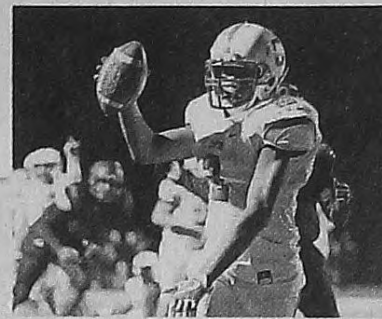


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Village Theater to host festival

Annual international event will showcase culture, diversity

Experience music, dance and drama from around the world from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, when Canton's International Festival returns to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. This annual cultural and educational festival celebrates the diversity of Canton and surrounding communities through song and dance on the main stage of The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

This year's featured performers include Hoaloha: Polynesian, New Zealand, & Tahitian Dance directed by Melanee Hirvela; Sunshine Children's Choir featuring Directors Howard Zhang & Sherry Yan; Ann Hua Waist Drum Team; The Tim O'Hare School of

Traditional Irish Dance of Ann Arbor & Plymouth; Spring Group of PCCLC; Kuchipudi Dance Group, Directed by Sailaja Pullela; Canton Summit Dance Team; Michigan New Century Chinese School (MNCCS); Ann Arbor Li Ren Dance Team; Ebony Copper - Native American Flute with Wanda & Ron Jones; Anna Ballet & Dance with Choreographer Anna Lou; Asian Indian Dance of Canton, Choreographer Parul Shah; Inner-Action Dance, Choreographer Sharon Kang; Troy Chinese Classic Music Guzheng Team; Sunshine Chinese Dance Troupe; Peking Opera Club; Polish National Centennial Danc-



See **FESTIVAL**, Page A3 The Clivia Dance Group will perform at the International Festival.



George (Cellach Allen) attacks daughter's fiance Richard (Louis Stark). Paul (John Oatney) and Charlotte (Lily Chalmers) intervene. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

FULL 'MOON'

Park Players bring farce to stage

Brad Kadrich

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Park Players director Paul Bird knows he's got the fairly dark comedy "Little Shop of Horrors" coming up in December.

So when he went looking for the troupe's first production of the fall season, he turned to one of his favorite playwrights for just the right touch of light humor and farce.

That's why the Players will bring Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo" to the stage for the next two weekends in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

"(Ludwig) is one of my favorites," Bird said of the playwright, who also penned "Lend Me a Tenor." "He's one of the best playwrights writing farce these days."

"Moon Over Buffalo" follows the story of faded Broadway stars George and Charlotte Hay, who now operate a run-down touring company performing in Buffalo, N.Y., the whole time complaining about missed Hollywood opportunities.

Famed director Frank Capra agrees to take a look at the couple and, according to Bird, "everything that can go wrong does go wrong."

Salem High School sophomore Cellach Allen is tasked with playing George, a womanizing drunk who endangers the couple's shot at renewed fame with his drinking. The role includes a lot of physical comedy Allen says he's not had a chance to perform before.

At one point in the play (spoiler alert!), George even tumbles into the orchestra pit. Allen, last seen playing Paul Bratter in "Barefoot in the Park," likened the character to Jim Carrey.

"He's a very funny character," Allen said. "I get to over-exaggerate a lot. There's a lot of running around, sword-fighting ... lots of physical comedy. It's different than any-



George (Cellach Allen), begs wife Charlotte (Lily Chalmers) not to leave after she discovers his infidelity. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Box Bar's new vision? Italian restaurant, microbrewery

Darrell Clem

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The Box Bar's new owners have confirmed they plan to convert the downtown Plymouth bar into an Italian restaurant and, possibly, a microbrewery after closing in January for a sweeping makeover.

After a 75-year run, the Box Bar's closing has been pushed back until after the Plymouth Ice Festival in January. Owners then plan to remodel in hopes of reopening in spring as Bigalora Wood-Fired Cucina and an Arbor Brewing Co. microbrewery.

"We're proud of the Box Bar and we want to make it the best place in town that we can possibly make it," part owner Ron Cook said.

Owners face one potential hurdle, though. Although the Box Bar's liquor license is being transferred for Bigalora, owners need a separate license for the microbrewery — and the city of Plymouth has reached its self-imposed limit of 25 liquor licenses for places that sell alcohol by the glass.

Michael Collins, one of the owners involved in the Bigalora-Arbor Brewing Co. plans, said an exemption is being sought from the city to accommodate the microbrewery.

The issue looms large as the Plymouth Liquor License Review Committee has begun new talks that, in part, are expected to focus on whether liquor license rules should be amended, possibly by lifting the cap on 25 liquor licenses.

Paul Salloum, part owner of the Box Bar building, said Thursday during an LLRC meeting that the microbrewery is an integral part of the plans. He said change is needed to keep local residents spending money locally.

"I need to keep the people here in the city of Plymouth," he said. "We have to change with the times."

Collins said Bigalora and Arbor Brewing Co. would share the 10,000 square feet of space that is now the Box Bar. They would not increase the overall seating capacity and would have separate entrances.

Collins said Bigalora already has six locations in southeast Michigan. Arbor Brewing has a microbrewery in Ypsilanti and a brewpub in Ann Arbor.

Meanwhile, public discussion is expected to continue in coming weeks, even months, as the LLRC grapples with what changes it should possibly make to liquor license rules.

Supporters of the 25-license cap, which includes 14 in the downtown area and 11 elsewhere, say increasing the

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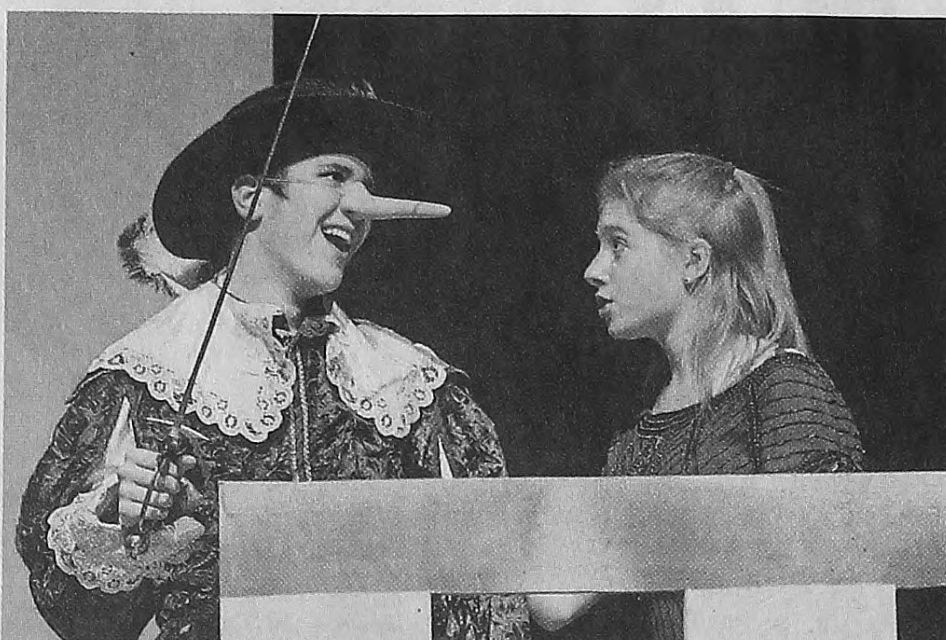
thing I've ever played before."

