaining in the second period, as Styles put one up where the peanut butter

goes, slamming a high shot in from the right circle.

Taking lumps early

It was a 5-0 deficit about six minutes later, when Drew Welsh scored on a Trenton power play.

"We're not happy with the outcome," Ossenmacher said. "But after the first period, I thought it was a back-and-forth game. We had chances to capitalize and we didn't, their goalie (Sant'Angelo) played well. Learn from it and move on."

Salem also opened the past couple of seasons playing the Trojans — ranked No. 4 in Division 2 in the preseason polls; the Rocks were ranked sixth — and are still looking to beat them.

Ossenmacher said he doesn't mind his team going up against strong teams like Trenton during the non-conference portion of the schedule,



Lined up for the shot by Trenton's Drew Welsh (left) is Salem senior goalie Tristan Rehling.

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because it is the start of a process.

"This is the plan. We take our lumps early and get better," he said. "By the end of the season, the hope is we're better than

the team we had on the ice at the beginning of the season."

The Rocks aren't done facing tough competition, however.

Friday and Saturday,

Nov. 25-26, they will compete at Bloomfield Hills Wallace Arena in the four-team Cranbrook Thanksgiving Tournament.

They square off at 5

p.m. Friday against Brighton (ranked No. 1 in D1) and then play an undetermined opponent Saturday. Also in the tourney are the host Cranes and Livonia Stevenson (which reached the D2 finals last season).

At least Salem won't have to worry about Trenton.

"They're pretty much the same team every year, it doesn't matter," Ossenmacher said. "Whether it was when we played them two years ago, last year or this year, they have a traditional style, a trademark of hockey."

"They're up in your face, they're going to go north-south. Every time they get an opportunity, they're going to lay the body. It's a good brand of hockey and it's been successful for them."

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POMPON

Area squads take Mid American Pom by storm

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Livonia and Canton teams put the wow into Saginaw's Dow Center, where the Mid American Pompon Hip Hop/High Kick Competition took place Nov. 6.

Both programs left the venue with first-place championship trophies, while spectators who watched their performances also left with something — plenty of smiles and lasting memories.

» **Livonia Pompon**, led by head coach Andrea Shook, captured first place in the Middle School Large Team High Kick category.

The squad, which bested four opposing teams, is composed of

girls from all three of the Livonia district's middle schools, as well as upper elementary schools.

Members of the Livonia team include Isabella Abate, Avrey Black, Abigail Boettcher, Sydney Castillenti, Ava Collyer, Allison Garpow, Rylee Guidash, Alison Gwizdz, Ainsley Johnston, Meghan Kelly, Ruby Klingsmith, Sarah Lamb, Mackenzie Latham, Isabel Longoria, Brianna Martin, Morgan Matick, Izzy Migora, Emily Mitchell, Sophie Nomides, Madison Norton, Madison Prowse, Rachel Salutes, Sophia Schlatterbeck, Claire Sierota, Jenna Walters, Zoe Zagar and Emily Zimmerman. Helping Shook with

coaching duties are Brittany Rees, Kari Barden, Jillian Henderson and Rachel Parrelly.

» **Canton Pompon**, led by head coach Jenny Kesler, also was victorious at the Dow Center, taking the top spot in the mid-size category of the High Kick competition.

Canton performed to a mix of songs involving a cruise ship theme.

Teams are divided into categories according to size and level of team (elementary, middle school, junior varsity, varsity and collegiate). They may choose to compete in the Hip Hop or High Kick divisions.

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Canton Varsity Pompon's (mid-size) took first place Nov. 6 at the Mid American High Kick competition in Saginaw. Pictured are (front row, from left) Claire Carrier, Alia Jones, Maigan Byars, Grace Brekke, Morgan Filmore, Nicole Piontek, Jenna Milewski and Clara Mason and (back row, from left) Arianna Mattioli, Alexis Faught, Olivia Mueller, Mallory Woodard, Rachel Allen, Caitlyn Carrigan, Jenna Anheuser, Sydney Gruczelak and coach Jenny Kesler.

