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Library cutting financial ties with DDA

Board votes to keep tax dollars that previously were diverted

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In a move to boost its revenues, the Canton Public Library is ending a decades-long relationship by severing financial ties with the Canton Downtown Development Authority, which captures certain tax revenues to bolster the Ford Road business corridor. Library Director Eva Davis said the

library has lost \$1 million in property tax revenues that were diverted to the DDA since 2011 alone. But she said a state law passed in January included a provision allowing libraries to opt out of DDAs and keep those tax dollars.

Davis said the move is expected to generate \$2.9 million over the next 20 years for the library — money the DDA will now lose.

"The big reason is that the voters of

Canton (years ago) approved a dedicated library millage to pay for library services," she said. "This is an opportunity for the library to essentially do what the voters intended — that is, use our funds for library services and activities."

Davis said the library board's vote to depart from the DDA isn't a criticism of the authority's work.

"They do good work," she said. "No one is saying they don't do good work."

Township Supervisor Pat Williams, who made a DDA presentation Oct. 19

to the library board, voiced disappointment over the decision.

"I'm saddened that they chose that direction," he said. "I understand their decision, but it saddens me."

Williams said the decision will mean a loss of \$159,171 for one year alone for the DDA, or 7.7 percent of an annual budget that tops \$2 million. He said the DDA board will have to meet to discuss ways to accommodate the lost revenue.

The library board voted 4-1 Oct. 19 to

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Vinyl album exhibit honors station's 45th year

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David Bowie's groundbreaking album "The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars" came out 26 years before Sydney Gutowski was born.

She loves it.

"I feel like David Bowie definitely changed the music scene. He had an androgynous look that people had never seen before," said Gutkowski, 19, a second-year Schoolcraft College student.



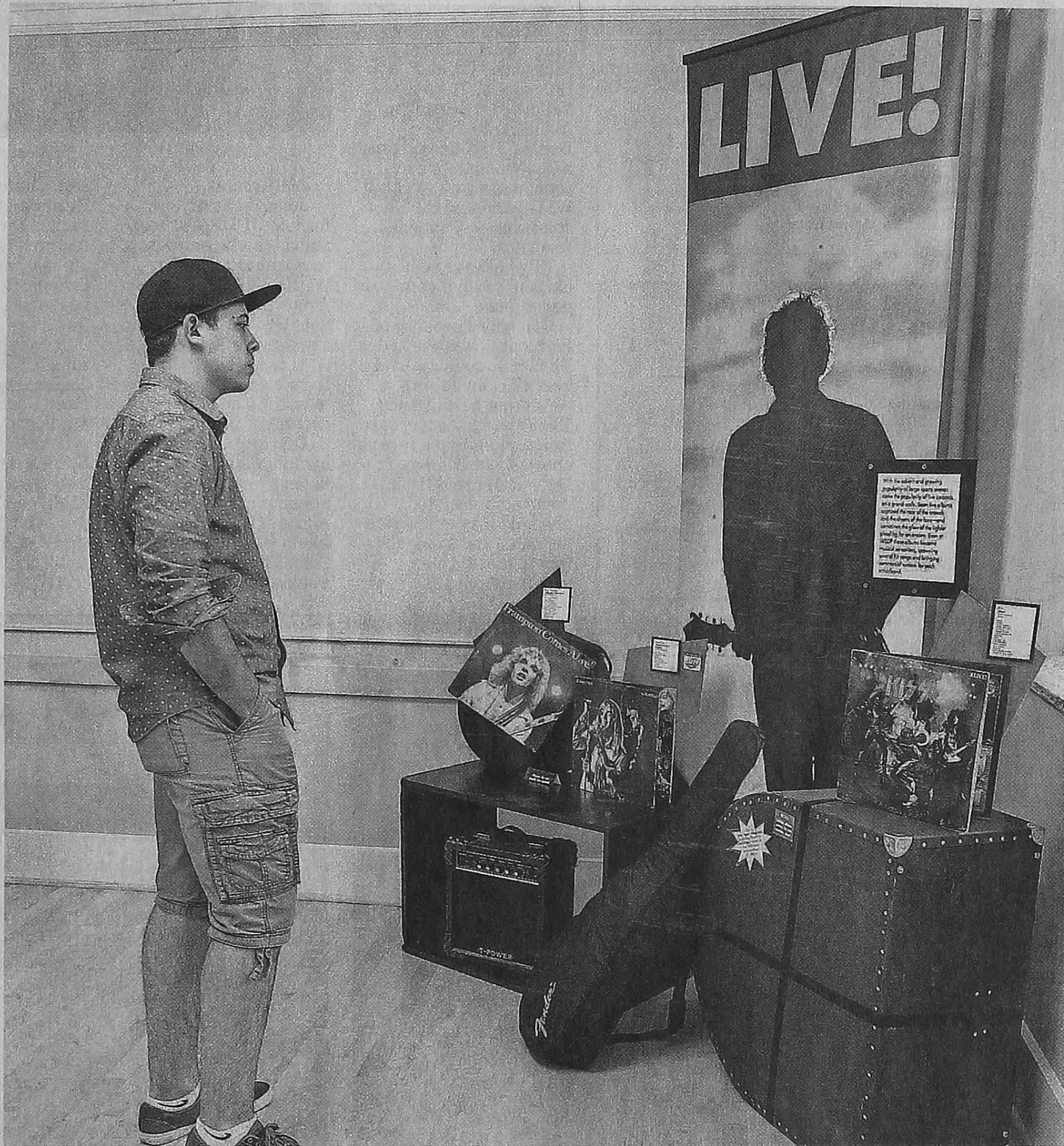
Gutkowski

Sam Lacorato became a hardcore KISS fan after he first heard the band's "Alive!" album, partly recorded at Detroit's former Cobo Arena.

"There was something about hearing 'Rock and Roll All Nite' coming through the speakers that blew my mind," said Lacorato, who teaches U.S. history and psychology at Salem High School. He also liked the band's makeup and costumes.

Gutkowski and Lacorato were among a crowd that celebrated 45 iconic albums released during the 45 years that student-run radio station WSDP-FM (88.1 The Park) has been on the air at the high school Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Music lovers, including radio station



See VINYL, Page A2 Gio Marterella checks out part of the vinyl album exhibit. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Shooter in domestic dispute incident acted in self-defense, officials say

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A 26-year-old Ypsilanti man acted in self-defense when he fired a shot that wounded another man's leg and grazed his scrotum during a domestic dispute inside a Canton mobile home, authorities have confirmed.

The shooter was at a Canton wom-

an's home when her ex-boyfriend walked in and began to attack him, prompting him to fire a shot from a handgun, according to police reports.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has denied criminal charges against the shooter.

"Based on the facts of the case, it was deemed he acted in self-defense," Canton Deputy Police Chief Craig

Wilsher said.

The incident unfolded about 2:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at the College Park Estates mobile home park off Mott Road, east of Ridge, on Canton's west side. Police reports indicated the ex-boyfriend became upset after he walked in and found another man there.

Police reports also indicated he had previously been abusive to his ex-girl-

friend. He had recently moved out, but still had a key to her home.

The ex-boyfriend was shot once in the right leg and the bullet also grazed his scrotum, police have said. He drove himself to a hospital.

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VINYL

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alumni, gathered Friday at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, or PARC, to kick off the Vinyl Recall exhibit that runs Oct. 24 through Nov. 16, with albums, artwork and other memorabilia on display.

WSDP alumni picked 45 albums to display — from heavy metal to girl pop — that made a difference since the station

began broadcasting in 1972. Over the years, The Park has played everything from jazz to new wave to indie rock and, now, adult top 40, station manager Bill Keith said.

June Kirchgatter, exhibit curator, picked “Cheap Trick at Budokan”

for the exhibit. She said alumni loaned their own vinyl albums or bought



Kirchgatter

them from Finder’s Keepers Vintage Store in Plymouth and Rock of Ages in Garden City. Gutkowski worked as an intern on the project.

As “Brass in Pocket” by The Pretenders played over speakers, the crowd mingled Friday and fanned out through PARC, gazing at displays featuring albums such as Black Sabbath’s “Paranoid,” Fleetwood Mac’s “Rumours,” The Clash’s “London Calling,” Electric Light Orchestra’s “Out of the Blue” and another of Kirchgatter’s favorites, “The Wall” by Pink Floyd.

When she was a student at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Kirchgatter worked at 88.1 The Park as station director, music director and news broadcaster.

One section of the exhibit gives a timeline of events that occurred during The Park’s 45-year history, everything from the 9/11 terrorist attacks to the toppling of the Berlin Wall to the opening of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

Albums on display range from Michael Jackson’s “Thriller” to Elton John’s “Goodbye Yellow Brick Road” to Radiohead’s “The Bends.” Brooke Wiggins, a Canton High School sophomore who works at WSDP, counted the Elton John classic among her favorites.

“I’ve always been an old soul when it comes to music,” she said.

Michael Theodore of Plymouth, who worked at The Park, could be overheard Friday telling Keith that he had seen The Pixies in concert six times, including a recent show at The Fillmore in Detroit. He said the student radio station changed his perspective on music and exposed him to music genres ranging from punk rock



Larry Bird and Vickie Johns-Bird, at the opening of Vinyl Recall exhibit. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



“London Calling” by The Clash, “Rumours” by Fleetwood Mac and the debut album by The Pretenders are among the vinyl albums in this Hall of Fame showcase at the Vinyl Recall exhibit. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

to death metal.

John Bommarito, former WSDP assistant manager who’s now a radio personality for WQKL-FM (107.1) in Ann Arbor, picked “Rubber Soul” by The Beatles for a mention at the exhibit.

“I used to rush home from elementary school to watch The Beatles cartoons,” he said.

One section of the exhibit allows visitors to listen by earphones to album picks by local music aficionados. Exhibits run the gamut from The ‘80s to Girl Power to The (President

Bill) Clinton Years to Detroit natives. A special section for Detroit music features Iggy and the Stooges, the White Stripes, Bob Seger, Eminem and The Suicide Machines.

The exhibit also features a current playlist section, including Adele, Lady Gaga and Imagine Dragons.

PARC president Don Soenen said the vinyl exhibit, sponsored by Pat Milliken Ford in Redford, is a good fit for a still-growing arts and recreation complex that is dedicated to celebrating the

community’s artistic endeavors. He said 88.1 The Park has long been an integral part of the Plymouth-Canton community.

Vinyl Recall, which is free and open to the public, runs through Nov. 16 at PARC, 650 Church St. Hours are 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 3-5 p.m. three consecutive Saturdays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 and 11.

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exempt the library from DDA tax collections. Trustees Jasmine Lee, Michelle Farrell, Jane Pandit and Amy Watts voted to leave the DDA, while Trustee Don Turner cast the lone dissenting vote.

"The library is part of what makes the community successful," Turner said, adding that he believes the DDA's efforts to bolster the Ford Road business corridor benefit everyone as the community continues to grow.

"The vote didn't go the way I wanted, but I support the board's decision," he added. "It's healthy sometimes that we don't always agree on everything."

The DDA was formed in 1984. Since then, it has worked to market the



Library Director Eva Davis, shown here looking over plans for a recent library renovation, said the library has lost \$1 million in property tax revenues that were diverted to the Canton DDA since 2011 alone. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Ford Road corridor; created color-coded street banners to help shoppers find certain shops in

certain blocks; ushered in a summer jazz concert series; installed public art along Ford Road; built

decorative brick walls; and published a Shop Canton guide, among other measures.

Going forward, Williams said, the DDA's focus is going to become more infrastructure-oriented, such as trying to install connectors to allow motorists to move from one shopping center to the next without getting onto Ford Road.

The DDA board also has said it is ready to provide \$5 million to \$8 million toward a \$40 million plan to transform Ford Road into a boulevard and reduce traffic, partly by eliminating left turns at major intersections. That project, however, is contingent on state or federal funding to pay the larger portion of the tab.

The library in recent years has carried out several phases of renovations that have spruced up the facility. Davis said the fund balance at year's end is projected at \$2.6 million, though half of that is already desig-

nated for projects such as parking lot improvements and a new roof.

Although some library tax revenues have been diverted to the DDA over the years, the library isn't in the DDA district, but more than a mile south of it.

Both Davis and Williams said the library and township will continue to work together for the betterment of Canton. Williams also said the township will keep its pledge to house the library's IT workers during the latest renovation.

"We're still partners and we are still going to work together going forward," Williams said. "The dynamics may have shifted a little bit, but we are still neighbors and partners on many levels."

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Cox forgoing third term, to run for state Senate

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Livonia will have a new voice in the state House of Representatives in 2019 after current Rep. Laura Cox announced she'll seek a seat in the state Senate.

Cox, R-Livonia, recently announced she'll forgo seeking a third and final term in the House to run for the seat being vacated by Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton. Colbeck, who is running for governor, is term-limited and cannot run again.

Cox said the district is similar to her former Wayne County Commission district, an area she's very familiar with. That



Cox

district was made up of part of Livonia, Northville and Plymouth. That familiarity, she said, made the decision to run for Senate an easier one.

"I just really enjoyed working with the leadership in those communities," she said. "It would be nice, if I'm successful, to help others in other communities that neighbor my hometown of Livonia."

Cox has represented the state House 19th District for three years, being elected back in 2014 and winning re-election in 2016. The district is made up of all but one square mile of Livonia.

The state Senate 7th District is made up of Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Town-

ship and Wayne.

The announcement from Cox, which came last week, is one of many that appeared to be sparked by the decision by U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, who announced he would not seek re-election in 2018 in the U.S. House 11th District. That's resulted in plenty of candidates announcing their intentions to run for the congressional seat and set off a chain reaction that has trickled to the state Legislature.

Cox appears to be the only announced Republican that has thrown her name in the ring for the race next year for state Senate. At least two individuals have been mentioned as possibly running for the Democratic nomination: Northville Township resident Dr.

Ghulam Qadir and teacher and small business owner Dayna Polelanki of Livonia.

Cox said she announced her Senate run to end any speculation that she would run for Congress. And while her name has been talked about for a potential chance to run for lieutenant governor next year, she said those talks have not happened, but she would at least listen if it comes to that.

"I'm a firm believer that whoever our gubernatorial nominee is, that's their choice," she said. "I would absolutely have those conversations, but right now, I'm running for Senate."