Senior Lily Chalmers plays opposite Allen as Charlotte Hay, who has to deal with her husband's infidelity and drinking and has to be convinced to come back for the Capra visit.

Charlotte, according to Chalmers, is a strong-willed woman who "knows what she wants and everyone is going to do what she wants, whether they like it or not."

It's a character diametrically opposed to Chalmers's own personality.

"She's, like, the opposite of me in my real life," said Chalmers, last seen in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" last spring. "She's really loud and



A drunk George (Cellach Allen) steps on stage in costume for "Cyrano," though the performance is "Private Lives." Daughter Rosalind, (Rosie Rufe), tries to work with dad's error and hilarity ensues. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

brash. She's super-fun to play."

Allen and Chalmers lead the eight-person cast. Rehearsals started

in mid-September and the cast "bonded immediately," Bird said. The play isn't all that difficult, he pointed out, and

the nearly two months of rehearsal have been more than enough to get the cast ready.

"For this group of



Charlotte (Lily Chalmers), mistakes daughter Rosalind's fiance Richard (Louis Stark) for Frank Capra. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

kids, that's a lot of time," Bird said. "They've been into it since day one ... you have peaks where, at some point, you need to perform or it starts falling off. These kids are ready for an audience." They'll get one, Nov.

10-11 and Nov. 17-18, with all performances at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at www.booktix.com.

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number of liquor licenses would worsen parking problems and possibly change the city's image.

"Once you open the door of the barn, you have problems," said Frank Yaquinto, whose downtown businesses include the restaurant Compari's On The Park.

Opponents of the cap, however, say the city should welcome changes to expand businesses, including microbreweries. They also urged the LLRC to consider amending rules so businesses would not need multiple licenses for operations under one roof.

Salloum said that, ideally, the Box Bar's new owners would prefer to have one license that



Changes are in store for the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

covers both the restaurant and microbrewery, considering they are under one roof and are not expanding the size of the building on Ann Arbor Trail.

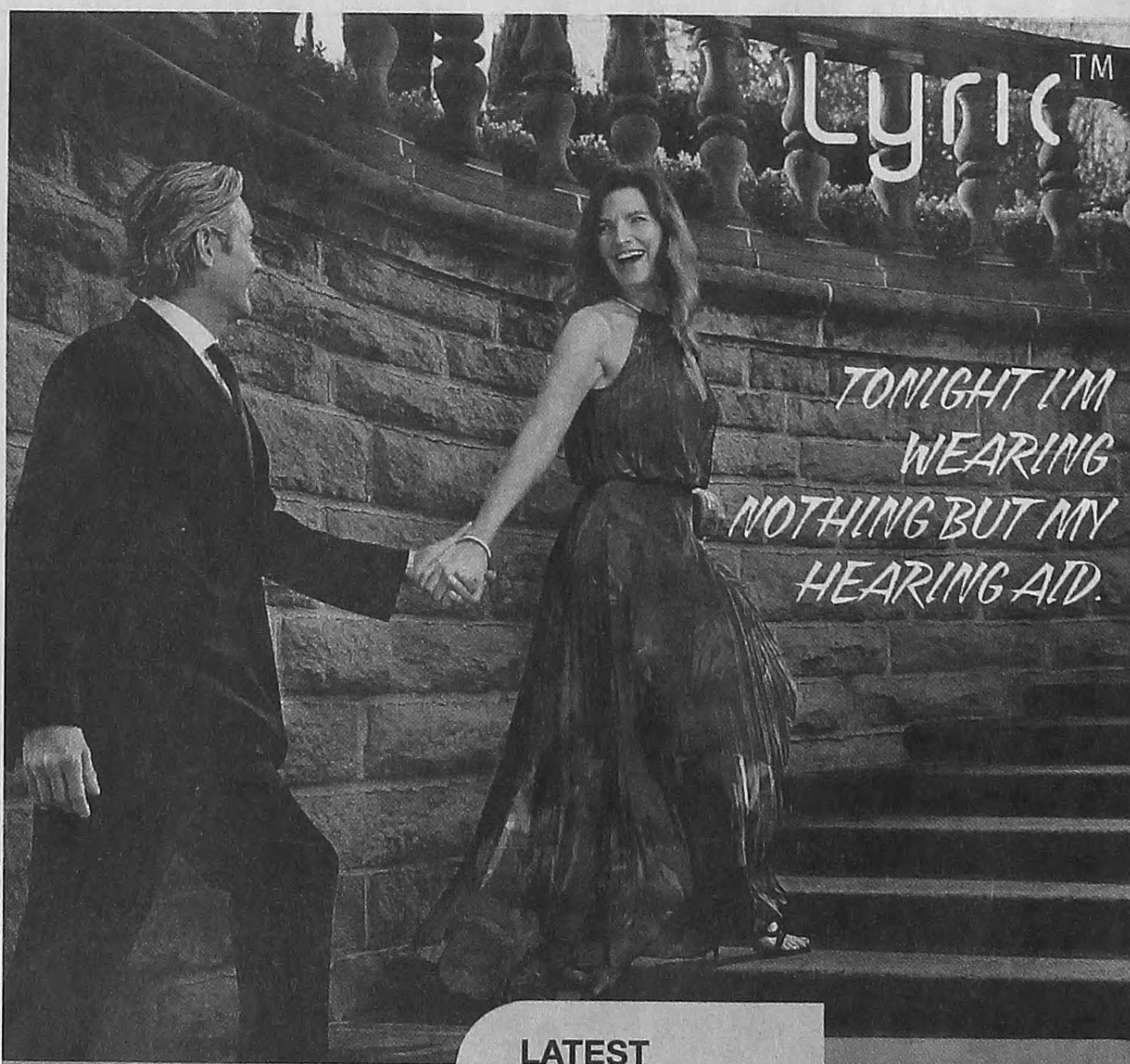
Plymouth City Commissioner Colleen Pobur, who chairs the LLRC, said the committee welcomes the public's input

as it wades through liquor license rules. Pobur, who has been a past opponent of the 25-license cap, said the issue goes far beyond the Box Bar and is a citywide issue.

Pobur conceded the issue is complicated. Ultimately, she and City Commissioners Dan Dalton and Suzi Deal,

who serve on the LLRC, will issue a recommendation to the full Plymouth City Commission. It wasn't yet clear when that might occur.

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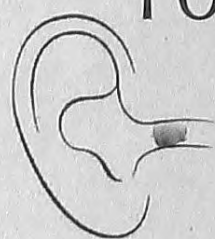
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Township building sale stirs interest, concerns

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Potential buyers are showing "very strong" interest in a building Plymouth Township hopes to sell, Supervisor Kurt Heise said, and he has indicated the money could be used for public safety purposes such as a new fire engine and ambulance.

"We've had some very strong inquiries," he said. "They're still being negotiated at this point."

Heise declined to name any potential buyers.

The township board has chosen to advertise for potential sale the 23,000-square-foot Department of Public Works building at 46555



With potential buyers showing an interest in a Plymouth Township building, questions are being raised about how the money could be used. FILE PHOTO

Port St., located in an industrial zone near M-14 and Beck. It has been appraised at \$1.6 million.

In a move that could push the amount closer to \$2 million, officials also are in discussions to possibly sell for an estimated \$375,000 an adjacent, leased site where a cellphone tower is located.