SWIMMING AND DIVING FINALS

State meet good experience for Chiefs

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Canton's varsity girls swimming and diving team enjoyed a respectable showing last weekend at the Division 1 state finals at Oakland University.

And veteran Chiefs head coach Ed Weber is optimistic that several team members able to experience the high-stakes competition — which Rockford won with 249 points, besting runner-up Farmington Hills Mercy's 239 — can only benefit from it in 2017.

"I'm very proud of how the team swam this weekend and throughout the year," said Weber, whose team tallied nine points to finish 28th out of 37 squads. "Of our five girls that qualified for states, four will be back next year."

"Canton swim and dive will even make bigger splashes in the seasons to come."

The lone Canton performer who will not return is senior Meghan Mans, who reached Saturday's final in the 100-yard backstroke — winning consolations (ninth place) with a school record time of 57.30 seconds.

Mans also finished 16th in Friday's preliminaries in the 200 individual medley with a career



Canton's quintet of Division 1 state meet qualifiers includes (from left) Sophia Balow, Ellie Caruso, Jenna Leppek, Meghan Mans and Jessica Clark.

best time of 2:10.39 and was part of two relays that performed well during prelims.

The 200-medley relay team of Mans and sophomores Ellie Caruso, Jessica Clark and Sophia

Balow came in 17th at Friday's preliminaries with a time of 1:52.36. The quartet came within one place of reaching Saturday's finals.

Canton's 400 free relay quartet of Clark,

freshman Jenna Leppek, Balow and Mans placed 26th at prelims (3:44.33).

Also notching her career best in the 200 IM was Clark, who placed 23rd during prelims with a time of 2:12.10.

"Canton High School had a great state meet," Weber said. "Meghan and Jessica were both back from last year with experience that saw career best times in their 200 IM swim on Saturday."

"Sophia and Jenna both performed honorably in their events swimming near their seeded times."

Salem standouts

Led by senior Katie Xu, Salem registered 11 points at the D1 finals, good for 26th place.

Xu reached Saturday's final in the 100 backstroke, placing 13th with a time of 58.31. She took 30th overall at prelims in the 200 IM (2:12.93).

Also getting to the finals was junior diver Camille Burt, scoring 388.70 points to earn 10th place.

Salem's 200 free relay team of Xu, junior Jenna Chen, senior Meghan Maikowski and freshman Morgan Davis finished 22rd at Friday's preliminaries with a time of 1:41.64.

Xu, Chen, sophomore Sarah Griffiths and Davis also competed at preliminaries in the 400 free relay. Their time of 3:57.39 was good for 30th place.

Also in the 200 free relay, Plymouth's tandem of freshman Regan Peregord, junior Grace MacLellan, senior Kathryn Waters and sophomore Kelsey Peregord came in 27th with a time of 1:42.79.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats make it a joyful title repeat with Class A crown

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The team with a bull's-eye on its back the entire season delivered on the biggest stage Saturday afternoon in Battle Creek.

Novi repeated as MHSAA Class A volleyball state champion with a hard-fought four-set victory over upset-minded Rockford at Kellogg Arena.

The Wildcats, who finished the year 54-1, took the Rams' best shots to come away with the victory as 6-foot-1 junior outside hitter Abryanna Cannon delivered the match-clinching kill, her 20th of the afternoon.

For Cannon, a Notre Dame commit who transferred in from Traverse City West over the summer, it was her first state finals experience.

"I was a little nervous going into it," Cannon said, "but we had Erin (O'Leary), Ally (Cummings) and Kathryn (Ellison) and (Claire Pinkerton) ... I had all these people that were here last year to kind of help me through it, so it wasn't as bad going in there blind."

Junior setter Erin O'Leary, who set up Cannon for the final point, turned in another outstanding performance

with 33 assist-to-kills, eight kills and 14 digs.

"It doesn't get any less amazing," said O'Leary, at University of Michigan commit who has been to three straight state finals now.

Novi's road to the championship match was relatively stress-free, but Rockford (48-9-1) provided the litmus test for the tournament.