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Panel: Education key to stopping trafficking

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Todd Mutchler had a fairly dire warning for the audience gathered Oct. 18 for the annual meeting of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

Mutchler, former public safety director in Canton who now holds the same job in Northville Township, was one of the featured speakers in a panel on human trafficking at the meeting.

"The reality of what's going on, even in our area, is very unsettling," Mutchler told the audience. "You are not going to sleep well tonight, I guarantee you."

Mutchler was part of the three-person panel to talk about human trafficking, a form of modern slavery that experts call the second-largest criminal enterprise in the country, behind only the sale of drugs.

Expert panel

Others on the panel included Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington, who was appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission, and Angela Aufdemberge, CEO of Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights, the state's only residential treatment facility for victims of human trafficking.

Aufdemberge said panels like the one sponsored by Giving Hope are critical in raising awareness of the problem, particularly locally. Many people, she said, believe it's a crime that happens "somewhere else," but points to events such as the North American International Auto Show in downtown Detroit as prime targets for



The human trafficking panel at the Giving Hope annual meeting consisted of (from left) Angela Aufdemberge, president/CEO of Vista Maria, Northville Township Director of Public Safety Todd Mutchler and Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington. BRAD KADRICH



Angela Aufdemberge, president/CEO of Vista Maria, takes questions from the audience. BRAD KADRICH

human trafficking.

"Most people think it happens to foreign-born children and children who are here illegally," Aufdemberge said. "But there are 200,000 American kids estimated to be victimized by trafficking daily."

Here are some of the statistics Mutchler was talking about when he said audience members wouldn't sleep well:

» According to Auf-

demberge, some \$32 billion in revenue is generated annually by human trafficking.

» Some 50 percent of kids victimized by human trafficking are trafficked by a family member, often, Aufdemberge said, as young as 5 years old.

» Human trafficking is actually an "umbrella" term, but can be divided into categories. Some 70 percent of human traf-

ficking is sex trafficking, while 17 percent is labor.

» The average length of time a victim is trafficked is seven years.

» Some 87 percent of victims are female.

Set priorities

Most of that information comes as no surprise to Maureen Rice of Canton. She spends a good deal of time educating herself on the problem of human trafficking. She has dozens of movies on the subject, many of which she shares with her daughter.

When Rice heard Giving Hope was hosting a panel discussion on the topic, she felt like she had to be in the audience.

"It's a huge problem and I'm so happy they're addressing it," Rice said. "When I found out the speaker was going to talk about it, I was so happy. It's such a big problem."

Her daughter, Courtney Stanton, watches the videos with her mother because she knows, at 21 years old, that she's in the prime age for predators.

"I'm at an age where you need to be aware of what's going on around you," Stanton said. "I don't ever want to be in that situation, so I try to stay educated."

Tiderington, Plymouth Township police chief since November 2001, spent more than 20 years with the police department in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he helped lead the charge to create a special investigations division to fight human trafficking and educate the public.

He's still trying to do that with the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission.

"One of (the commis-

sion's) biggest goals is making the public aware of what's happening," Tiderington said. "Once you understand it, maybe you'll get serious about solving it."

Government and law enforcement agencies have put emphasis on the problem in the last few years. Mutchler said Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette "made it a priority" in 2011.

Since then, Aufdemberge pointed out, the state has passed 21 bills aimed at stemming the tide. Those laws, she said, included a "safe harbor" and treatment laws. Now, victims under 18 can be mandated for treatment.

The three panelists agree perpetrators are getting much more sophisticated in their approach, with much of the recruiting being done online now. Their typical targets are often kids ages 9-14 with low self-esteem and frequent internet and social media use.

Fighting the boogeyman

They offer money and flattery, engage in sexualized games and use force or threats. And, according to Aufdemberge, a single predator might be recruiting as many as 100 kids at a time.

It's the same kind of recruiting predators used to do in neighborhood parks and the like. Nowadays, the danger is much more omnipresent.

"It used to be you'd go to the park and make sure the boogeyman didn't come near your kids," Tiderington said. "Now, the boogeyman is coming into your living

room while your kid is sitting right next to you on the couch."

There are all sorts of organizations trying to help with the education effort. Several, including the Michigan Abolitionist Project, were on hand for the Giving Hope event.

Since 2012, the group has presented to dozens of organizations and been a catalyst for collaboration among advocates and stakeholders addressing human trafficking in Michigan.

"Since our mission is all about awareness and prevention, discussions like this one are why we're here," said Shelby McClain, MAP's community development director. "It gets people talking about it. We partner with people to be able to apply something they're passionate about in applicable ways to do something about it."

There are plenty of signs law enforcement officials are making strides. Just this week, in a nationwide crackdown, officials arrested some 120 suspected traffickers and rescued 84 minors, according to an announcement from the FBI and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

A dozen of those victims rescued were Michigan juveniles, as were at least eight of the pimps. Local arrests have been made in Wayne, Canton and Plymouth Township.

But Tiderington warned that arrests aren't going to end the problem. Eternal vigilance, keeping on eye on what your kids are doing, looking for suspicious circumstances and getting educated are going to be more effective.

"This is a problem we're not going to be able to arrest our way out of," Tiderington said. "The only way we're going to make any progress is to educate the public. We're not going to solve this problem until we get serious about what it is."

That's where forums like the one hosted by Giving Hope come in, said Mutchler, who initiated a Response to Hate Crimes Coalition while with the Canton police.

"The education awareness occurring in this state is top-notch," he said. "We're going to stop this in its tracks."

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DELETE - Sections 18-738 through 18-740
REVISE - Sections 18-733, 18-734 and 18-736 to remove references to deleted sections and to the wording: tree board

Chapter 66 - SUBDIVISIONS, ARTICLE IV. - UTILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS,
DELETE - Section 66-130

Chapter 34 - ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL,
ADD - DIVISION 1. - TREE ORDINANCE, Sections 34-1 through and including Section 34-9

34-1 - Legislative Findings and Intent of the Ordinance
 The protection of such natural resources is a matter of paramount public concern, as provided by Article IV, Section 52, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan and the Michigan Environmental Protection Act of 1970, MCL § 691.1201 et seq. The City of Plymouth finds that growth and development resulting in increased demand upon natural resources has had the effect of encroaching upon, despoiling and/or eliminating many of the woodlands, trees, and associated forms of vegetation. These resources, if preserved and maintained in an undisturbed and natural condition, provide air quality protection, maintenance of water quality, reduction of flood surges and soil erosion, and protection of vital wildlife habitat. In addition, these resources provide important aesthetic, ecological, recreational and economic benefits to existing and future residents of the City and must, therefore, be protected. Trees are an asset to the City of Plymouth.

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 The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the protection, preservation and conservation of the City of Plymouth's woodland systems, natural corridors and heritage trees by providing a planting and reforestation program.

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Now's the time to start thinking about year's end

It's hard to believe that there are only a couple of months left in 2017. It's amazing how fast time goes. This is a reminder that, if there are things from a financial standpoint that you need to do before the end of the year, the clock is ticking. In doing any year-end planning, whether it's tax planning or just pure financial planning, remember that just because the advice works for 99 percent of the people doesn't necessarily mean it will work for you. The key is to always look at your individual situation and make decisions that are good for you.

One of the things that you may want to consider before the end of the year is converting existing a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. This strategy may cost you money up



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

front, but could be a substantial long-term savings. One of the benefits of a Roth IRA is that the money grows tax-free vs. tax-deferred in a traditional IRA. In addition, money in a Roth IRA is not subject to the 70½ required minimum distribution rules. Anyone can do a Roth conversion; income is not an issue. In addition, even if you are taking required minimum distributions, you still can do a Roth conversion. You cannot convert your required distribution, but you can convert anything over that amount.

For those who are older than 70½ and re-

quired to take distributions from their retirement accounts, if you have not taken your distribution and you are charitable in nature, you may want to consider donating your required distribution to a qualified charity. This transaction can be a substantial tax saver, particularly for those who do not itemize their deductions. In addition, by donating your required distribution to charity, you may find it has a positive effect on your Medicare B premiums, as well as how much of your Social Security is subject to tax.

Some flexible spending accounts have to be used before Dec. 31 or you lose the money. If you have a flexible spending account at work, it's important to understand the terms; if your account must be

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used before Dec. 31, you don't have much time. The rules regarding flexible spending accounts and what the money can be used for are generous. You still have time to be productive with the money as opposed to just throwing it away.

For some taxpayers, accelerating deductions into 2017 or deferring deductions to 2018 makes sense — it all depends upon your individual situation. Generally, if you itemize your deductions, it makes sense to accelerate any deduc-

tions into this year. On the other hand, if you are going to take the standard deduction this year, it generally makes sense to defer those deductions into next year.

One note: I would not take into consideration the new proposed tax law. We all know how dysfunctional Washing-

ton is; there is no guarantee that what the president proposes will become the law — or even, if the law is passed, when it will take effect. We all know how the last-minute wheeling and dealing in Washington can change the law dramatically. My advice is to focus on what the law is today, not what is proposed.

Good luck!

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Plymouth-Canton marching band wins at Clarkston



The Plymouth-Canton marching band swept the Flight 1 awards Oct. 21 at the Clarkston Invitational. P-CEP scored a season-best 91.8. Of the 17 schools that participated, P-CEP was the only band to score in above 90. This year's show, titled *arOund*, is a musical exploration of "theater in the round." The performance earned P-CEP the awards for outstanding musical performance, outstanding visual performance and outstanding general effect. Up next for the band, Oct. 28, is the annual Great Lakes Invitational, where it will be hosting schools from all over the state at P-CEP. On Nov. 4, the P-CEP marching band will be traveling to Ford Field, where it hopes to win the Michigan Competing Band Association's state championship for the fourth straight year.

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EDITORIAL

Incumbents should rule the day in Nov. 7 election

Voters go to the polls Nov. 7 to elect a mayor and four city council members in Westland, four city council members in Livonia and four city commissioners in the city of Plymouth.

Here's who we believe voters should choose:

Westland mayor

Incumbent **William Wild**. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Wild has led the city in a variety of ways – in addition to being mayor, he was a council member and served on the planning commission. The city's budget

is balanced, its fund balance is \$6 million and its bond rating has risen.

Kevin Coleman is a bright candidate and served the city well on council, but we think Wild is the choice.

Westland City Council

Incumbents **Michael Kehrer** and **Peter Herzberg**, along with challengers **Jim Hart** and **Debra Fowlkes**.

Re-electing Kehrer and Herzberg would preserve some institutional knowledge in a city administration that could

potentially see a new mayor and two new council members.

Livonia City Council

Incumbents **Jim Jolly**, **Brian Meakin** and **Cathy White**, along with challenger (and seemingly ever-present) **Laura Toy**.

Jolly and White, both in their first term, have provided quiet leadership and developed voices that deserve respect. Rumors have circulated that Meakin may eventually seek higher office, perhaps the state House seat being vacated by

Laura Cox. We hope, if voters re-elect him, he'll serve out his term.

Toy, a past member of the city council and a former state representative, is the best choice among the challengers.

Plymouth City Commission

Incumbents **Dan Dalton** and **Oliver Wolcott** and challengers **Ed Krol** and **Nicholas Moroz**.

What was initially a clear vote with four candidates for four seats was complicated

recently with the announcement of a write-in campaign by businessman Dave Latawiec, but it doesn't change our recommendation.

Dalton and Wolcott deserve a chance to continue the work they've started and Krol and Moroz are the only other candidates on the ballot.

While a write-in won in Plymouth Township last year, such successes are anomalies rather than the rule. Voters generally choose the folks on the ballot and we believe they should do so in this case.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No millage money for charters

SB 574 would require money from regional enhancement millages to be given to charter and virtual schools located in the communities that approve the additional tax. These millages are regional tax levies that are approved by voters within the region and administered by the intermediate school district. Under this proposal the money raised would have to be split with the charter schools that exist within that region and virtual schools that have their head-

quarters within that region.

There are currently six regions that have enhancement millages through their Intermediate School Districts: Wayne RESA, Kalamazoo, Kent, Midland, Monroe and Muskegon. This means fewer dollars going to public schools and school districts.

The bill passed the state Senate this week and now heads to the State House for consideration and debate. Your state representative needs to hear from parents and others who oppose this new scheme to get more of our state dollars by for-profit charters and cy-

ber schools.

I hope you will call or email your state representative and urge him/her to oppose this piece of legislation. As a taxpayer, I want my taxes to go toward improving public education for all children and to institutions who are required by law to be transparent about how they spend my tax dollars.

Karen Zyczynski
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More on protests

The NAACP wants Col. Kibbey Etue to resign after she posted a meme, while she was off duty, not in uniform, on her

personal time. Because she is a Michigan State Police officer, does that mean she gives up her 1st Amendment rights to freedom of speech? Colin Kaepernick was on duty, in uniform, on employer time, when he exercised his freedom of speech rights? Is that a double standard?

Tom Kelly
Plymouth

Where are letters?

I have been very disappointed to see that the newspaper has all but eliminated Letters to the Editor. In these tumultuous times, there should be a

place for citizens to read opinions of their neighbors and to keep up on local and national occurrences. These letters help to educate the public on things going on around them of which they may not be aware. I have been very unhappy with the elimination of that function in your newspaper and am seriously considering canceling my subscription.

By the way, one letter in the Oct. 19 edition does not constitute "Letters to the Editor."

Jackie Peters
Plymouth

Old Village brings back Halloween Block Party

After taking a year off, the Old Village Association is once again hosting its Halloween Block Party.

The event takes place from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, on Liberty Street, between Mill and Starkweather, in the city's Old Village neighborhood.

It features a kiddie train ride around the neighborhood, pumpkin bowling, "Wrap your Mummy (or Daddy or whoever)," pumpkin painting (kids get to take it home), a bounce house, other miscellaneous games and the OVA's unique "Pumpkin Tower of Death."

A costume contest takes place around 3:30 p.m. The OVA sells tickets for each thing for \$1 each (the train ride is four tickets and runs noon to 3 p.m.).

Cider and doughnuts will be available for sale. Folks attending the block party are invited to try the Old Village pubs and

restaurants. Neighbors invite their friends, especially those with kids, and costumes are, of course, encouraged.