But one former official, ex-Treasurer Ron Edwards, contends the

township cannot use the money for general fund purposes such as buying a fire engine and ambulance. He said the DPW building was constructed using water-sewer funds and that the money from a sale would have to be returned to that fund.

"That money can't be used for anything else but water and sewer (purposes), Edwards said.

Heise said the town-

ship has researched the issue and found no barriers to using potential revenue from the building sale for public safety purposes such as replacing outdated fire equipment. He said he believes there are "no obstacles" and said "the title is in the hands of the Charter Township of Plymouth."

Heise said the project was handled by the now-defunct Plymouth Township Building Authority,

which he said was disbanded in the late 1990s. He said the property sale "would be very beneficial to the taxpayers" by paying for some expensive purchases.

He dismissed any questions about the sale. "Right now, I think we're in good shape," Heise said, but added the township would work through any potential "legal hiccups" that might arise.

Edwards said the building and subsequent renovations were paid for using water-sewer funds and, therefore, any proceeds would have to be returned to that fund. He said the building authority was merely used as a financing mechanism.

Heise has said the building is located in an

area of southeast Michigan where companies want to locate. As such, he has said he believes the township can get "top dollar for that property."

Township officials have said they would consider using part of the money to replace a 1989 fire engine for an estimated \$650,000 and a new ambulance for about \$190,000. That would likely leave a significant amount of money for other projects.

The DPW building still houses trucks and equipment and is used by DPW employees who, if the sale occurs, would be moved to another township location.

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ers, Lodge No. 53; Pipa Soloist, Angela Bolon (Student of Mr. Yuchen Tian); Joyas de Mexico Ballet, under the direction of Luly del Real; Sitar performance by Naveen Jackson, student of Manjula Verma; Yangtze Melody Group with Hua Qing Dance Group; Clivia Dance Group featuring choreography of Jessie Li; and the Bollywood Dancers.

Cultural exhibits will be featured in the Village Theater's lobby during the event, with some items available for purchase. Enjoy an international sweets table, where favorite international desserts from local stores and bakeries will be offered at a nominal price.



The International Festival will feature Joyas de Mexico Ballet.

This event is presented by the all-volunteer Multicultural Committee of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. Tickets are just \$2 per person at the

door; cash only. Audience members can get their hand stamped and come and go as they please throughout the day. Seating for this main stage production is general

admission.

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Hero Hangout: Comics Reading Group

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

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

Library Board Meeting

When: 7:30-9 p.m. third Thursday of each month

Details: CPL is governed by a six-member Library Board of Trustees of community members elected quadrennially on a non-partisan ballot. The public is invited to attend.

On the Spot Tech Help

When: 5-7 p.m. each Wednesday and noon to 2 p.m. each Saturday

Details: A team of tech-savvy volunteers has been assembled at CPL to help you find the answers to those tech issues you can't quite figure out on your own. Whether you need help

while working on a project at one of our computers, setting up an email address or downloading an app on your phone, we can help.

ELL Conversation Groups

When: 9:30-11 a.m. each Thursday and Friday

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

Digital Drop-In Help

When: 10-11 a.m. each Friday

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

Computer Skills Lab for Beginners

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

Details: If you are looking to build a foundation of strong computer skills, including Internet use and setting up an email account, stop in to CPL's Internet Lab. We will have guided activ-

ities for practice with mouse skills, copying/pasting and more, with trusted experts on hand to answer any questions you may have or connect you to additional resources.

Family Storytime

Details: Family Storytime provides an opportunity for caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. Together with a youth librarian, you can build early literacy skills in a welcoming environment through meaningful stories, songs and play. Encourage a love of language and reading while practicing listening and cooperative tasks. Every Family Storytime is followed by a half-hour of ABC Activity Time. Go to www.cantonpl.org for a full November program schedule.

Preschool Storytime

Details: Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-55. These activities help develop pre-reading and school-readiness skills. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend, if needed, to help transition their child to this program, and all parents must remain in the chil-

dren's department. Registration is required and you can pick a Monday or a Friday session. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

Baby Storytime

Details: Baby Storytime is designed for babies 18 months and younger with an adult and features simple stories, songs and rhymes carefully chosen to build awareness of language and vocabulary, foster a love of books and provide a fun, interactive experience for babies and parents/caregivers. Baby Storytime sessions start Sept. 12. Registration is required. Go to www.cantonpl.org for registration and schedule.

Teen Writers' Studio

Details: Meet other teens who share the same passion of writing and creating as you for writing exercises, brainstorming, feedback and more. You will never be required to share your work, but if you'd like to, this is a safe space and judgment free zone. Your stories and poems produced during these sessions will also be bound together at the end of the school year, creating a book or zine of your work. This program is open to all middle and

high school students and is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11.

Sylvan Practice Test: ACT

Details: Sylvan Learning Center is back at the library to administer a full length ACT practice test, open to teens ages 14-17. Students should bring their own calculator and pencils and are required to attend the entire session from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. Registration is required and participants must have a valid library card.

Adult Writers' Group

Details: Interested in writing? Join other adults to share your work, get feedback and discuss the craft of writing. The next session is 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11.

Diwali Kathak Recital

Details: Diwali is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. To celebrate, we are welcoming students from the Thirak Kathak Dance Studio. Led by Reshma Buch, these dancers will treat audiences to an audiovisual feast of royal and elegant Indian classical dance. Join us for the celebration at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12.

U-M STEM

Details: The Canton Public Library has partnered with the University of Michigan's Technical Communications department to bring a series of fun and exciting STEM workshops to the library. These workshops will present a wide range of topics in the science, technology, engineering and math disciplines. Each session has been designed and developed for kids aged 11-13 by engineering students at the university. Registration is required for each session. Upcoming U-M STEM sessions are 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18-19.

American Girl Club

Details: Learn about a different American Girl character each program through crafts, games and activities. The group will explore both the historical characters and the modern day characters. No prior knowledge of the books or characters is needed. If you have an American Girl doll feel free to bring her, and a friend! This program is open to ages 8-12 and registration is required. American Girl Club is 7-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20.

Five charities competing for \$10,000 award

In celebration of 10 years as a community-focused bank, Level One Bank has launched the 10K Project.

The bank will award \$10,000 to a local nonprofit determined by popular vote to utilize the dollars most impactfully toward its mission. Level

One Bank is urging voters to make their charitable choices known – online and in branches – from five finalists spread over four Michigan counties. Listed in alphabetical order they are:

- » Children With Hair Loss (Wayne County)
- » Detroit Dog Rescue

(Macomb County)

- » Habitat for Humanity (Oakland County)
- » HAVEN (Oakland County)
- » Kid's Food Basket (Kent County)

The five finalists were chosen by Level One Bank employees from a list of nearly 80 charities

the bank has supported over the past 10 years.

"All of these nonprofit organizations consistently and effectively display an extraordinary commitment and dedication to those they serve," said Patrick J. Fehring, president and CEO, Level One Bank.

Interested voters can view finalist videos and profiles, which communicate mission, good works and how the \$10,000 would be used at <https://www.levelonebank.com/10kproject> and then register their choice online or at any of Level One Bank's 12 branches statewide. Voting concludes Nov. 24, with a winner to be announced on "Giving Tuesday" Nov.