Novi won a highly competitive first set, 25-22, as Miss Volleyball runner-up Ally Cummings closed it out with one of her 10 kills.

Rockford, however, took charge to win the second set, 25-20, on Olivia Rademacher's kill. The Wildcats took the third set, jumping out to a 17-12 lead, capped by Emmy Robinson's block after Rams pulled to within 23-22.

Robinson, 5-8 senior, gave Novi a huge lift with seven block-assists to go with three kills.

"She was matched up on those (Rockford) middles and had a big responsibility tonight and I thought she did a nice job of not just blocking the ball, but slowing them," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "She's a great lateral mover. We don't rely on her a whole lot offensively, but expect her to work really hard at the net blocking for us."



Novi players hoist the Class A volleyball state championship trophy for the second straight year.

The fourth set was close throughout, as Novi broke away from a 19-19 deadlock to outscore the Rams 6-3 down the stretch, getting a critical ace from O'Leary to set up match point.

"Being down gives me more of a thrill to want to get up," Cannon said. "It's just all the better when you get that final point. This game was a fight to the finish, so it was more satisfying."

Rockford had three players in double figures in kills, led by Rademacher with 12 and Cassandra Smigiel and Sara Majerle with 11 apiece. Setter Hailey Delacher dished out 43 assists.

Novi had trouble throughout the match defending the Rams'

quick sets to their middle hitters at the net.

"It's something different that we haven't seen and they passed the ball well enough to be able to run it," Cottrill said. "We were trying them get out of system, get the setter off the net. We were trying to keep our hands high to slow it down, but they were just successful at it. It seemed like they had more kills than 12 and 11. They had 50 (total), so I think we did a decent job of slowing that down and keeping them from getting the momentum."

Novi also played strong defense, with a total of 78 blocks. Pinkerton led the way with 21 digs. Cummings and O'Leary both contributed

14, while Kathryn Ellison had 12 (to go along with nine kills).

Meanwhile, Mykayla Vallad collected a match-best 27 digs for the Rams.

"Novi is a very good team and has a lot of offensive weapons," said Rockford coach Kelly Delacher, whose team was out-blocked 24-16. "We felt like we could come in and play some good defense against them. We held them to a .142 hitting percentage, which is pretty good against a team with their hitting firepower. I was very happy with the way we competed. We kept ourselves in every single game and gave ourselves some chances at the end to win at the end of those games."

"I think we're just a good team. We are a very well-balanced team. We have five good hitters and play good defense. I thought we did a good job of blocking today, as well."

The victory was rewarding in more ways than one for Novi after the Rams put up such a struggle.

"That was a tremendous team we just played," Cottrill said. "We've been kind of cruising pretty much in the postseason since pretty much the district finals. I was very, very

proud of them for keeping their composure, digging deep and working hard."

The Wildcats, who return seven of their top nine players, will have a target on their backs next season, as well.

"When you take a step away and look at it ... yes, it's amazing and it's all because of the players and the program that have changed the culture and have tremendous leadership skills that have expectations of themselves and their teammates," Cottrill said. "And we're a family, they love each other from top to bottom. And we like to win, so it motivates you to keep winning you have that success."

In the press conference afterward, O'Leary had two Almond Joy candy bars sitting in front of her at the interview table.

Any significance? "My grandma gets me little gifts after every game," the standout setter said.

And does that mean the Wildcats will be going for the Almond Joy hat trick next season?

"We're happy with two, but we're going for three — yes," Cottrill said with a smile.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

DECEMBER

ARTS & CRAFTS

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3
Location: Lutheran High School, 33300 Cowan, Westland
Details: Juried show of hand-crafted items, hourly door prize drawings, face painting, bake sale, lunch available; \$2 admission, free for 11 and under
Contact: 734-422-2090

BETHEHEM MARKETPLACE

Time/Date: 3:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3
Location: Birmingham First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham
Details: Take a step back in time to the ancient city of Bethlehem where children will be provided with denaia to "spend" at the marketplace. They'll get a chance to help build a cradle and make a wooden drierel, weave fibers, knead bread dough, and more. A census taker, roaming villagers, storytellers and market vendors, along with live animals, round out the interactive event. Dinner will be available from 5-6 p.m.
Contact: Patty Glass at 248-646-6407, ext. 3130; pglass@fumc-birmingham.org