Train rides around Old Village are a popular part of the Halloween Block Party. OLD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION



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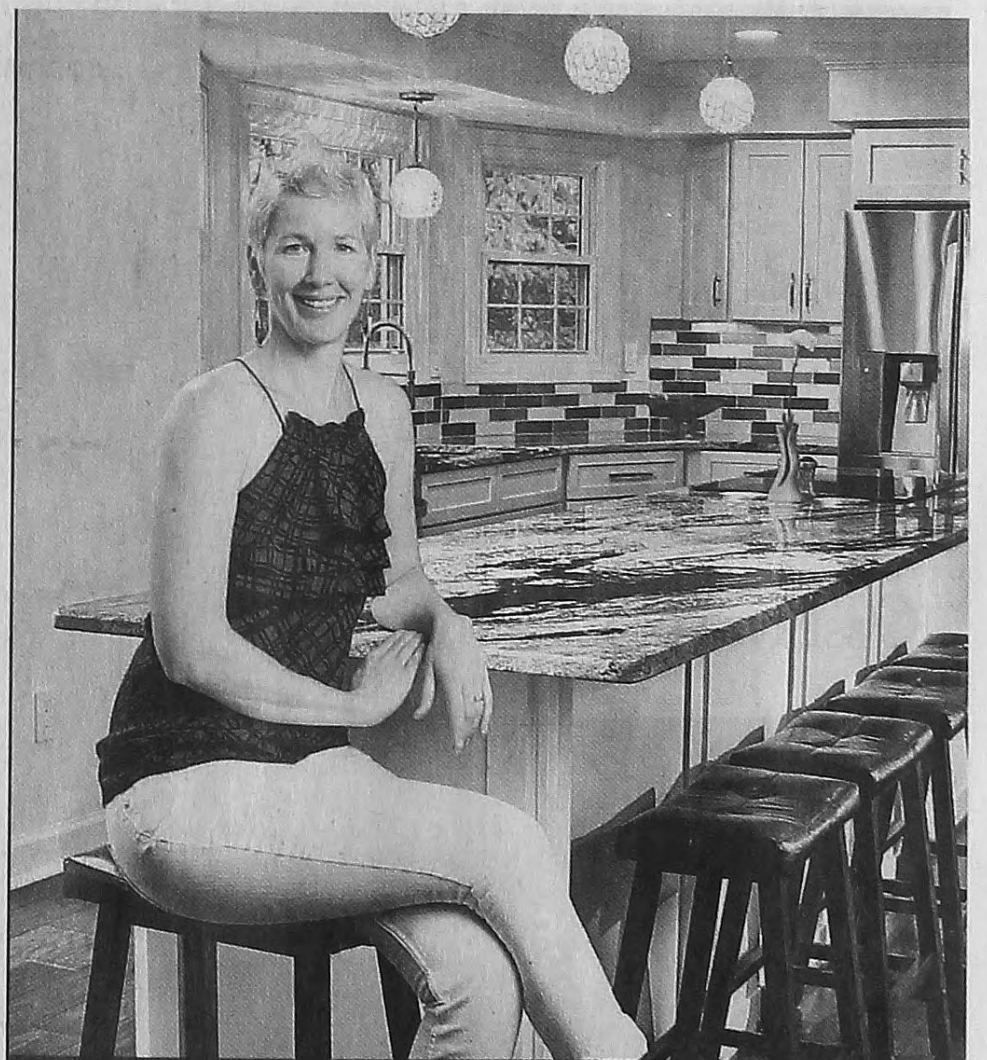
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These lovely ladies take time out for a group photo at the Pumpkin Palooza. TOM BEAUDOIN

KIDS GO BATTY FOR PUMPKIN PALOOZA

Mother Nature gave downtown Plymouth a perfect day to host its annual Pumpkin Palooza and the city took advantage of it.

Thousands of youngsters in all sorts of costumes — from super heroes to favorite movie characters to more-traditional ghosts and goblins — strolled the streets of Plymouth, collecting goodies in the seventh annual event Sunday.

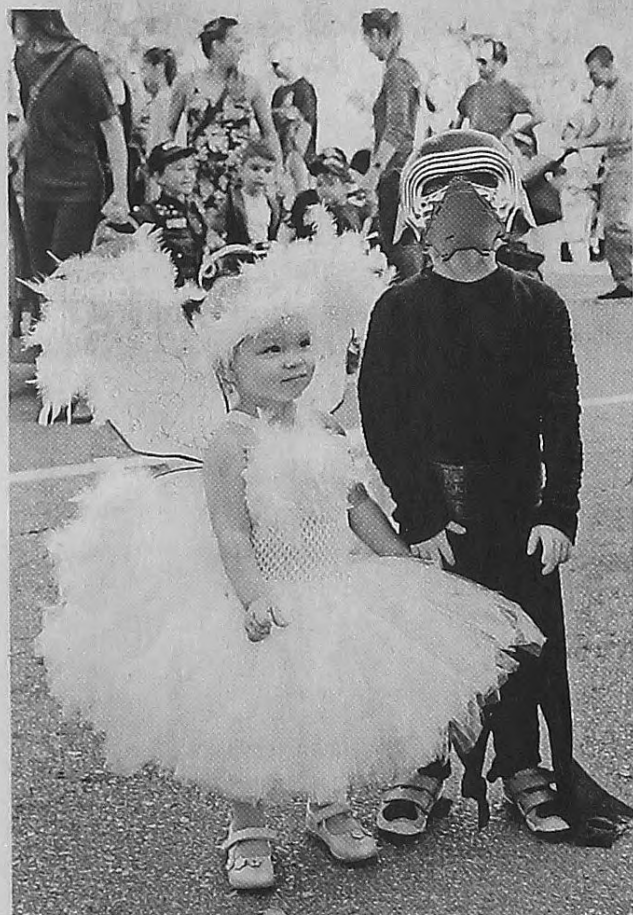
The event featured costume contests, entertainment, games and prizes, along with dancing, music and a petting zoo.



The Aoun family enjoys a beautiful day in downtown Plymouth at this year's Pumpkin Palooza. TOM BEAUDOIN



The Gallagher family of Livonia enjoys the annual Pumpkin Palooza. TOM BEAUDOIN



Plymouth residents Blu Owens and Colin Mashike take part in the Pumpkin Palooza. TOM BEAUDOIN



Ava Mitchell, along with mom Holly and sister Hannah of Canton, walks along the busy streets of Plymouth during the Pumpkin Palooza. TOM BEAUDOIN

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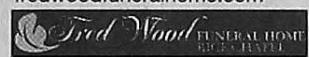
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Albirte

Jeffrey Age 61, of Livonia, died suddenly on October 23, 2017. Beloved son of Melvyn Albirte and the late Beverly Albirte. Loving brother of Brad Albirte of Traverse City, Michigan and Kristen (Michael) Schonberg of Allen, Texas. Dear uncle of Megan, Amy Kate, and Matthew Schonberg. He will be missed for his knowledge of all things sports and music as well as his great sense of humor. A private family service has been held. Please share memories at fredwoodfuneralhome.com



Ford



Marian Elizabeth age 80, passed away on October 20, 2017. Survived by husband, William Ford; children, Randall McMicken, Michelle Miles and Steven McMicken; grandchildren, Tiffany (Jason) Brooks and Shaun Miles; great-grandchildren, Sadie and Addison Brooks; and sister, Virginia Melville. Private services will be held. Memorial donations are suggested to the Beaumont Hospital Farmington Hills. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248) 474-5200. Heeney-Sundquist.com

Landreth



Faye Lida of Plymouth, age 79, of Plymouth, passed away on October 19, 2017. She was born June 15, 1938 in Ann Arbor, Michigan; daughter of William and Virginia (nee Roberts) McGee. She graduated from Northville High School; Class of 1956. Faye worked as a Telephone Operator and Clerk with AT&T, formerly Michigan Bell, for 35 years; she retired at the age of 65. Faye is survived by her daughter Mary (Steven) Landreth-Martin; her grandsons, Sean (fiancé Christine McDonald) Martin and Daryl Martin; and her siblings, Charlane (Wayne) Huston and Michael (Sharon Ann) McGee. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Margaret Sweet. A funeral service was held Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at Casterline Funeral Home. Rev. Darcy Crain with the First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor officiated the service. Faye was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Please share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



Murray

Shannon Diane (Kronberg) of Canton MI; flew away peacefully to go home on October 18, 2017 at the age of 74. Shannon was born on April 26, 1943 to parents, John and Frances Murray in Detroit, MI. She was an executive secretary in Human Resources at Ford Motor co. A member of Church of Christ for many years, her hobbies included participating in a bowling league, collected teddy bears, loved to cook and share recipes, and avid Michigan football fan. Shannon is survived by her sister, Cheryl Grout of Grand Ledge; brother, Jeff (Cathy) Murray of Rives Junction; daughters Jani Seldon of Texas, Jill (Johnny) Nabozny of Garden City, Julie (Jim) Hutchison of Florida; 4 grandchildren, sister in law Kim Murray of Grand Ledge, Several nieces and nephews. Special pets Zoey and Mazie Blue. Preceded in death by her parents, John and Frances Murray, Brother Jack Murray, granddaughter, Stephanie. Per her wishes cremation has been selected with a celebration of Shannon's life to be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 1:00 pm with visitation from 12:00 pm until time of service at Church of Christ West 291 E. Spring St. Plymouth MI 48170, with Bro. Jeff Murray officiating. Memorial Contributions to Shults-Lewis Children's Home; P O Box 471, Valparaiso IN 46384.

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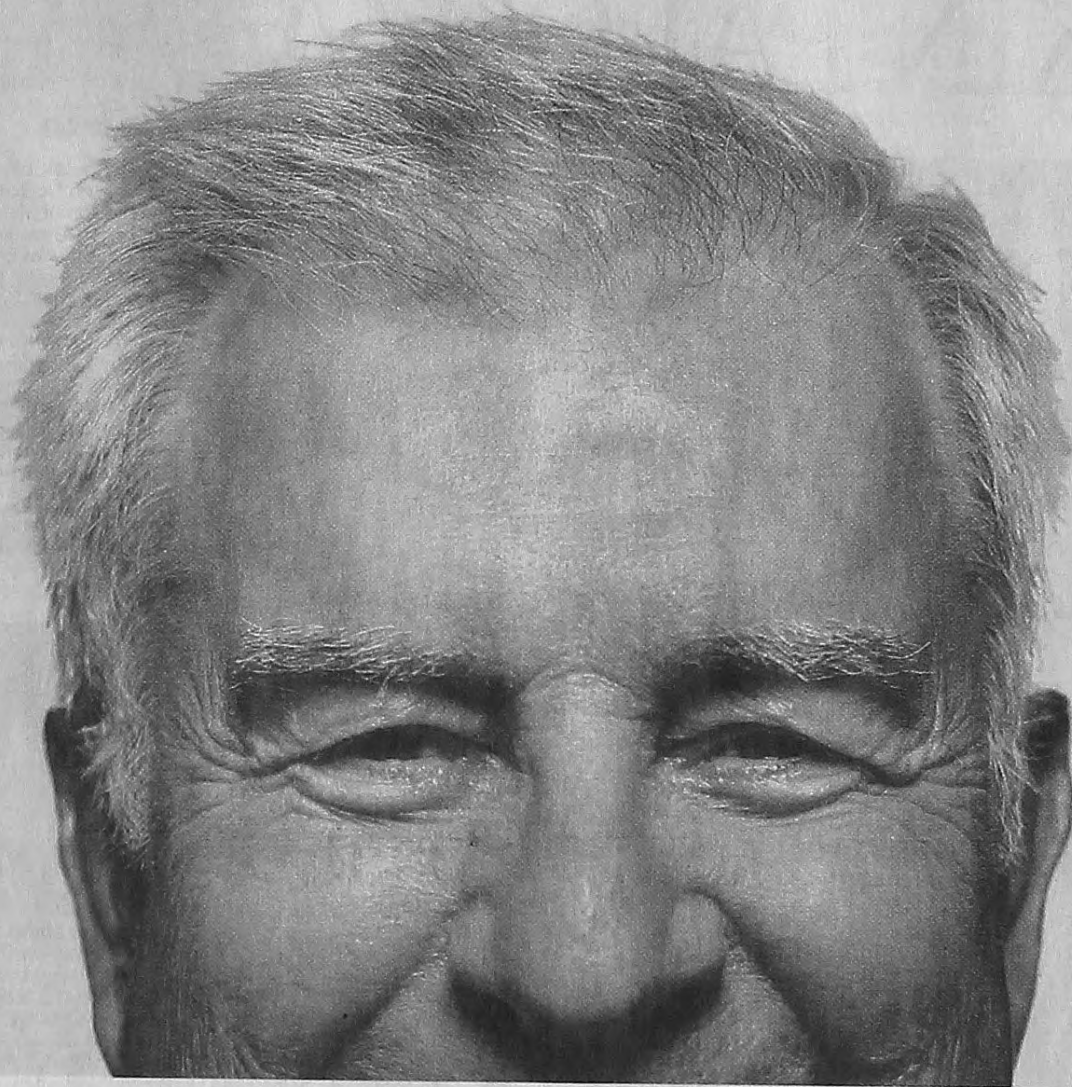
Michael Matthew born 1920. Drafted into WW2 in '44. Wounded in Germany, he received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star awarded for bravery. His division took Nordhausen and Mittelbaudora concentration camp where the V2 rockets were made. As CIC, he and a partner pursued Nazi officers and managed to track and kill one by wars end. He worked as a land surveyor, steel company engineer, a foreman at Packard Motor Car and retired from Dearborn Fabricating after 30 yrs. Michael raised eight children, five with his first wife, Pearl. After her passing, he married Helen (who had two children) and together they had one child. He served his community in the American Legion, VFW and DAV. He is survived by Helen, his wife of 57 years, and five remaining children (Steve, Jackie, Len, Candy, Michael Jr). Service will be held on Oct. 27th at Great Lakes Nat'l Cemetery at 12:30 pm.

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COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

Floyd puts Madonna on national map

Franklin High School grad named NAIA Runner of the Week twice

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He may stand only 5 feet, 4 inches tall and tip the scales barely at 100 pounds, but there's no runner in college cross country who carries his weight better than Madonna University's Tony Floyd.

The Westland native and 2016 Livonia Franklin High grad continues to rewrite the record book in only his second season with the Crusaders.

Floyd recently earned unprecedented back-to-back NAIA National Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week honors as well as being named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Runner of the Week three times already this season.

At the Bethel College Invitational on Oct. 6 in South Bend, Ind., Floyd topped the field of 178 with a first-place 8-kilometer time of 25:18.

The previous week at the Greater Louisville Cross Country Classic 8K Blue race, Floyd won in 24:54, a time that not only led the NCAA III/NAIA section of the race, but bested all runners in the field, which included NCAA Division I and II programs.