28. "Level One Bank has worked with numerous local charities over the past decade whose efforts are more than worthy of these dollars. Our collaborations have been and will continue to be incredibly rewarding," Fehring said. "Unfortunately, there can be only one recipient of this particular award. We wish them all only the best."



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Oakland County Sheriff's deputies are seeking tips related to an Oct. 28 house party in Oakland Township. Two Cranbrook teens said they were sexually assaulted there. KATARZYNA BIALASIEWICZ | GETTY IMAGES

Police seek tips in assault of teens at house party

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Police are seeking witnesses who attended a house party in Oakland Township, where two Cranbrook students say they were sexually assaulted and that alcohol was reportedly served to minors.

"We want to know what went on and what people can share with us," Oakland County Sheriff's Undersheriff Mike McCabe said Monday about the Oct. 28 party. "We need people to step up on this matter and do the right thing."

McCabe said any students who come forward do not have to worry about being criminally charged — even if they were consuming alcohol

at the party. In fact, there's a reward of up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. Anyone providing information will remain anonymous.

"We're more concerned about what exactly was going on that night," he said. "We're told that up to 100 people were at the party and that alcohol was being served at the house."

Police believe the party was being hosted by a student attending Cranbrook Schools and that many of the guests at the party also attend the private college prep school in Bloomfield Hills. There are also indications an adult was home at the time of the party.

Two female Cranbrook students, ages 16 and 17, told police they were

sexually assaulted at the party. McCabe said a possible suspect has been identified and, at this point, investigators are trying to determine if others were involved.

Cranbrook officials say they're aware of the alleged incident, but are withholding comment pending the outcome of the police investigation.

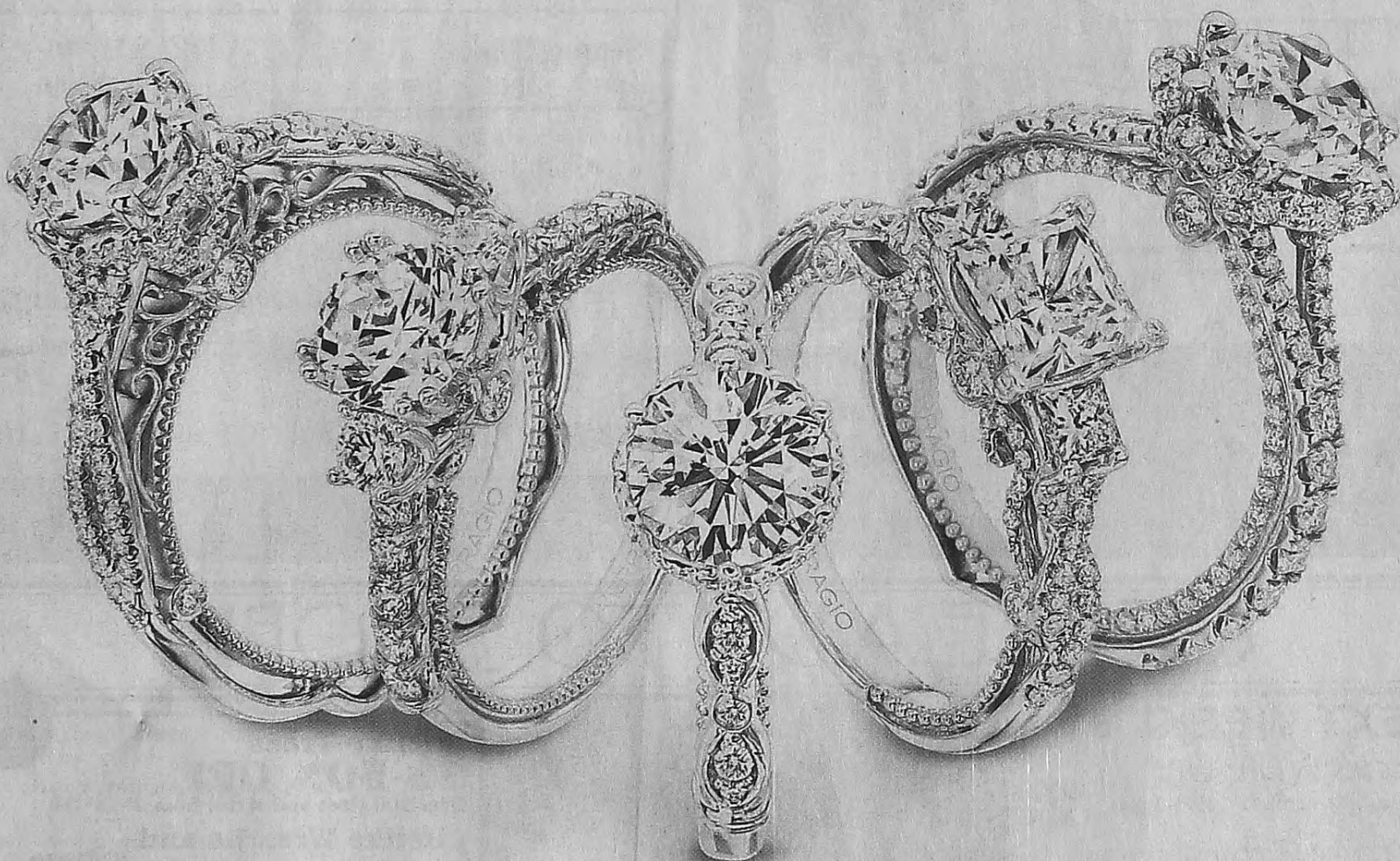
Anyone who can provide information about the alleged assaults or the serving of alcohol to minors at the party is being asked to call the sheriff's Oakland Township substation at 248-652-4671. Or they can leave information with Crime Stoppers of Michigan at 800-Speak Up.

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Show some real discipline this holiday shopping season

It seems every year I'm writing this column earlier and earlier. Just the other day, I read a story that Amazon, Walmart and other large retailers are already starting their holiday sales. It used to be that holiday shopping started after Thanksgiving — not anymore. Because the holiday shopping season is starting ever earlier, I thought it was appropriate to discuss holiday gift giving.

It is shameful when you hear that many Americans are just now paying off their debts from last year's holiday season. I guarantee you that no one you care about or who cares about you wants you to go into debt to buy them a holiday gift. The holiday season should be filled



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

with joy and happiness, not anxiety and worry over how you will pay for gifts. Even though retailers want you to spend, spend and spend some more, those who love and care about you are more concerned about your well-being than a gift. It is important that, before you begin your holiday shopping, you set a strategy so that you don't overspend and get yourself into financial difficulty.

There are two main steps you need to take before you embark on holiday shopping. The first is set a budget. You

should know before you begin your shopping how much you are going to spend. I can't tell you how much to spend, but I can tell you that, when the holiday bills come due, if you can't afford to write a check and pay it off in its entirety, you are probably spending too much. Yes, we all use charge cards and they are a convenient way to make purchases but charge cards are the worst way to finance a purchase. If you can't afford to pay your bill when it comes due, what you are doing is adding another 20 percent on to the cost of the gift. Twenty percent is about average of what credit cards charge in interest. The only way to avoid the outrageous interest rate on charge cards is to pay

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your bill on time.

The second step to being fiscally responsible during the holiday season is to write a list ahead of time. You don't have to buy gifts for every person you know and sometimes gifts can be something you make as opposed to something you buy. If you know who you have to buy gifts for, it will make it easier to stay within your budget.