CANTATA, ADVENT WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Dec. 4
Location: Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Details: Christmas Cantata followed by family Advent workshop
Contact: 248-349-2345; faithcommunity-novi.org

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

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11
Location: St. Lazerus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 4575 E. Outer Drive, Detroit
Details: The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors its second annual Christ is Born! Glorify Him! A Detroit Orthodox Christmas Concert, which will include hymns and carols from Greece, Serbia, Romania, Ukraine and other countries, English language hymns sung by an Orthodox chorus, and a sing-along of popular carols. A reception follows the concert. Monetary and non-perishable

food donations will be collected during the concert to support Orthodox charities
Contact: Olga Liss at 248-252-8184; Olgaliss0910@gmail.com

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY CONGREGATION BETH AHM

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required
Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyellen879@aatt.net

FARMINGTON AGLOW

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. second Monday of the month
Location: Open Arms Church, 33015 W. Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: Aglow is an international full gospel ministry
Contact: 248-227-9103

OUR LADY OF LORETTO

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Ezekiel. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniast-michael.org.

FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township
Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386
Contact: facebook.com/stinnocentredford

EXERCISE

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

FOOD SALVATION ARMY

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: 27500 Shiwawsee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. second Saturday of the month
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Food pantry assists nutritional needs of the needy
Contact: 734-421-8451; st-andrewsepiscopalchurchlivonia.org

HEALING SERVICE THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

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

MOMS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

DUNNING PARK BIBLE CHAPEL

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships,
Contact: 313-534-0399

receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER ST. EDITH CHURCH

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month
Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth
Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES DETROIT WORLD OUTREACH

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

STEVE'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SUPPORT APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

CONNECTION CHURCH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

DETROIT WORLD OUTREACH

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

MERRIMAN ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

FIRESIDE CHURCH OF GOD

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidecho.org; or email to adm@firesidecho.org

ST. THOMAS A' BECKET CHURCH
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

WAY OF LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR THE SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: A Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP ADAT SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-851-5100

CELEBRATION CHURCH, ELCA

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

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

CONGREGATION BET CHAVERIM

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

CROSSROADS CHURCH

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

DEVON AIRE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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

DUE SEASON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FAITH COMMUNITY WESLEYAN CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.
Location: 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township
Contact: 734-637-8160

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Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna University
Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-0HCA

HOLY CROSS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday worship in the chapel.
Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-1414

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Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 9600 Lorraine, west of Beech Daly, north off West Chicago Road, Redford
Contact: 313-937-2424

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Contact: 313-533-1956; detroitinhispresence.org

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Contact: 313-255-6330

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BONE



DAVID age 90, passed away on November 16, 2016, in Livonia, Michigan. Beloved husband of 64 years to the late Mary Lou. Preceded in death by parents David and Susan Bone. Cherished father of Douglas Bone and Janet (Bill) Bruno. Dearest grandfather of David (D.J.), Nicole (Kopp) Bruno, and Kathryn Bruno. Preceded in death by siblings Margaret Cameron (Bone) Frame, Janet Mitchell McLain (Bone) Sinclair, and Adam Bone. Dear brother-in-law of Helen Haring. Will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Member of Pi Kappa Phi, Michigan State Forestry Club, past president of the Michigan Assessor's Association, recipient of the MAA "Most Valuable Member (Edward W. Kane Award)" in 1981. The MAA renamed their education award the "David Bone Education Award." WWII veteran 1944-1946, served on the USS Kretschmer. An elder at Faith Covenant Church of Farmington Hills, and taught 5th and 6th grade Sunday school with his wife, Mary Lou, for 30 years. Visitation Friday, November 25, from 3-8 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Rd in Livonia. Funeral Saturday, in-state 4 p.m. until the time of service at 5 p.m. at Faith Covenant Church 35415 W. 14 Mile Rd in Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions appreciated to Faith Covenant Church or Portage Lake Covenant Bible Camp.
www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