"It was kind of a surprise," Floyd said. "I liked the course at Louisville. I knew the race that we were in that I'd be in the top half in a majority of the meet. But as the race continued, I noticed how people were getting tired and dropping back and, by the end, there were only a few of us in the front and I knew that I had a shot to win it. It was pretty warm."

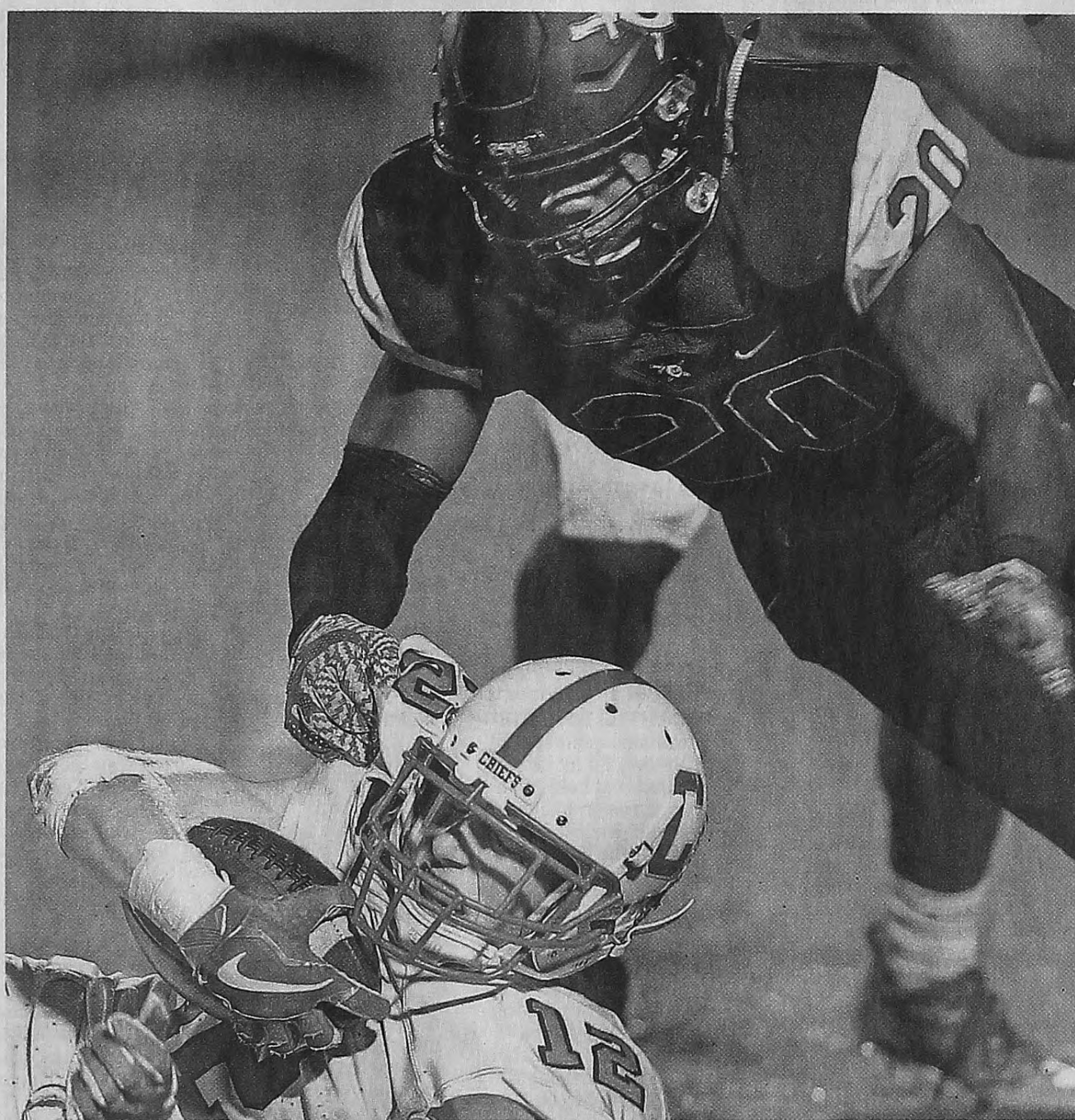
Floyd is already way ahead of schedule following last year's stellar freshman cross country season, when he captured the 10K WHAC championship (25:40.1), followed by an 11th-place fin-



Madonna University's Tony Floyd, a Livonia Franklin grad, has been named NAIA National Men's Cross Country Runner of the Week two straight weeks. MADONNA ATHLETICS

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PREP FOOTBALL



Canton's Nick Polydoros is brought down by Churchill's Michael Parrish (20). BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Canton grinds out 35-21 win to capture KLAA title

Tim Smith
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Veteran Canton football coach Tim Baechler knew all too well what kind of damage Livonia Churchill quarterback Drew Alsobrooks could inflict with his left arm if given the chance.

With the Kensington Lakes Activities Association title on the line Friday, Alsobrooks did put a dent in the Chiefs. He did so particularly with a 37-yard touchdown toss on fourth down to senior receiver Martell Dooley deep in the Canton end zone to put the Chargers up 21-20 in the third quarter.

But Canton's trademark power running game kept Alsobrooks and the Churchill off the field for long stretches and the Chiefs took advantage of a couple of turnovers in the fourth quarter to post a 35-21 victory for the coveted KLAA tro-

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

CC's Magni stands test of time during stellar career

In his 53rd season at helm, Shamrocks' coach proves to be more than a mentor

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For Tony Magni, it's more about the race than the finish.

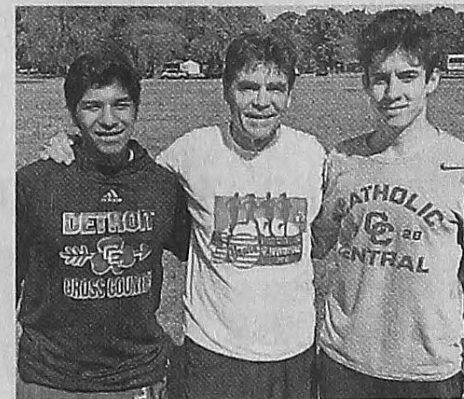
In the midst of his 53rd year of coaching high school cross country, including the last 45 at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High, the 71-year-old Magni continues to age like the fine wine he often brews himself at his West Bloomfield home.

His accomplishments since he took over the CC cross country program are numerous — six Michigan High School Athletic Association class or division state championships (most among active Division 1 boys coaches), two state runner-up and 20 top 10 finishes, not to mention 17 regional titles and 26 Catholic League crowns.

He has an .890 dual meet winning percentage (170-20) and has produced 38 different all-state individual performances, including Class A team race winners Joe Leo (1995), who took fifth in the National Foot Locker Championship, and Mike Mittman (1992).

Only Kalamazoo Central's A.E. Stoddard (1926-46) has won more large school MHSAA state titles (eight) in the

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Catholic Central's Tony Magni (middle), in his 53rd season, is coaching his grand-nephews Brandon Peck (left) and Alex Connell. BRAD EMONS

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PREP FOOTBALL

It's a first: East downs rival South Lyon, 34-27

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It took 10 tries, but South Lyon East has football bragging rights for the next year.

After an unseasonably mild Friday, the Cougars are no longer considered the new kid on the block as they upended rival South Lyon on its home turf, 34-27.

"Tonight was by far the biggest win probably in the history of South Lyon East football," coach Joe Pesci said. "To come out on top against a crosstown rival was great. It was extra-special to finish 4-5, because our program had never won four games in a season. They've won five (2012), but after that's been zero, one, two or three."

East took a 34-14 lead in the third quarter thanks to a 21-yard hook-and-ladder play from quarterback Chris Kaminski to Alex Donaldson to Jake Waranauckas. The score was set up by a Kaminski interception.

The Cougars then held off a late rally by South Lyon, which got a 4-yard touchdown run from Will Kelley late in the third quarter, followed by a



It's off to the races for South Lyon East's Jake Waranauckas as Ian Goins (left) and Ben Buchler give chase. JERRY REA

68-yard scoring pass from quarterback Connor Fracassi to Ian Goins in the fourth to close the gap to seven, 34-27.

And with three minutes to go the Lions (1-8) had a second-and-one at the 40 and were knocking on the door once again.

"We fought back and battled back," South Lyon coach Jeff Henson said, "and we had the momentum."

But an errant snap from center sailed 10 yards over Fracassi's head to force the Lions

into third-and-11, which led to Nick Helfrich's second sack of the night. The Lions were then unable to convert on fourth down.

"That was the game," Henson said. "I give (East) a lot credit. They played well tonight. They executed on both sides of the ball and did a nice job. I just think it just goes back to them executing better than we did. On offense, they were able to run their stuff and we weren't able to hang with them. They

were just the better team tonight."

East jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter on a 6-yard TD run by Waranauckas, who led the Cougars with 72 yards rushing on 22 carries. The Cougars missed the extra-point attempt.

Fracassi, who was 13-of-20 passing for 265 yards, then connected with Ron Menard on a 59-yard TD pass early in the second quarter. Will Kelley ran for the two-pointer to put the Lions ahead, 8-6.

In the second quarter, East got a 2-yard TD run from Waranauckas, a two-point conversion run by Donovan Wright and a Kaminski 9-yard scoring pass to Wright, followed by Dom Angelosanto's PAT, to make it 21-8.

Fracassi responded by hitting Goins on a 13-yard TD pass late in the second to make it a 21-14 deficit at halftime after the Lions were unable to convert the two-pointer.

Wright's 7-yard TD run in the third quarter put East back up 27-14 and it went ahead 34-14 after the hook-and-ladder TD play.

That proved to be enough. South Lyon had the edge both in yards

total offense (336-285) and in first downs (16-13), but East came away with the victory.

"Our talk all week was about that we needed to play for 48 minutes and just to execute," Pesci said. "That's kind of been the Achilles heel throughout the season, is not executing for four quarters. I thought, offensively, we did a pretty good job of that. We ran into a couple of series where we struggled - credit Jeff (Henson) and what he did defensively."

Defensively, Terry Day sparked the Cougars with seven solo tackles and four assists. Jon Carter contributed six solo, while Colt Kovach added four solo and three assists.

Logan Suriano also came up with a key first-half interception.

"We had the two picks and it created short fields for us," Pesci said. "We were able to hit a little hook-and-ladder type play after Kaminski's interception. That was extremely big for us. But for the most part, we were in the right spot against the run. Defensively, we gave up way too many big plays in the passing game."

Leading receivers for South Lyon included Goins (four catches, 106 yards), Brenden Lach (five catches, 68 yards) and Menard (two catches, 77 yards).

"Our quarterback did a nice job," Henson said of Fracassi. "A lot times, it was in scramble situations where he eluded and got out of the pocket and found guys wide open down the field."

Top tacklers for South Lyon were Ben Buchler (five solo, five assists) and Michael Dancer (four solo, three assists).

East, meanwhile, played error-free football for the most part, but that wasn't the case for the Lions.

"The two turnovers really hurt us and it kind of snowballed from there," Henson said.

The two teams first met in 2008 and South Lyon won that encounter, 67-18. The Lions had also won the past two meetings, 52-7 and 40-0.

But that all changed as the Cougars earned the historic win.

"It's just a great, great night for East," Pesci said.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Franklin steams into postseason following 35-21 victory

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Isaac Moore ran for 251 yards and four touchdowns, but how about a little love for that Livonia Franklin offensive line, too?

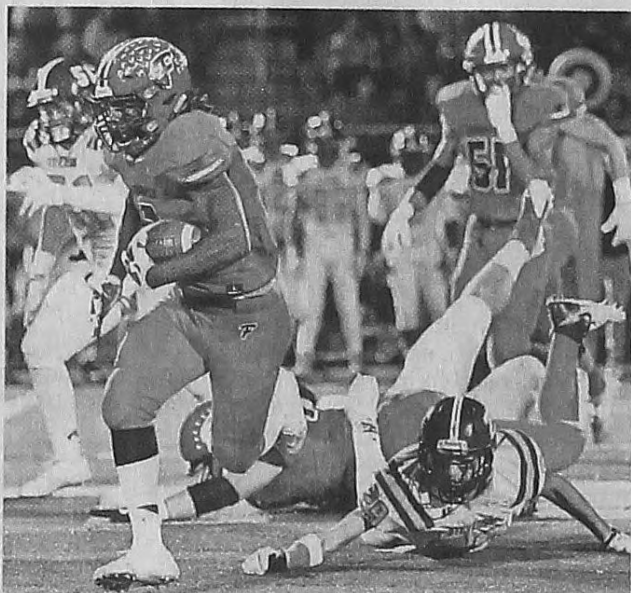
The 6-foot, 210-pound senior running back racked up 220 of those yards to go along with four touchdowns in the opening half as Franklin built a 35-7 lead before going on to a 35-21 victory Friday at home against rival Livonia Stevenson.

The Patriots (7-2) also avenged one of their two losses this season after falling to Stevenson (5-4) in the season opener, 14-13.

Things couldn't have gone any better in the opening half for the Patriots, with the exception of Devin Dunn's 92-yard kickoff return for a TD with 1:40 left in the opening quarter to make it 14-7.

Moore, meanwhile, scored on TD runs of 4, 2, 17 and 1 yard in just two quarters. His longest run was 55 yards.

"It was an unbelievable team effort," Franklin's 6-4, 215-pound senior Jacob Mass said. "The linemen did their job for once. We stuck together. We did all our jobs and



Franklin running back Isaac Moore (left) breaks free from Stevenson tackler Scott Rushlow. NANCY ERWIN

Isaac ran like a monster. It was awesome."

Moore had 21 first-half carries, averaging just over 10 yards per attempt.

"We were able to make a couple of adjustments in the way we were blocking things and it freed him up," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "Once he gets past the line of scrimmage it's pretty hard ... you're going to have to take a shot to bring him down."



Mass

We were able to spring him, which allowed us to do some good things."

The back-breaker came with just four seconds left in the first half, when Franklin sophomore quarterback Jacob Kelbert hit Julius Simmons out of the backfield for a 15-yard TD to make it 35-7.

"The last one there and a couple of turnovers inside the 20 didn't help," Stevenson coach Randy Micallef said. "It seemed like we couldn't get out of our own way at times."

Prior to the Kelbert to Simmons TD, officials

called two facemask penalties along with a pass interference violation against the Spartans.