Even though the economy has improved, the financial health of the average American family is still poor. That is

why families and businesses where gifts are exchanged should get together and put limits on what can be spent. This alleviates much of the financial stress that many people feel during the holiday season. Another consequence is it can result in some very creative gifts. Reducing financial stress during the holiday season allows your family, friends and loved ones to better enjoy the holidays.

The key with setting a budget and making a list ahead of time only works

if you have the discipline to stick with your game plan. Remember, never equate how much you love someone by how much you spend on their gift; it doesn't work that way.

With the holiday shopping season upon us, don't be like the millions of Americans who are still paying for last year's gifts. Be like those who were fiscally responsible and truly able to enjoy the holiday season, knowing they could afford their purchases.

Good luck!

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Canton Turkey Trot

Canton Leisure Services will conduct the 15th annual Turkey Trot for a Cause starting at 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23. The 5K race or 1-mile fun run will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, an organization dedicated to empowering individuals with seizure disorders.

This year's race is set to start at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, and will cover a picturesque, flat course that winds through Pheasant Run Golf course and Heritage Park, ending back at the Summit.

Pre-registration is available online at csc.canton-mi.org until midnight Sunday, Nov. 20. Participants registered by Nov. 9 are guaranteed an event T-shirt. Registration fees are \$25 for the 5K race and \$15 for the 1-mile fun run.

Participants can pick up shirts and bibs starting Friday, Nov. 17, at Gazelle Sports, 39737 Traditions Drive, Northville, during regular store



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hours. Pickup will reopen 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, in the Summit Banquet and Conference Center.

For more information, including course map, go to csc.canton-mi.org or call 734-483-5600.

'Elf Jr.' at PARC

Forever After Productions will present "Elf Jr." at The Playhouse at the PARC, 650 Church Street, Plymouth. The cast is composed of more than 40 young actors from Plymouth, Canton and surrounding communities.

General admission tickets are \$10 and are on sale for all six performances: 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 9-11; 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. They can be purchased at www.iheartforeverafter.com or by calling Forever After Productions at 734-547-5156.

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Suicide prevention conference

The Silent Epidemic: A Conference on Suicide is scheduled for Nov. 9-11 at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth.

The event includes "Songs of the Heart," a benefit performance by Judy Collins with special guest emcee Matt Watroba, beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, in the Grand Ballroom of the Inn at St. John's. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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

This year's conference is focused on five key themes: research and therapeutic modalities, youth and education, veterans and active military, suicide prevention in the workplace and Surviving Suicide: a Journey of Healing and Hope. Single-day registrations and Continuing Education credits are available.

Registration is \$100 (one day) or \$300 (three days). For more information or to register, go to <https://kevinssong.org/conference/>.

Michigan Phil to host vets concert

The Michigan Philharmonic, under the direction of Nan Washburn,

commemorates Veterans Day by honoring those who served with a "Hail to the Veterans" concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

The Michigan Philharmonic welcomes special guest children's choirs from Our Lady of Good Counsel, the Main Street Opera Children's Chorus and the Detroit Children's Choir. For tickets and information, call 734-451-2112 or go to www.michiganphil.org.

Baseline Folk Society

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

This month's performance, set for 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, features Spanish guitarist Ray Hough. Host John Delle-Monache, singer-songwriter, will perform a couple of songs and host the evening of music and entertainment. All proceeds from this performance will benefit Plymouth Goodfellows.

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

'Men Are Dogs' at Village Theater

Spotlight Players senior group, Still Got It Players, will present the comedy "Men Are Dogs," by Joseph Simonelli, in the Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Performances run Nov. 10-12. Friday and Saturday performances are 7:30 p.m. and Sunday

performances are 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 to \$18 and printed at home or held in will call at www.cantonvillage.com. The box office is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday. Tickets can also be ordered over the phone at 734-394-5300, ext. 3. If tickets are still available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to show time.

Stella at the Plymouth library

Plymouth's favorite Bernese mountain dog, Stella, will be spending some time with the neighbors when she appears at the Plymouth District Library for a book launch 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. She is the focus of a new children's book, written by Helena and Bob Ostendorf, co-owners of Stella's Black Dog Tavern.

A variety of fun family activities are planned for the day. Mr. Ostendorf will read from the book with Stella by his side. Photo opportunities with Stella will be available as well. Copies of books will be on hand for purchase.

Proceeds from books sold will be shared with the library and a nonprofit veterans support group. For more information, call 734-453-0750, ext. 242.

Cuts for a Cause

Studio 1 Salon, 43717 Ford Road, in Canton will be hosting Cuts for a Cause, a fundraiser to benefit the Canton Goodfellows "No Child Without A Christmas" campaign, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. The minimum asked donations for services are \$25 for women, \$15 for men and \$10 for children. All proceeds will be donated to the Canton Goodfellows. In addition, all the retail products are 10 percent off and 20 percent of the proceeds from the retail sold that day go toward its campaign.

No appointment is needed and no stylist requests will be taken. For more information, go to www.studio1salon.com or call 734-844-0040.

Village Potters Guild sale

The Village Potters Guild will hold its holiday sale Nov. 16-18, featuring original handmade pottery from more than 20 artists all crafted in Plymouth. Hours are 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18.