HINOTE



WILFRED CHARLES age 70, passed away at home on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, surrounded by his family and after a four-year struggle with cancer. He is preceded by his parents Lucette and Ossie Hinote, long-time residents of Plymouth and owners of Ossie's Welding. He is survived by his wife Carol, his sons Wayne C. and Troy M. both of Plymouth; sisters Judith Hainaut of Des Moines, Idaho; Joyce Hinote of Brooklyn, New York; Carol Hinote of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and brother William Hinote of Asheville, North Carolina. Chuck graduated in 1964 from Plymouth High School, attended Michigan Technological University, was drafted into the Army and served in Vietnam with an honorable discharge in 1974. He worked until his retirement four years ago as a welder/fabricator. He and his wife Carol were married in 1972. Viewing and Funeral will be held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth (www.schrader-howell.com). Interment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI.



ZMICH



GREGORY H. Age 74 of Hope, passed away Friday, November 18, 2016 at his residence. The son of the late Boniface and Henrietta (Koczara) Zmich was born on October 21, 1942 in Detroit, MI. Gregory is survived by his wife, Shelley Zmich; sons, Greg (Christine) Zmich, Jeff (Kari) Zmich, Justin (Nana) Macartney, and Jason Macartney; daughter, Michelle Zmich. A memorial service has taken place. Memorials in Gregory's name may be offered to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 810 Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10019. Personal messages of condolence may be offered to the family at www.wilson-miller.com.

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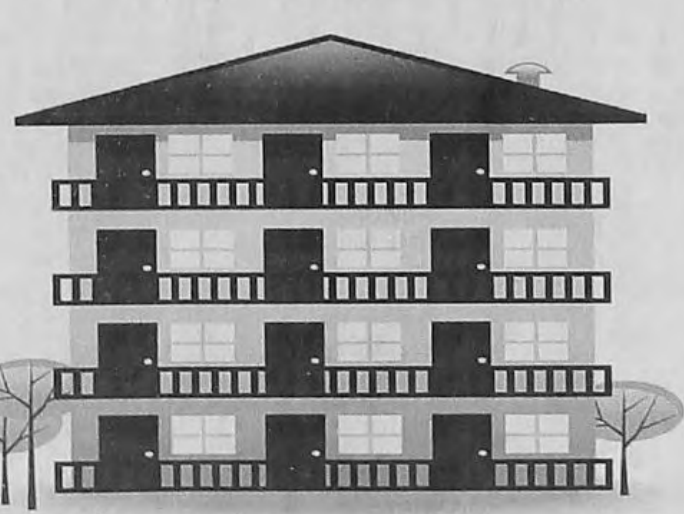


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- BRAIN MULTIPLAYER
- CARDS NEWSPAPER
- CHAMPION PIECES
- CHECKERS PLAYERS
- CHESS PUZZLE
- CHILDREN RECREATION
- COMPETITION RULEBOOK
- CONCENTRATION SCRABBLE
- CROSSWORD STRATEGY
- CRYPTOGRAM SUDOKU
- ENGAGE TEAM
- ENJOYMENT TIMED
- GAME VIDEO
- LEVEL WINNER
- LOSER WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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Crossword Answers

GRAPPLE	MANTRA	ROOMBA
AUGURED	OXEYES	ASTERS
BEATING	THEWRAP	ICONIC
STAIR	SEC	ANA
CHAPTERS	MISTER	WRIGHT
HEREIN	VET	SATE
ORTON	ATONES	USAIN
WRENAND	STIMPY	HRS
AJIKEN	REMO	AUDERZ
AMALGAM	DEAD	WRITING
MANIAC	ARGUERS	EATER
PHILIP	WROTH	UNHORSE
LEMON	IMAC	TASTE
ERE	EGG	MAGAZINE
BREWS	REHOME	HALAL
ROBE	NAPS	TOV
TWRE	EST	MV
FLO	HIS	ARB
LINEAL	WRAY	OF
ESCAPE	ANGORA	ESTER
SHORES	SEENAT	ESTRADA

Word Search Answers