"It was a rough way to start the game being down like that," Micallef said. "We got a good special teams play, but it just seemed like they had the ball the entire half and we couldn't get anything going offensively. And it was a frustrating half. There were a number of penalties, some things that we don't normally do."

Here are four other takeaways:

TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE

Stevenson outscored Franklin 14-0 in the second half and held Moore to 26 yards on 10 carries over the final two quarters, but the damage had already been done.

"We went over some of our assignments and our alignments," Micallef said. "The first half, they got us a few times where we were out of position and he's a very good running back and, when you do that with a kid like that, he can be dangerous."

Stevenson QB Parker Graham threw second-half TD passes of 39 and 16 yards to Dunn, who finished the night with a game-best seven catches

for 124 yards. The Spartans also recovered an onside kick in the final minute, but simply ran out of time.

BIG-PLAY DEFENSE

The Patriots held Stevenson to 106 yards rushing and intercepted Parker, who was 13-of-29 passing for 181 yards, three times.

Keion Harris came up with two interceptions, while Cal Fournier ended the game with an INT.

"That was huge," Kelbert said. "The defense has been playing really well all year long and they continued to play well tonight."

PLAYOFF MOMENTUM

The Patriots, who won their fifth straight, finished with 352 yards total offense as Kelbert was an effective 7-of-9 passing for 64 yards.

"It was us just being comfortable, I think," Mass said. "The first game, there's all those first game pregame nerves and stuff coming into the first. But we knew what we had and we knew we were getting better the whole year coming into this one. And we knew this would be one of our best ones. Granted, the second half wasn't as strong as we wanted it to be, but the first half is where we

want to be at all times."

SERIES NUMBERS

Franklin snapped a four-game losing streak against the Spartans dating back to the 2013 season.

"Super-proud of the way we came out and played," Kelbert said. "We were really hungry for this one after the early loss to them. We challenged the kids all week. They really came out and really played hard."

It was the 49th meeting between the two schools, with Stevenson now leading the series, 30-19.

"Just super-proud of the way they stayed together," Kelbert added. "They kept doing what we wanted them to do all year. It didn't come easy at all. We had a lot of close games and we're super-young. We've got a lot of young kids. And even the seniors that do play didn't have a whole lot of experience coming in. It took us a little while, but the credit goes to the kids. They work hard every day. They come and they do what they need to do. They never give up on us and that's a big thing for us."

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PREP FOOTBALL

DeLaSalle quarterback shreds CC defense in Prep Bowl final, 35-14

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Warren DeLaSalle quarterback Luke Pfromm made Detroit's Ford Field his own personal playground Saturday.

The 6-foot-6, 225-pound signal-caller completed 9-of-14 passes for 320 yards and four touchdowns as the Pilots captured the Catholic League A-B Division football championship with a convincing 35-14 win over Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

"It's awesome," Pfromm said. "Our home field, Wayne State, is pretty nice, but this is next level. It's great and I love it. We had a great team effort from every-



Catholic Central's Zack Peterson (middle) and Parker Bohland (left) team up to make the tackle on DeLaSalle's Evan Vaillancourt. SCOTT CONFER

body. We need everybody to keep going and, right now, we're feeling pretty

good.

Catholic Central (5-4) scored the game's first

and the last touchdowns, but it was all DeLaSalle in between as the Pilots (7-2) scored 35 straight points to beat the Shamrocks for the second week in a row after a 20-6 win the previous week at Wayne State.

Pfromm, also a basketball player, is an under-the-radar college prospect who hadn't played football since his freshman year.

He not only has the size, but also the mobility and arm strength of an NFL quarterback like Ben Roethlisberger and it was no more evident than when he threw TD

passes of 57 and 56 yards to Jacob Badalamenti, as well as 16-yarder to Evan Vaillancourt and a 75-yarder to Joshua DeBerry.

Vaillancourt also ran 6 yards for a TD in second quarter as DeLaSalle built a 21-7 halftime advantage.

"We had to open up the playbook a little bit," Pfromm said. "Two weeks in a row against the same team, we kind of had to get a little creative and spread them out a little bit."

In the third quarter alone, he used all of his talented weaponry, going 4-of-4 passing for 181 yards as the Pilots built a 35-7 lead.

"My receivers are great," Pfromm said.

"They're great athletes, great friends, so we've got some chemistry. They're smart receivers. They get open, so it's easy to find them."

CC scored on its first possession, capped by junior quarterback Marco Genrich's 2-yard keeper with 7:37 left in the opening quarter. But the Shamrocks were sporadic the rest of the night offensively as DeLaSalle held them to 199 total yards.

"I guess we didn't perform as well as I thought we had to," first-year CC coach Dan Anderson said. "They were beating us up front. There's not a whole lot you can do."

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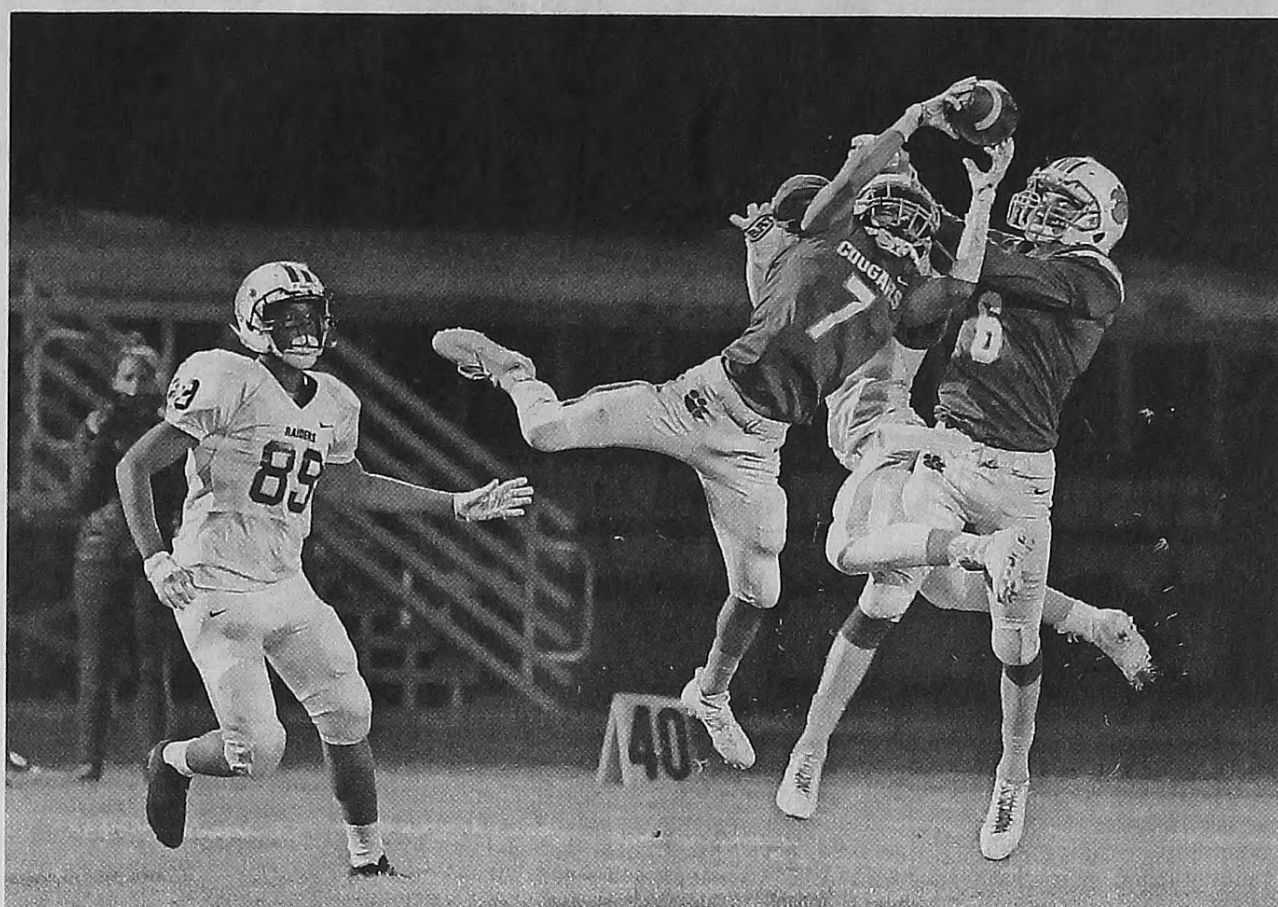
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BIRMINGHAM COUNTRY DAY 66, MELVINDALE AB&T 0: The Yellowjackets wrapped up the season Friday with a 4-5 mark after routing Melvindale AB&T. Isaiah Johnson led Country Day's many contributors by scoring on a 31-yard run and a 35-yard punt return. Other Yellowjackets scorers included Terrell Payne (55-yard run), Anthony Ammori (11-yard run), Josh Winowich (25-yard run), Ryan Loft (20-yard run), Sajjan Desai (48-yard run), Kolin Demens (25-yard interception return), Darrin King (40-yard interception return) and Mike O'Brien (34-yard field goal). Defensively, Shane Miller had nine tackles while Johnson added five.

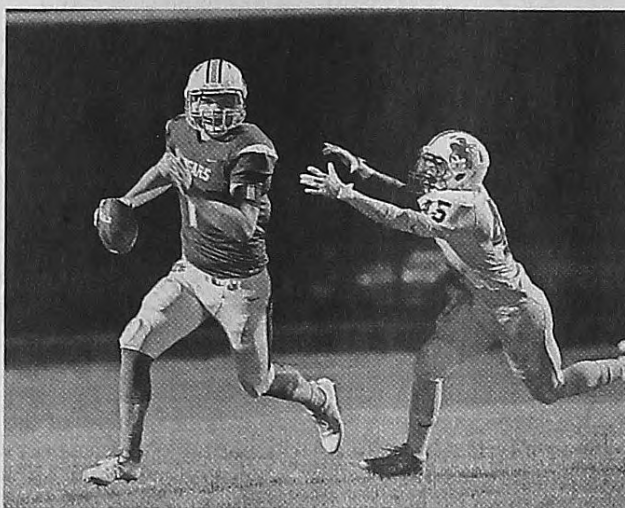
BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD 42, EVEREST COLLEGIATE 7: Quarterback Trevor McConnell passed for three touchdowns Friday for the host Cranes (8-1). Cranbrook scored touchdowns on four of its first five possessions to take a 28-7 halftime lead, then added single scores in the third and fourth quarters, respectively. McConnell opened the touchdown parade with an 11-yard scoring pass to Murari Nelluri. Pierson Cooke followed with the first of his seven extra-point kicks for a 7-0 lead.

McConnell then threw a 72-yard TD pass to Kobi Russell, and Tariq Muhamad added a 31-yard touchdown run for a 21-0 advantage after one quarter. Aaron Wiggins' 7-yard scoring dash made it 28-0, before Everest scored its only TD, on a 14-yard Josh Leggto-Nino Mastromatteo pass. McConnell added a 4-yard touchdown toss to Jack Fairman in the third quarter, then Marqis Stokes closed the scoring on a 9-yard run in the final period. McConnell finished 10-for-13 passing for 179 yards. Russell caught two passes for 82 yards and Torrell Williams grabbed three receptions for 49 yards. Muhamad ran just six times but produced 72 yards to lead Cranbrook's ground attack. Connor Toomey had six tackles to spearhead the Cranes' defense. Fairman added four tackles, including a sack, and Williams had 2.5 tackles plus an interception. Cranbrook will play host to 5-4 Madison Heights Lamphere in a Division 4 district contest this weekend.

CLARKSTON 23, FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 12: The Hawks struck fast and led 12-0 in the opening quarter, but they couldn't score again and fell to the host Wolves. Roderick Heard got things going on Harrison's first play from scrimmage, scoring on an 80-yard run. After a three-and-out by Clarkston, Heard capped an 11-play, 69-yard march with a 2-yard TD dive. The Wolves responded in the second quarter with a



Garden City's Emad Rehman intercepts a pass with help of teammate David McDaniel as North Farmington's Rofeal Miller (left) looks on. TOM BEAUDDIN



Garden City QB Cameron Walter (left) eludes North Farmington's Chris Covington. TOM BEAUDDIN

1-yard touchdown by Josh Cantu and a 15-yard interception return by Zach Scott. Clarkston's Jermaine Roemer added three field goals to produce the final margin. Harrison finished the regular season 6-3 and will begin Division 3 state playoff action this weekend, at Warren Fitzgerald (7-2).

GARDEN CITY 19, NORTH FARMINGTON 9: Both teams wrapped up their seasons Friday, with the host Cougars prevailing. Garden City ends the year 3-6, while the Raiders had to settle for a 1-8 campaign.

FARMINGTON 47, DETROIT EDISON 0: The Falcons concluded their season on a winning note Friday. Kendall Williams sparked Farmington's offense with 195 yards on 15 rushes and scored two touchdowns. Oscar Glenn ran eight times for 60 yards and another two scores, while Chandler Coultrip was 5-of-8 passing for 82 yards and one TD. Farmington finishes the year 3-6.

LAKE ORION 45, BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM 7: The Maples ended a 1-8 season with a loss Friday. Senior running back Nick Lang scored Seaholm's lone touchdown, on a 27-yard dash. Dylan Frank scored three touchdowns for the Dragons, including an 85-yard run.

MILFORD 27, WATERFORD KETTERING 14: Aiden Warzecha's 40-yard touchdown run Friday helped the host Mavericks. Milford finishes the season 2-7.

PLYMOUTH 46, HARTLAND 38: Logan Walkley and Nick Downs contributed three touchdowns apiece to help the host Wildcats win a seesaw shootout Friday. Walkley scored on a 29-yard run in the first quarter, and then added a pair of 5-yard TD runs in the second and third quarters, respectively. Downs threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Mike Mathias in the opening quarter, and scored on a pair of 1-yard sneaks in the second half. Mathias scored Plymouth's final touchdown, on a 41-yard run late in the contest. The Wildcats grabbed an early 13-0 advantage and led 19-14 with four seconds remaining in the half. But the game took a stunning turn when Cade Ahlijian's 29-yard field goal try was blocked and Hartland's Josh Call returned it for a touchdown, to take a 20-19 edge into halftime. The lead changed hands five times in the second half, as the teams alternated touchdowns. Downs' final TD, with 5:43 left in the game, plus the third of Ahlijian's four extra-point kicks gave Plymouth a 39-35 lead. Mathias's TD run made it 46-35, before Hartland added a late field goal. Plymouth out-gained Hartland 557-278. Walkley ran 17 times for 185 yards, Mathias gained 162 yards on 14 carries, and Carson Miller added 151 yards on 30 rushes. For Hartland, Collin Arnold completed 13 of 25 passes for 230 yards and two touchdowns.