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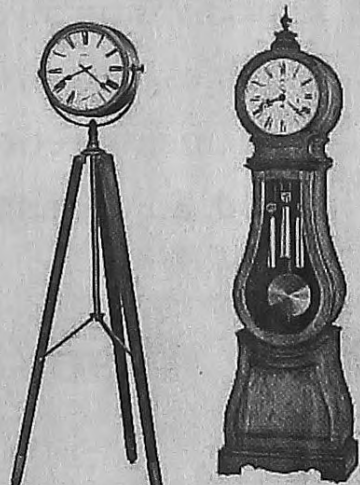
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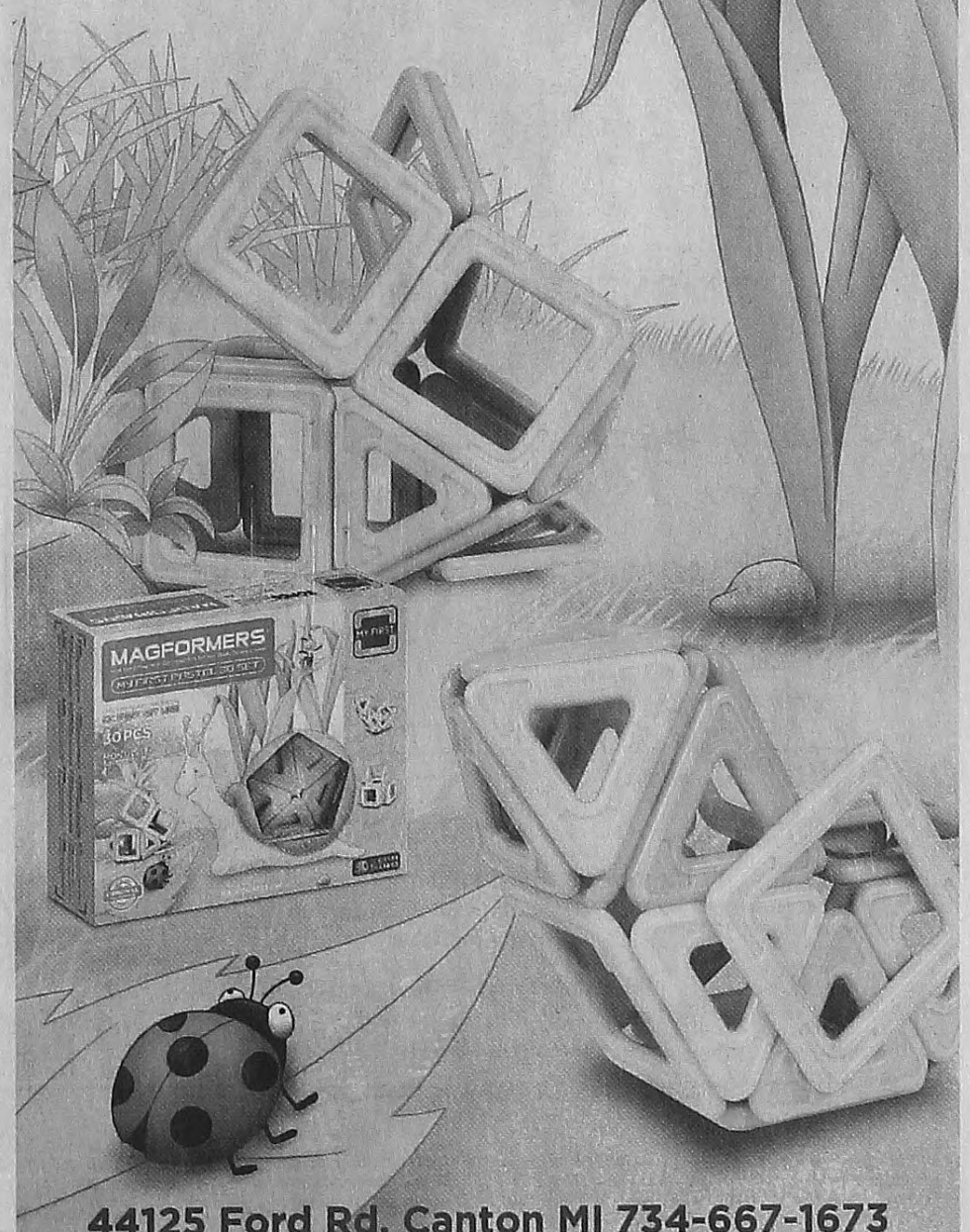
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Madonna students creating feature film

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The film credit program in Michigan may have been axed a few years ago, but that hasn't stopped film production. Just ask nine students at Madonna University, who are currently in post-production for a film titled "People Like Me."

The students, all enrolled in a capstone class through the Livonia university's broadcast and cinematic arts department, are working diligently to prepare their feature-length film for a December premiere. And faculty member Chris Nickin insists it's a process that gives them as real an experience as possible.

"We do a full 12-hour day, with a 12-hour turn-around. In this class, the idea is that we try to give them as realistic an experience as possible," said Nickin, a Madonna University alumnus. "These guys take on all the key roles. The students are the producers, the writers, the director, the director of photography."

The class lasts an entire year, with the students meeting in January, through the summer and continuing until the semester ends before Christmas. Students worked with volunteer actors for a span of three weeks in August to shoot the film, done on location in communities such as Livonia, Plymouth and Northville. The capstone class has produced a full-length film the last couple of years.

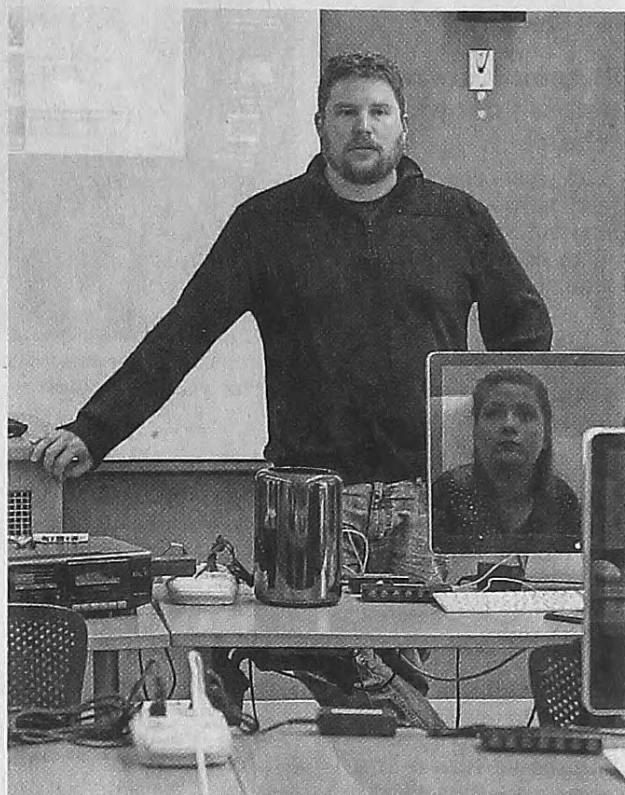
The film revolves around a 16-year-old girl named Lydia, who checks herself into a facility for



Madonna students working on a set. NANCY BOYD



Levi Peters composes music for the film. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Chris Nickin teaches the Capstone class, along with Sue Boyd. Student Hannah Csircsu is reflected in the computer screen. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

treatment for her bulimia. There, she befriends other young people who have adventures as they try to hold an impromptu prom for Lydia, who has missed her's in order to get better.

"They bond over the fact that this 16-year-old had to miss her high school prom in order to get better. They decide to find a way to go around

the staff of the hospital and make prom happen in this adolescent ward," said Livonia resident Jordan Cumbo, who came up with the film's concept. "It's all the shenanigans they get themselves into as they try to put on this big event in the hospital."

Students are now in post-production, putting together trailers and

getting the film prepared for its premiere in December. Several teaser trailers have been released and a full-length trailer is expected soon on the film's YouTube channel.

Love of the craft

Despite working long hours getting the film together, none of the students seems discour-

aged by the work. In fact, many of them said the project solidified their desires to work in the film industry after graduating.

"I woke up every day, ready to go to set, awake and happy," said Davis Clenney of Northville. "I got, like, six hours of sleep, wake up and I'm ready to go."

The students each take a role they would have outside the classroom, including producer, director, colorist and even composer.

That last role goes to St. Clair resident Levi Peters, who has written several pieces of music for the film.

He said he's used programs such as Logic Pro to create the tunes, but has gotten real instru-

ments such as a guitar and violin to add to the music's presence.

"I really like the feel of the real instruments," he said. "There's more emotion with that."

The film will debut at a local theater in December — the location has not yet been determined — and will play at Madonna University sometime in January. After that, the film may make its way to film festivals across the country.

"We do screenings throughout the year," Nickin said. "The movie doesn't get shown once or twice and disappear."

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Plymouth auction raises 'highest amount in 10 years'

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There was respect for the past and an eye toward the future as hundreds of people gathered to celebrate a very good year for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at the annual auction Friday night.

Some 510 people gathered at Laurel Manor in Livonia for the annual auction, proceeds from which are used to further chamber programs to promote the community and support the business community.

And it was a pretty good year for proceeds. Chamber President Wes Graff estimated the gala raised some \$115,000, the highest total, he said, in "maybe 10 years."

The total was helped by some of the live-auction items, which included five different trips to "almost any destination in the world," a

ride in the fire truck with Santa and an ice sculpture that all went pretty well.

"We had some extra sponsorship dollars this year and the live auction went very well," Graff said. "People were very gracious this year in supporting the chamber."

The poignant moment of the evening came when the audience observed a moment of silence for former chamber executive director Fran Toney, who died last month.

Toney spent 17 years at the helm of the chamber and was the one who brought the gala auction to town in the beginning.

"After as many years as Fran put into the organization — she helped to build it — we felt it was a good opportunity to pay tribute to her," Graff said. "She deserved that."

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Garry Wally of Fitness Things browses the Detroit Tigers memorabilia. TOM BEAUDOIN



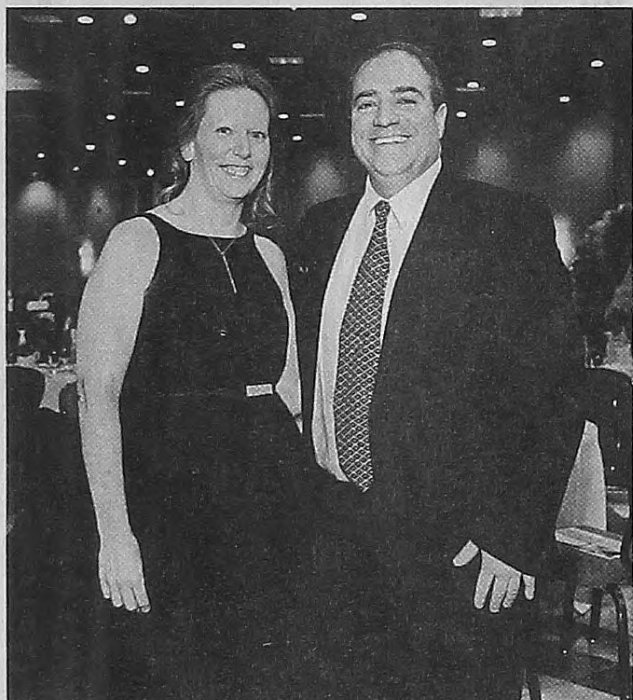
Plymouth chamber members Lisa Laing, Terry Goehmann and Chantia Thompson at the auction. TOM BEAUDOIN



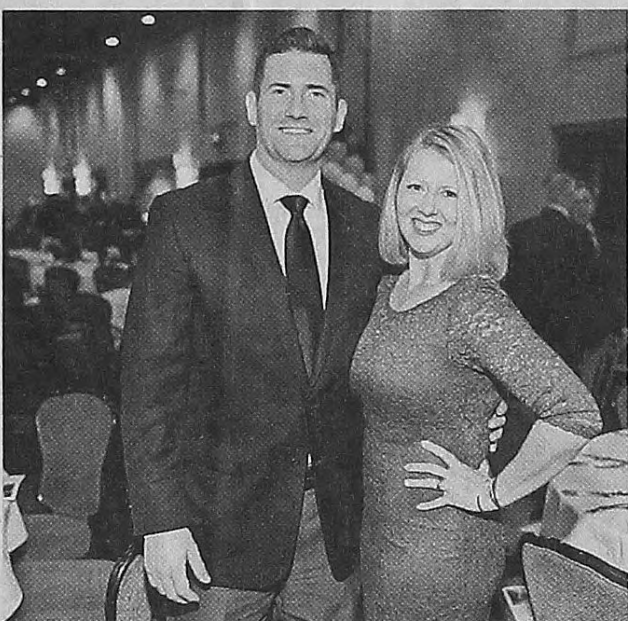
Tom and Sandy Leighton browse the vast number of auction items at this year's event. TOM BEAUDOIN



Lillian Ryall looks over the hundreds of items available to bid on at the Plymouth Chamber's biggest fundraiser of the year. TOM BEAUDOIN



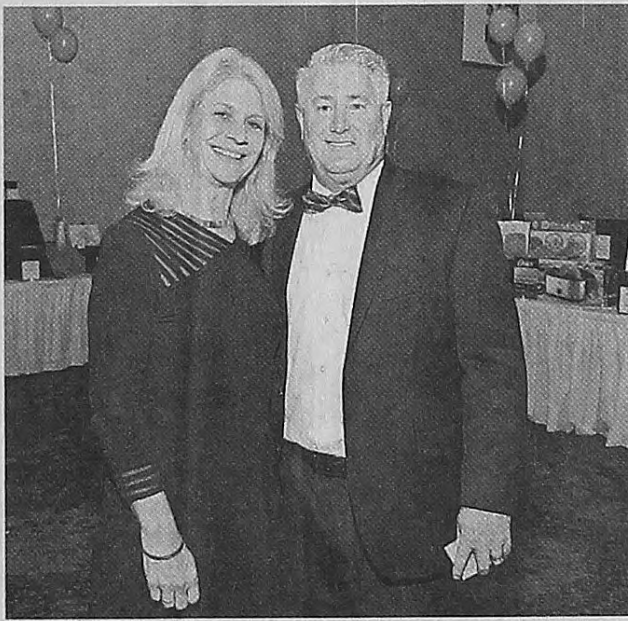
Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce membership director Doug Wallace and girlfriend Stacie Crosier enjoy the auction Friday. TOM BEAUDOIN



Chris And Randi Hamilton of Edward Jones in Plymouth, enjoying the annual auction. TOM BEAUDOIN



Tom and Cheryl Skynar of Skynar Bookkeeping in Plymouth attend the auction. TOM BEAUDOIN



Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams and his wife Nancy were among more than 500 people who attended the auction. TOM BEAUDOIN

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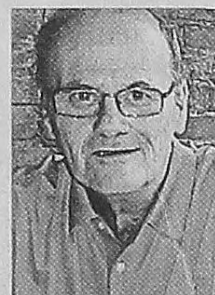
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John Robert passed peacefully on Tuesday October 31, 2017, at age 72, in his home in Northville. He was accompanied at the end by his beloved wife, Doris. John is survived by children: Aimee (Bill), Abby (Phil), Adrienne (Deda), and Evan (Laticia). Grandchildren: Olivia, Sofia, Samantha, Brooke, and Lucas. Brother, Terry (Sue), and niece and nephew Jamie and Shawn. John was born in Rochester, New York, and graduated from Gates-Chili High School. He earned his Bachelors of Science from Rochester Institute of Technology, and his Masters in Mechanical Engineering from Wayne State University. John had a long and distinguished career with Ford Motor Company. After over 40 years with Ford, he retired as an Executive Engineer. After his retirement from Ford, he started a second career with his son, Evan, owning/operating a custom motor cycle shop in Plymouth (Plymouth Cycle and Speed). He had a passion for motorcycles, golf, and working on his cherished 1965 Mustang. John was involved in many organizations and charities throughout his life, serving on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Republic. John fought a five-year battle with cancer and showed incredible humility, strength, and stubbornness to the very end. True to his nature, he never stopped giving back and has donated his body to Wayne State University for medical research. In-lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in John's name to a cancer organization of your choice. A Memorial Service will be held November 25, 2017, with an Open House from 1-3:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, 200 E Main, Northville, MI.