Jake Moyer and Tommy Lapin caught the TD passes. Lapin also ran nine times for 64 yards and two scores. Defensively, Nathan Janke had eight solo tackles plus two assists for the Wildcats. Ashten LeBeau contributed six solo stops, including two tackles for loss, while Kyle Petruski and Ivan Davis had 1.5 sacks apiece. Plymouth ends the season 4-5 overall.

PLYMOUTH SALEM 40, NORTHVILLE 27: The visiting Rocks outgained Northville 493-235 and forced four turnovers Friday. Nevertheless, the game remained close most of the way, with Salem taking a 27-20 lead into the fourth quarter, before outscoring the Mustangs 13-7 over the final 12 minutes. Andrew Davis led Salem's ground game with 26 carries for 265 yards and four touchdowns. Dual-threat quarterback Ryan Young was a sharp 12-for-14 passing for 140 yards and a touchdown, and added 65 rushing yards on 15 carries. Parker Selby caught eight passes for 88 yards while Sean McCormack grabbed a 28-yard TD pass. For Northville, Abe Koury ran 10 times for 58 yards, including a 9-yard scoring run. Christian Williams completed 10-of-18 passes for 178 yards. Nicholas Prystash caught six passes for 94 yards, with a 44-yard touchdown catch, while Jon Michalak grabbed three passes for 50 yards. Defensively, Selby had five tackles – including two for loss, with one sack – plus one interception. Dez Dewberry contributed two fumble recoveries and two tackles for loss, with one sack, and McCormack added five tackles. Josh Gilmore booted a pair of field goals to become Salem's all-time leader, with seven three-pointers, all coming this season. Williams, Khoury and Novan Fernandez had seven solo stops apiece for the Mustangs, while Jordan Grewe scored on an 19-yard interception return. The victory made the Rocks playoff-eligible at 5-4. Their reward is a Division 1 district game this

weekend at Belleville (9-0). This will be Salem's first playoff appearance since 1991.

REDFORD THURSTON 23, NEW BOSTON HURON 17: The Eagles overcame a 14-0 deficit to clinch a state playoff berth Friday. Two blocked Thurston punts – the first resulting in a touchdown, and the second setting up a short scoring drive – created the two-touchdown hole. Jayshawn Adams brought Thurston back in the second quarter, with a 37-yard touchdown run plus a 99-yard kickoff return for another score, which sent the Chiefs into halftime with a slim 17-15 edge. Demetrius Dowd's 37-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, followed by a two-point conversion, put Thurston on top to stay. The Eagles will travel to Romulus for a Division 3 district game this weekend. Both teams are 6-3 overall.

RIVERVIEW 49, REDFORD UNION 7: The visiting Panthers (3-6) dropped their final game of the season Friday as Thorton Cain rushed for 122 yards and had the only TD on an 85-yard kickoff return. Isaac Grant added 79 yards on 17 carries, while Kenny Perry had a team-high 11 tackles for RU.

RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD 44, LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 16: The visiting Trojans fell behind 28-3 at halftime on the way to their eighth loss of the season – against one victory – in Friday's loss to Gabriel Richard (8-1).

WEST BLOOMFIELD 49, BIRMINGHAM GROVES 26: Lakers quarterback Bryce Veasley was too much for the visiting Falcons on Friday, as he threw for three touchdowns and ran for another three. Colby Taylor had touchdown runs of 75 and 15 yards for Groves, while Khalil Dawsey scored on an interception return. Both teams finished the regular season 7-2. Groves opens Division 2 state playoff action by playing host to Birmingham Brother Rice (6-3) this weekend.

WESTLAND JOHN

Pilots' 23.

But the Shamrocks were unable to capitalize as Mike McGinnity blocked Ethan Pattinson's 43-yard field-goal attempt with 50 seconds to go in the half.

CC also lost one fumble in the third quarter (recovered by Semaj Shelton) and Genrich was picked off by Vaillancourt in the fourth.

PLAYOFF TALK
While DeLaSalle

GLENN 34, NOVI 27: The visiting Wildcats led 20-17 after three quarters Friday, but the Rockets posted three straight fourth-quarter scores and held on to win. Glenn boosts its final record to 2-7 overall, 1-5 in the KLA Gold Division. Novi finished 3-6, 2-4 in the KLA Black. Glenn began its comeback by tying the game on Chase Kersten's 28-yard field goal with 9:48 remaining. Two plays later, Hunter Cichocki forced a fumble that Glenn's Zuriel Debose recovered at the Novi 36. Chad Stevens then took immediate advantage of the mistake by firing a 36-yard touchdown pass to Matt Nutt. Novi's next possession produced the same result, as Dushon Faison forced a fumble that Kersten pounced on at the Wildcats' 43. This time the Rockets required seven plays to score, on Faison's 2-yard run. Kersten added his fourth extra point for a 34-20 lead. Novi turned the tables in the final minutes when Kyle Heslop forced a fumble that Chad Howell returned 20 yards for a touchdown. Blake King's third extra point made it a one-score game, before Glenn ran out all but 12 seconds on the clock to secure the victory. Faison led Glenn's ground game with 151 yards on 23 carries and two touchdowns. Stevens completed 10 of 18 passes for 170 yards and two TDs. Corey Williams was his favorite target, with eight catches for 137 yards and one touchdown. Kersten contributed a pair of field goals. For the Wildcats, Kyle Klosterman ran 23 times for 234 yards and two scores. King added two field goals. On the other side of the ball, Dubose paced the Rockets with 11 solo tackles and four assists, with three tackles for loss. Cichocki contributed eight solo stops and six assists. Jason Jennings had four solo hits and five assists for Novi.

WHITE LAKE LAKE-LAND 30, WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 22: The visiting Eagles never trailed Friday, but they didn't put Northern away until Joe Rzeppa's interception in the final minute. The victory sends Lakeland, 6-2, into the state Division 1 playoffs, where the Eagles will play host to Walled Lake Central (5-4) this weekend. Northern finished 5-4, but did not make the playoffs. Robbie Tracy opened the scoring with a 5-yard TD run. Leo Skupin added a 30-yard field goal to send Lakeland into halftime with a 10-2 lead. Dakota Myers scored on a 3-yard carry and Lakeland entered the final period with a 16-9 advantage. In the fourth quarter, Justin Smith crossed the goal line on a 1-yard quarterback sneak and Sean Cullen added a 53-yard touchdown run. Brandon Shelby tossed two touchdown passes for Northern, 29 yards to Jake Haver and 25 yards to Chandler Holloway. Tracy paced Lakeland's 322-yard rushing attack, running 21 times for 134 yards. Myers added 91 yards on 18 carries.

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CC got its second TD with only eight seconds left, when backup quarterback Jake Hinshaw connected with Jack Downs for a 12-yard scoring pass, but by the then the outcome had already been decided.

Here are four other takeaways:

CRUISE CONTROL

The Pilots amassed 484 yards total offense, including 164 on the ground.

"We've got some pretty good receivers," second-year DeLaSalle coach Mike Giannone said. "Some people would say, 'How come you don't use them more?' But we've got some pretty good running backs, too. So if we mix it up and do those things ... I've talked to the offensive coordinator about that and maybe we'll make some changes."

IMPRESSIVE START
The Shamrocks drove the ball 71 yards on 10 plays to take an early 7-0 lead, but the Pilots didn't panic as they responded with a score of their own with 1:29 left in the opening quarter on the first of Pfromm's four TD throws.

"I trust those guys, Mike Shortt, Reuben

Simpson and Andy Crowley," Giannone said of his defensive staff. "They had some bad fits because they (CC) were running some isolation plays on us. We were just fading wrong and they shored that up a little bit and it worked."

UNABLE TO CONVERT

Late in the second quarter, CC linebacker Matt Young picked off a Pfromm pass and returned it 23 yards to the

claimed an automatic playoff bid the previous week in its win over CC, the Shamrocks have secured a spot as at-large team with a 5-4 record.

"We got a lot to correct," Anderson said. "If you're not correcting stuff, you're not playing. I got to watch the film. I know we're not moving people up front. We've got to change that."

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CANTON

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phy. Scoring four TDs for Canton (8-1) was senior running back Colin Troup.

"We just needed to make some plays and we got some pressure when we needed to," said Baechler, whose team now gets ready for postseason action. "We controlled the ball and tried to keep them off the field as much as possible and limit how many touches he had, their offense."

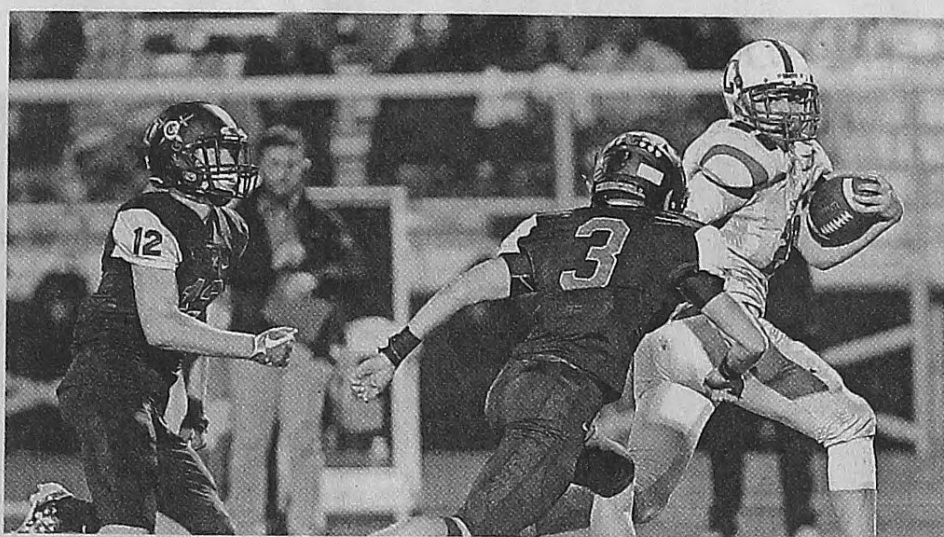
Consider the second quarter. The Chiefs had their offense on the field at Churchill the first 11:02, but the Chargers (7-2) scored the only points during that span — on an 80-yard fumble return by junior Josh Momeyer. Following Alsobrooks's PAT, Churchill enjoyed a 14-13 lead.

Canton's offense got the ball back and went on a methodical 83-yard scoring drive in 14 plays, with Troup taking it in from the 3-yard line with 58 seconds to go.

Augmenting the Chiefs' running game were some timely completions from senior quarterback Connor Engel to senior tight end Lou Baechler, with gains of 15 and 13 yards moving the chains.

Chipping away

"Five yards a carry, that's what we live for, and six-, seven-, eight



Canton's Luke Jouppi (right) makes a long run for the end zone. He is trailed by Churchill's Darrell Mason and Avery Grenier (left). BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

-minute drives," Lou Baechler said. "Our backs ran their hearts out, our linemen blocked, we were smart about it."

"I think we broke the concrete, that's what we were talking about the whole week. Just got to break the concrete, keep pounding, pounding, pounding and soon it will break. I think second half late, they broke. They're a tough team."

But Churchill hung in there and took a 21-20 lead with 9:34 left in the third quarter on the Alsobrooks-to-Dooley touchdown strike.

"They walked their outside backer out on Deon (Pitchford) and he got a good shot and messed up the timing," Churchill head coach Bill DeFillippo said. "And so (Alsobrooks) went to Martell and he stepped

up and made a great play on fourth down."

Canton still trailed by a point as the fourth quarter began, but the Chiefs put together another tried-and-true drive that paid off with Troup's 1-yard run midway through the quarter. Engel then raced around left end for a two-point conversion and Canton enjoyed a 28-21 lead with 6:35 to go.

"Our line, best line in the state of Michigan," Troup said. "All of those guys work hard every single day and us backs, we just try to get better for them because they're the boys doing all the hard work and they deserve all the credit."

Playoff-bound Churchill tried to answer and a 32-yard kickoff return by senior Tyrese Williams gave the Chargers

hope.

Then came a crucial interception by Canton senior Nick Polydoros on a ball that bounced out of the hands of a Churchill receiver.

Canton subsequently tacked on an insurance score when junior running back Luke Jouppi bounced off a couple of tacklers and broke loose for a 49-yard touchdown with 3:10 remaining.

"That was a big run," Tim Baechler said, adding with a smile that he wished Jouppi "wouldn't have scored. I just wanted to work the clock and get out of there."

"But we blocked it well and he ran it hard. He's steadily getting better every week. It was a big game for him."

Here are other takeaways from the game:

TIMELY PICK

Polydoros not only contributed to the offense with some solid carries, but his interception in the fourth quarter arguably was the play of the night.

"We worked on that all week," Polydoros said. "We knew what the play was; their guy was going to run a post route. Everyone else was covered up. I just tried to make a play on the ball, just like coach always tells me to. And it just happened to fall into my hands."

According to coach Baechler, the pick was a "huge momentum swinger. They were very fast, they had a lot of speed. They were giving us some issues. And then a good throw, it just bounced off their player. Sometimes, you need some luck."

CAN'T GET IT BACK

The Chiefs, among the top teams in Division 1, again showed they are a tough team for rivals to figure out — not to mention try to get the ball back from.

"The first quarter, we only ran five plays," DeFillippo said. "And then when we got the fumble and the scoop and score, they went back on offense again. We had the last two plays of the half. We only ran seven plays in the first half, so that was a little bit crazy. Came out, scored, took the lead, 21-20. Going into the fourth quarter, we had the lead. It's just

hard to stop their offense."

Williams added that the Chargers "have a really good defense, but the Canton offense is just so confusing, with all the trick plays and everything."

DOWN TO SIZE

With 10 teams leaving the KLAAs before 2017-18, the Black Division champion Chiefs and Gold Division champ Chargers squared off for the league trophy. Going by the wayside with the downsizing were the Kensington and Lakes conferences, so Friday's game was for all the KLAAs marbles.

FEELING PROUD

Even though his Chargers came up short in the KLAAs title match-up, DeFillippo said his team — especially the seniors — have a lot to be proud about.

"Our seniors won two games their first two years," DeFillippo said. "You know, to come as far as we did, being division champions and having the lead in the conference final in the fourth quarter says a lot about them and our program, the way we develop our kids."

YOUTH NIGHT

Livonia Junior Athletic League football teams, cheerleaders and pom-pom girls were introduced before the game.

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open, Class A or Division 1 category.

Retirement?

Magni, whose team is 3-1 in the Catholic League this fall and coming off a sixth-place finish last week at the Oakland County meet, hasn't put a date on when he might retire.

"I still enjoy it," said Magni, who remains part of the CC faculty, teaching history and physical education. "My wife (Linda) says, 'If you enjoy it, just keep doing it.' Plus, I have my grand-nephews here. So 2020 could be the year, but we'll see. Somebody will say, 'You'll have another reason to keep going.' I said, 'We'll see.'"

Coaching cross country at CC for Magni has become truly a family affair these days.

Magni's nephew, Bruce Peck, is an assistant coach for the Shamrocks, along with Kevin Mason, Tom Kessel, Chuck Childress and Brian Wilson.

Bruce Peck's son Brandon is a junior transfer from Grosse Pointe South who played football for four years before getting the running itch.

And Brandon's great-uncle was the one who provided some friendly persuasion to join the cross country team this fall.

Family ties

"First thing he said when I called him and told him I was coming, he said, 'Are you going to run for me?' And I was like, 'Yes, sir.'" Brandon Peck said. "I think it's really fun. I love it. It's just a good family connection with all of us here."

Alex Connell, like his cousin, is also a member of CC's reserve team.

"It's truly an honor to see how he is with the students and being able to run under him with the legacy that he has," Connell said. "I mean, it's a blessing, honestly, to be able to see him every day. As much as he does for me, too ... my whole freshman year, he drove me out here. He drove me back home. The closest word to describe him

is a saint, honestly, as much as he loves us and puts up with us as much we do and that. It's a privilege to be running under him."

Magni, who has been CC's varsity track and field coach since 1979 as well, also serves as the team bus driver.

"He has been the most unselfish person with his time and with his knowledge and one of the most humble people you'd ever meet," said Wilson, who has been an assistant under Magni since 2001. "He has all the reason in the world to be arrogant, but he's not."

Helping hand

Wilson showed up one day unannounced at Magni's office to inquire about being an assistant coach.

"He's sort of the home for wayward coaches," Wilson said. "I moved here from Illinois and knew of him. I walked into his office, told him I ran in college and (asked) could you use an assistant? He said, 'Do you have shoes?' After I said, 'yes,' he said, 'Be here at 2:45 tomorrow.' And for anyone who has all the reason in the world to say, 'Hey, I don't need any help, I don't need any assistants, I don't want anyone messing up my formula,' he opens his doors. He cares about every single kid on the team."

Magni was born in Cebano, Italy. He came to this country at age 8. His mother was a U.S. citizen by birth.

"Obviously, my dad couldn't make it with five children in Italy, so since she was a U.S. citizen by birth, we got to come," Magni said. "My dad had a sister here. We stayed with her for a while and that was it, basically. My oldest brother came by himself first. Then, my mother and sister came because we couldn't all do it at once, because it was too much money. Then my dad and I, my sister and brother-in-law, all came, the four of us. We landed from New York on the boat, then took a train and we were here. We were one of the last ones to come through Ellis Island, in 1954 or so."

Magni graduated from Detroit St. Anthony High School, which was locat-

ed on the east side at Gratiot and East Grand Boulevard, where he ran under Lou Miramonti, who was also his JV football coach. During Magni's senior year, St. Anthony started a cross country team.

Top miler

"He was the first one at St. Anthony to break five minutes in the mile," Miramonti said. "We weren't real strong then, but after he did that, we had some really good runners come after him, so he kind of led the way. He was really the first good distance runner to come out at St. Anthony's."

Magni graduated from the University of Detroit and learned through the school newspaper that Grosse Pointe St. Paul's needed a track coach. He applied and got the position in 1966.

Magni still remembers his first meet as a cross country coach.

"We were running against Ann Arbor St. Thomas," he said. "We went one-two-three. And the coach at (Birmingham) Brother Rice at the time was a brother and he says, 'If you go one-two-three, you can't lose.' And I said, 'Really?' And I didn't know that. I didn't know it was automatic if you went one-two-three and you can't lose and we went one-two-three. That was our first victory."

Magni also coached at Orchard Lake St. Mary's before landing in 1973 at CC, where he co-coached with the Rev. Ken McKernan, who then took a year off to take a sabbatical leave as a teacher in France.

Magni's JV teams at CC had outperformed the varsity squad, so McKernan stepped aside in 1975.

"He came to my grade school where I was teaching and he wanted to know if I wanted the job," Magni said.

First season

In his first season, CC upstaged Miramonti's Class B state champion Royal Oak Shrine team to win the first of his 26 Catholic League titles.

Magni went on to have some great battles during the 1970s and 1980s with his former high school coach.

"Tony is a unique person in all ways," said Miramonti, who still serves as an MHSAA race official. "Kids kind of come to him or move towards him. He's got a cross country camp that we go to at Pinery Provincial Park in (Lambton, Ontario) Canada for two weeks, in tents. The kids who graduated 40 years ago come up to that weekend to play golf up there to see him. People gravitate towards Tony. Parents want their kids to run for him."

After 53 years of coaching cross country, Magni has virtually seen it all, weather-wise.

"We had an invitation once where it just poured from the moment we got there until we left out at Holly," he said. "But they ran, but it was just crazy. The rain was one thing. The kids were going through the mud and so on. It really got bad."

The 1991 state finals were held at a golf course near Grand Haven and Magni remembers the adverse conditions like yesterday.

Tough sledding

"It was maybe about 30 degrees and there was a wind chill factor," he said. "Some of the snow was, like, little pellets of ice. It hit you in the face and hurt you. God, it was cold that day. We probably could have won that day, but Eric McKeon, my fourth man, got hurt the week before and didn't finish the race. We were one point out of fourth, two points out of third and about 15 points out first. McKeon would have made up the difference."

CC captured back-to-back Division 1 state titles in 2009-10. Those teams had only two runners that ran competitively before high school.

One of his former star runners, Ricky Galindo, owns the sixth fastest time in the 8K at West Point. Another runner, Andrew Garcia-Garrison, ran a 4:00.5 indoor mile at Bucknell (Pa.) University.

Magni also coached Andy Dillon, who was a state meet runner-up as a senior and graduated from CC in 1980. Dillon ran at Notre Dame and went on to become the

Michigan speaker of the house and state treasurer. Another former Magni pupil, Daniel P. Ryan, served on the Michigan Supreme Court.

Lasting impact

When he was a magistrate in Redford, Dillon married Magni and Linda.

"I was more nervous than he was," said Dillon, now executive director for Conway MacKenzie in Birmingham. "I would say after my parents, probably no one has had a bigger influence on my life than Tony Magni. He instilled a sense of core values, duty, responsibility, proper balance ... work hard, play hard. He was more than just a coach of a sport. He was a personality, character coach as well."

Yet another former runner, Kevin Donner, has followed Magni's path into coaching. He is cross country and track head coach at NCAA Division I Bucknell after stints at the University of Detroit, Central Michigan and St. Francis (Pa.).

"Coach Magni was the reason why I got into coaching," said Donner, a 1980 CC grad. "I just saw how much passion he had for sports and how much he enjoyed working with young athletes and it kind of rubbed off on me. I was pretty average in high school and not one of his best runners, by any means, but he got me to love the sport of cross country and track and field. And I just couldn't quite give it up and I've been doing it ever since."

Track and cross country are often categorized as individual sports, but Magni has made it a team sport.

"He always has big teams at CC, especially cross country," Donner said. "From what I hear now, he gets 60-70 guys out. That's the size of football teams. So the kids, when they go out, they really enjoy the experience. They enjoy being a part of something bigger than themselves."

Every other year, Magni will go to Michigan or Michigan State and host a dinner for the CC running alumni that are attending those schools.

"He loves being invited to the weddings of the kids," Wilson said. "It

doesn't matter if they were all-state or barely broke 30 minutes. I've seen it for 17 years. He loves reconnecting. We have our Shamrock Invitational (each September at Cass Benton Park) and he gets his biggest kick out of all the alumni from many different eras that come back."

Changing times

Magni has been able to adapt to the politics in high school sports over the years. Increased parental involvement has definitely changed the landscape, in his eyes.

"It's not so much the kids, as the parents," Magni said. "The parents are, obviously, very concerned about their kids. But with cross country, you're son didn't beat this kid, so I can't put him in because you're son didn't beat him. That's a lot easier and you can't have an argument. But still they'd like to see their son be varsity and so on."

Magni, however, believes the talent level is as high as it's ever been.

"The kids are better trained, better shoes, better workouts," he said. "Back then, you had one or two good ones, but now you have four or five that are pretty good on every team now."

Winning remains important to Magni, but it's his interaction and relationship with his former runners that drives him.

"I'm excited about his record and I'm excited about his wins, but he gets more excited when a kid who maybe never got a varsity letter — then emails him five years after high school to say, 'Hey, I ran my first marathon,'" Wilson said. "We had a kid do that."

Magni said is taking it day by day, but he's not ready for a rocking chair just yet.

"You look 10 years to the future, but now it's one year at a time," he said. "My mother-in-law is going to be 100 in 2020. My grand-nephew (Connell), who is now at sophomore, will graduate in 2020, so that may be a good year. It will be 48 years."

For Magni, it remains a marathon and not a sprint.

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PREP ROUNDUP

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Boys soccer

DETROIT CC 1, NOVI 0 (2 OTs): Ryan Pierson scored the game-winning goal in the second overtime to lead Novi Detroit Catholic Central (16-2-4) to the MHSAA Division 1 district title against the Wildcats (10-5-5) in the final Oct. 20 at Livonia Stevenson. David Turner drew the assist as the Shamrocks advanced to the regional at Novi's Meadows Stadium against Detroit Western International. Novi senior Joshua Brucker, filling in for the injured starter Luke McDonald, turned in a stellar performance in defeat.

DETROIT CC 9, OAK PARK 0: Drake Midgley scored a hat trick and Ryan Pierson added a pair of goals as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (15-2-4) cruised in a Division 1 district semifinal match Oct. 18 at Livonia Stevenson. All nine CC goals came during the opening half as John Willemssen, Noah Van-Hook, Ben Kirouac and Nicholas Ibegbu also found the back of the net. Goalkeeper Kevin Blossfeld posted the shutout.

DETROIT CC 3, NORTH FARMINGTON 0: In a first-round district 8 matchup Oct. 16, host Novi Detroit Catholic



Catholic Central's Ryan Pierson scores the game-winning goal in the second OT to beat goalie Joshua Brucker (right) and Novi in the Division 1 district final at Stevenson. SCOTT CONFER

Central (14-2-4) blanked the Raiders (9-5-5) as Ryan Pierson scored on a penalty kick to go along with goal by Blake DeFillippo. The Shamrocks' other tally was an own goal, which proved to be the game-winner. Goalkeepers Kevin Blossfeld (one save) and Andrew Nicholzen (two saves) combined for the shut-

out. **FRANKLIN ROAD 5, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 3:** On Oct. 16, Jake Schinzing notched a hat trick as Novi Franklin Road Christian (8-9) downed the host Eagles (5-11-2) to advance to the semifinals of the Division 4 district 57 tourney. Dawson Cleminte and Blake Johnson also

scored for the Warriors, who had split the two previous meetings this season against Southfield Christian. The Eagles, who trailed 3-2 at half-time, got goals from Jack Ross and Jon Sullivan and tied in the second half before Schinzing tallied what proved to be the game-winner on a penalty kick. Goalie Jack

Hensley then off the Eagles the rest of the way.

Volleyball

REDFORD UNION 3, ROMULUS 2: On Oct. 19, the host Panthers improved to 8-1 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference and clinched a share of the title with a win over the Eagles,

22-25, 25-19, 23-25, 25-20, 18-16. RU got outstanding play from setter Haley Hebner, along with attackers Jakyla Jackson, Kiara Sharps, Bria White and Caitlyn Kenney. Backrow defense was provided by Lindsey Pfirrmann and Maggie Osowski.

CLARENCEVILLE 3, ROBICHAUD 0: Cassidy Galvin served 10 aces to go along with four kills and five digs as Livonia Clarenceville (7-13-2, 5-4) cruised to a 25-18, 25-12, 25-10 WWAC triumph Oct. 19 at Dearborn Heights Robichaud. Other top performers for the Trojans included setter Erica Bertera (10 assists, four kills), Destiny Coleman (six kills), Maddison Jaber (six aces) and Mia Daniels (five aces).

CLARENCEVILLE 3, THURSTON 2: Michelle Marzolo racked up a career-high 18 kills on Oct. 17 as host Livonia Clarenceville (6-13-2, 4-4) outlasted WWAC foe Redford Thurston in five sets, 17-25, 25-21, 25-9, 13-25, 15-11. Senior setter Erica Bertera finished with 27 assist-to-kills, eight digs and went 36-of-37 from the service line, while other offensive contributions for the Trojans came from Maddison Jaber (six kills, five aces) and Londen Green (five kills). Leading the way defensively in digs in the senior night win were Mia Daniels (10), Allie Snage (nine) and Cassidy Galvin (eight).

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Novi cruises to its ninth straight KLAA championship

O'Leary stars as Wildcats defeat rival Northville in finals

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As expected, the Novi volleyball team ran the table in Saturday's Kensington Lakes Activities Association tournament at Novi Middle School.

The two-time defending MHSAA Class A state champions

upped their overall record to 44-3 by going 6-0 on the day, capped by a 25-15, 25-13 triumph in the finals over rival Northville.

Novi, the top seed in Pool A, captured all six



O'Leary

sets in pool play against Livonia Churchill, Canton and Livonia Stevenson before eliminating Hartland (25-11, 25-16) in the quarterfinals and Brighton (25-12, 25-15) in the semifinals.

"It's always difficult to continue to play teams over and over again in your league," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "But I was proud of our girls for keeping their composure

and really taking care of business, especially in the playoff bracket with a pretty big target on your back. That's Novi's ninth KLAA championship. That's a pretty big target on your back to play with that history."

University of Michigan-bound setter Erin O'Leary, a Miss Volleyball finalist, led the Wildcats with a total of 149 assist-to-kills, 38 digs and 17

kills on the day.

Cleveland State commit Kathryn Ellison added 49 kills and 60 digs, while Miss Volleyball finalist Abryanna Cannon (Northwestern commit) added 48 kills and 49 digs.

Libero Claire Pinkerton chipped in 73 digs and eight aces, while Jada Porter contributed 24 kills and 10 blocks.

In Pool B, Northville and Brighton split and

went 5-1, while Hartland and Howell both finished 1-5.

Northville reached the finals with a 25-11, 25-13 quarterfinal win over Stevenson, followed by a 25-19, 25-15 triumph over Churchill.

Novi closes out the regular season Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Ann Arbor Huron Tournament.

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FLOYD

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ish at the NAIA Nationals (24:53.6).

"I think coming into this year, I had higher expectations of myself," Floyd said. "Last year, I really didn't know what to expect, starting out running the 8K for the first time ever. And once I got the hang of it - coming into this year - it was kind of like I knew what I wanted to do running-wise and so far it's been on point."

Floyd has made the sacrifice to be an elite distance runner since coming to Madonna, but admits he has an on-and-off relationship with the sport.

"I love running, but at the same time, I don't," he said. "I like racing, but having to practice every day, waking up early and going out practicing kind of gets boring. But you have to do it if you want to get better. I kind of just go with whatever coach (Pat Daugherty) says to do."

Floyd, however, appears to be taking his instruction very well and the results have been evident since his arrival at MU.

He helped launch the Crusaders' inaugural track and field season in 2016 as he earned All-America honors in the 10K (fifth, 31:29.71) at the NAIA Outdoor Championships last May in Gulf Shores, Ala., after winning the WHAC crown (31:20.55).

"Coming into this year, he's just understands what it takes to be good," Daugherty said. "He's very talented, obviously. His confidence is probably as good as it's ever been. I think he got a lot of confidence at conferences, winning as a freshman. It started building and snowballing in a positive way. He went on to nationals and got 11th. Indoors, he PR'd in the 3K and 5K. Ended up getting second indoors in the 5K."

As a senior at Franklin, Floyd showed his cross country potential by placing ninth in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals and holds the school record in the 5K (15:31 at Willow Metropark). Meanwhile, in track, he went 9:29 in the 3,200.

"Coming from high school to here, it was a big transition the first month of it my freshman year," Floyd said. "We ran a lot more. I basically, weekly doubled my mileage from high school. But it's helped out a lot running-wise."

Daugherty, who was the girls track coach at Livonia Churchill High, had his eye on Floyd during his days at Franklin. The two often had crossed paths at meets, but had little conversation.

"We were very fortunate," Daugherty said. "I contact a lot of local runners early on, usually in the spring of their junior year. He sent me back a recruiting questionnaire, so I made a couple of contacts with him."

Daugherty thought it might be a long shot of getting a runner who had interest from NCAA Division I programs, including Michigan State.

"He visited a lot of Division I schools and I don't know how exactly he felt, but I think he felt like a small fish in a huge pond," Daugherty said.

"He met a good group of other recruits we had here. They all came here together and all became best friends. From November until March of his senior year, they all came. I got seven kids at one time because they all liked each other, basically. Hopefully it was from me, but I think it was the chemistry they had between each other. They all came in an visited together and that was a good thing for us."

Much to Daugherty's delight, Floyd made a verbal commitment to MU in December 2015 and eventually signed an NAIA letter of intent.

"I said, 'No way he's coming here,'" Daugherty said. "Michigan State will woo him and he'll be a top five guy for them within two or three years. He liked the smallness of (Madonna), the closeness of it and how everyone fit together."

Floyd comes from a big family. He is close to his mother Kenisha and has five sisters and a brother. And it was just a comfort level that steered him toward Madonna, which has become an extended family.

"I really didn't want to go too far away from home," said Floyd, who

lives with three of his MU teammates in an off-campus apartment. "I visited a few other schools and what it came down to was when I visited here, I knew a few guys on the team already because I raced against them in high school and so when I came on the visit, I really got along with everyone and I just felt like this was the best spot for me to go."

Earlier this season, the Crusaders made history by earning their first-ever national ranking.

On Saturday, Floyd won again in 25:12.41 in the NAIA Great Lakes Challenge at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids. The race served as the WHAC preview meet, as the conference championships will be held at the same course on Friday, Nov. 3.

The NAIA Nationals will be Saturday, Nov. 18, in Vancouver, Wash., and Floyd is optimistic about his team's chances of qualifying.

"We had a great first meet and we've had a few injuries, people getting sick and not being able to finish races, so we dropped out of the top 25," Floyd said. "but we're still pretty confident that even though we have one of the hardest conferences in cross country, we still feel we'll be able to make it out and make nationals as a team."

Floyd's favorite runner is Ontario native Justyn Knight (Syracuse University), who finished ninth in the 5,000 at the IAAF World Champi-

onships this past August in London. But down the road, Floyd might excel well beyond the 5K and 10K distances.

"His best practices are the longer stuff we do," said Daugherty, who believes Floyd could become a top-10 marathoner nationally one day. "Today, we did a six-mile tempo run, which he does all by his own. We have some good guys on the team, obviously, but he's head and shoulders above everybody else. The longer the workout, the better he is; the longer the race, the better he is. And he can hold a pretty serious pace for a long time. The challenge for us is to make him a little faster. This track season, indoor and outdoor, he'll probably do smaller stuff like miles and 3Ks indoors this year and not focus on the 10K until April outdoors."

And if Floyd has a preference, it's running cross country.

"I feel like the longer the distance, the better I can be," he said. "And within the next year or two, I think I may be running the marathon at a national meet. And I think I'll eventually turn into a marathoner."

Floyd's greatest attribute, meanwhile, is his calm demeanor, which rarely changes. And that was evident at last year's NAIA cross country nationals, when he moved all the way from 72nd place at the mile mark to finish 11th.

"He didn't know what to expect, it's not going to be great, but at the two-

mile mark, he's in 24th," Daugherty said. "He worked his way all the way up to ninth at the four-mile mark and slipped back two spots over the last mile. Even when he was done there, he was never spent like that in his life. It was like he walked out of his house after he was sleeping all day. He's very low-key, which is good, but you can find bad in that, too, because sometimes you want your athletes to be jacked up a little bit. But he keeps everything in perspective. Every coach I've ever talked to, who is way above my pay grade, will want their athletes to never be too high or too low. That's all natural for him. I didn't have to talk to him and he's handled it very well."

Floyd, who is majoring in sports management with a minor in marketing, is a solid student with a 3.2 grade-point average.

"I don't have any worries about him," Daugherty said. "His character is outstanding. He's a good friend on both the men's and women's teams. He knows everybody and everybody likes him. He doesn't have any superiority complex deal where he's better than everybody else. His personality will tell me that will never be the case. He's one of the best athletes I've ever coached and he's one of the best people I've ever coached."

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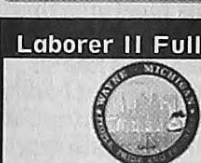
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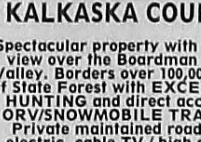


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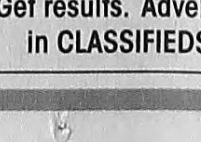


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 Fri., 10/27, 9-4am and Sat., 10/28 Bag Sale, 9-Noon Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., between 8 & 9 Mile Rds.

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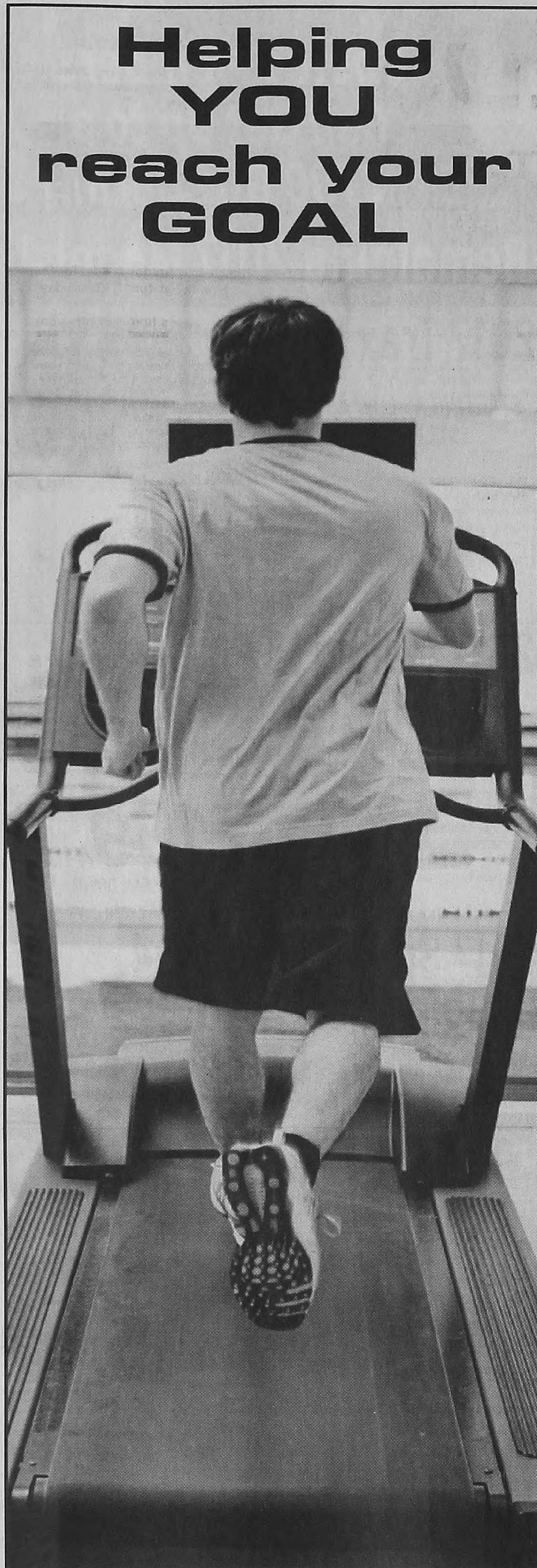
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- ACROSS 1 Latin 'to be' 5 Specifics 12 Comic Johnson 16 Dol. fractions 19 'Tell Mama' singer James 20 The Christian gospel, old-style 21 Author Roald 22 Noted coach Parseghian 23 Having the tidy quality that spotted horses are known for? 25 Per — (daily) 26 Pt. of MCAT 27 Outs, in court 28 Car engine 30 Sprint rival, Idaho 32 Coeur d'—, Idaho 33 Berlin's land: Abbr. 34 Meeting to generale enthusiasm for a tummy-soothing product? 36 School org. 37 And so on: Abbr. 40 Allays 42 Diva Melba 43 Santry in front of a Japanese shrine? 46 Cartoon cry 48 Swarm 49 Fictional Jane 50 Kid gloves 51 Serum vials 55 Muse who lifts poets' spirits? 62 Actress Zadora 65 Bristol brews 66 Sleekly designed 67 Canada's Nova — 68 Tree remnant 70 Bird feed bit 72 Cork, e.g. 75 Intermediary 76 Knee injury 78 Fit nicely 80 Certain part of speech 82 Pal of Curly 83 Comment after someone describes how state-run gambling games work? 88 Pasta dish 89 Three wise men 90 Had being 94 Decade, e.g. 98 Maya of architecture 99 Middle of a right-hand book page? 102 Up-front 104 Intended (to) 107 Fossil fuel 108 Org. archiving movies 109 'Serpico' star using his high singing voice? 111 Pt. of NCAA 113 Really into 115 Tiny baby 116 Human trunk 118 Prison warden, to Brits 120 French pal 121 Window ledge 123 Epic poem division about night crawlers? 126 Writer Ana's 127 Yard pest 128 Even a tiny bit 129 Schnitzel meat 130 Flying expert 131 Skiing stuff 132 Electrician 133 This, to José 1 Poetic dusk 2 Furtive 3 Reason to use a room freshener 4 Not dine out 5 Lucy's man 6 Longoria and Mendes 7 Spigot 8 Asian cartoon style 9 One giving the cold shoulder 10 Riga dweller 11 Yachts' kin 12 Tack on 13 Bonnie of blues rock 14 'I'm a Believer' pop group 15 'Cuba Libre' novelist — Leonard 16 Wife of Prince Charles 17 Vine-growing frame 18 Part of a forlorn face 24 As red as — 29 Soul singer Des — 31 Ointment 32 Basilica area 33 Simple sugar 35 False: Prefix 38 Add up 39 Striped gems 41 Old saying 44 Born, to Luc 45 From — Z 47 Pixieish type 52 Transforms gradually 53 Betting group 54 Trig ratio 56 Descend a rock face, in a way 57 Appear gradually, as on film 58 Firewood bit 59 Newsy bit 60 Spanish boy 61 Portal 62 'Hey, you!' 63 Have a yen 64 Halo effect 69 Gym surface 71 'Zine online 73 Open, as a 61-Down 74 Infant's noise 79 Web, to a fly 81 Upstate New York city 84 Chi follower 85 Island patio 86 'Mad Men' network 87 Have 91 Bric-a-brac stands 92 Configure anew 93 Activist Brockovich 94 Doo-wop group at Woodstock 95 Strong verbal attack 96 'Training Day' director Fuqua 97 A noble gas 100 Player of Lou Grant 101 Funny bone's location 103 Cramps, e.g. 105 Accrued qty. 106 Bovine, to a tot 110 Viola relative 112 Comic Fields 114 'Amo,' in English 117 Rajah's mate 118 'I — Name' (1973 hit) 119 Picasso's 'Lady With —' 122 Actor Ayres 124 — pah band 125 — Blo (fuse brand)

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-133.

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SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9.

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Completed 9x9 Sudoku grid.

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Word search grid and list of dental hygiene words including: ABCESS, ABRASION, AMALGAM, ANALGESIA, BITCUSPID, BONDING, BRIDGE, CALCIUM, CANKER SORE, CARIES, CLEANING, CLEFT, CROWN, CUSPIDS, DDS, DENTIN, DENTURE, ENAMEL, EXTRACTION, FILLINGS, FLOSSING, GINGIVITIS, GUMS, HYGIENIST, IMPACTED, IMPLANT, MOLARS, NERVE, OCCLUSION, ORTHODONTICS, PALATE, PONTIC, PORCELAIN, POST, RESIN, ROOT CANAL.

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