Marlene A. November 3, 2017 age 80 of Plymouth. Beloved mother of Peggy (Mark) Copp, Kathleen (Mark) Cotter, Paul, Jeffrey (Krista). Proud grandmother of Corey, Jordan, Ryan, Casey, Jack, and Henry. Preceded in death by her brother Kenneth Kerch, her sister Jean Huber and her nephew Kenneth Kerch. The family will gather with friends Saturday November 11th from 10 AM until the 12 noon Memorial service, at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (between Sheldon and Beck). Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan or Angela Hospice. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



Hewlett

Christie of Birmingham, MI, daughter of Thomas H. and Freda P. Hewlett, died peacefully at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, on November 1, 2017. A graduate of Kingswood School Cranbrook, Randolph-Macon Women's College, and Wayne State, Chris brought her warmth and substantial administrative skills to management roles at Michigan Bell, later Ameritech. Helping employees advance was her greatest satisfaction. She is survived by her sister, Lillian (Michael) Moats, and nephew, David Moats. A Celebration of her Life is planned for family and friends at a later date. Donations may be made to Detroit Rescue Mission.



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Catholic Central ends 39-year title drought

Pierson's late PK decides defensive battle against Walled Lake Central, 1-0

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It only took one goal, but it was the most important goal in Detroit Catholic Central soccer history.

Senior Ryan Pierson's penalty kick with only 6:49 remaining gave the Shamrocks their first-ever state championship as they defeated Walled Lake Central, 1-0, for the coveted

MHSAA Division 1 title Saturday at Rochester Stoney Creek.

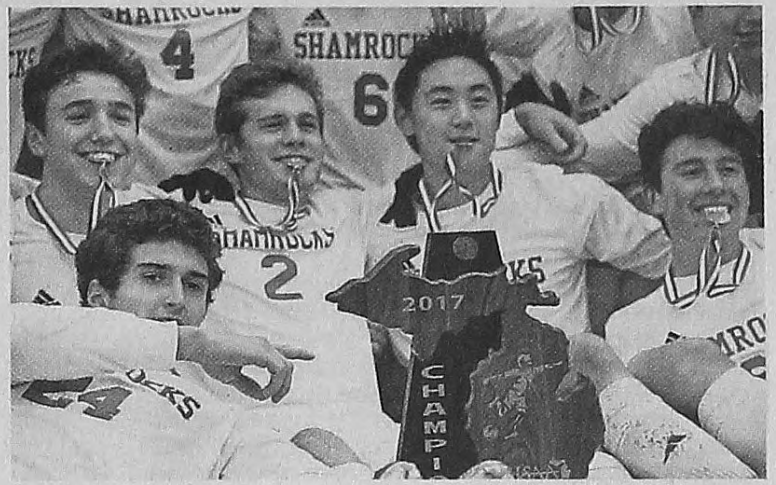
Sixth-year coach Gene Pulice was nearly tongue-tied in describing his feelings afterward as the CC players, students and fans celebrated.

"I guess I really don't know what to say," said Pulice, whose team finished 21-2-4. "It's taken 39 years in the making, right? So I think the first one definitely is historic and impactful. As a coach to be able to be the first coach to lead a team to it, it's impactful, for sure. Everybody put it together, came out here and played hard today."

Pierson, the Shamrocks' top scorer all season, converted his 32nd goal after being taken down inside the 18-yard box on a foul by Central defender Tate Hjorth.

"I thought it was a matter of time before Ryan got pulled down in the box," Pulice said. "They were on him all game. And so, it's one of those things where you just try and stick to your game plan and know that it will work."

Pierson, committed to Saginaw Valley State, then stepped up to the line and grounded a shot under the outstretched



Detroit Catholic Central players posed with the MHSAA Division 1 state championship trophy after a 1-0 win over Walled Lake Central. DAN DEAN

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PREP FOOTBALL

Franklin edges Churchill to win district crown



Franklin's Cal Fournier (right) breaks a tackle by Churchill's Jayvaughn Grissom to score a touchdown. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PREP FOOTBALL

Chiefs deliver knockout punch against Belleville

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After an intense week of practice preparing for Friday's Division 1 football district final against top-ranked Belleville, it all came down to a single play for Canton.

And what a wild and crazy play it was. Canton's prevent defense was able to finally bring down Jalen Wallace with nothing but zeroes on the scoreboard to preserve a nerve-wracking 28-25 victory against the previously undefeated Tigers.

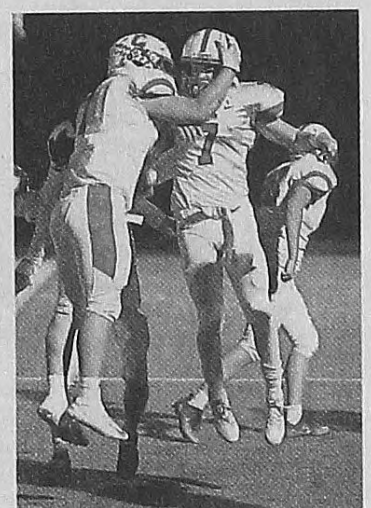
"How many kids on our team would start for them?" jubilant Canton coach Tim Baechler said after the district trophy presentation. "Not very many. Yeah, this was a great win."

Senior running back Colin Troup carried the offense, rushing 24 times for 178 yards and a touchdown. But it was bend-but-don't-break defense that gave the Chiefs the win.

"I was scared to death on that last play," Baechler said. "My god, my heart sank, rose, sank, rose. What a way to end. I'm sick right now."

Baechler could afford to laugh, however, because the Chiefs won their 10th straight game after their Week 1 loss to Muskegon Mona Shores. Canton will move on to the regionals.

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After teaming for a fourth-quarter touchdown pass, Lou Baechler (left) gives props to quarterback Connor Engel.

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Patriots will host regional final against Flushing

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With just over a minute left and Livonia Franklin clinging to two-point lead against Livonia Churchill, Brad Gibson had a sneaky suspicion that one more pass was headed in his direction.

Call it intuition, but the senior defensive back picked off Drew Alsbrooks's pass at his own 44 to seal the victory for the Patriots, who claimed

the Division 2 football district title with a 21-19 win over the host Chargers.

"The play before, they ran the same hitch route," the 5-foot-9, 170-pound Gibson said. "And I tried to jump it the play before, but I just couldn't make it ... I had a hard hit. I knew they were coming back to it, so when they did, securing the catch was just an unbelievable feeling."

It certainly is an unbelievable feeling for the Patriots, who after two road games, get

to host Flushing (9-2) for the regional title at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10. Flushing advanced with a 28-21 win at Fenton.

The Patriots also avenged a 24-10 loss to Churchill earlier this season.

"I knew we had to make a big stop," Gibson said. "I knew we couldn't give up. It just showed how strong we were and how well we were going to compete with a minute left in the game."

Franklin appeared to have the game won with just over

three minutes left, when Marcus Martin stripped Alsbrooks, Churchill's junior quarterback, of the ball after a 20-yard gain, which was recovered by teammate Keion Harris just inbounds.

"When I saw the ball, I had to go for it because it was either that or they have a chance getting down the field and kicking a field goal, sealing the game, 22-21," Martin said.

Churchill (8-3) was also assessed a 15-yard personal foul following the play, put-

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PREP FOOTBALL

Divine Child scores early, often in district final

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Dearborn Divine Child's defense was on the field more than its offense Friday, but that didn't matter much as the host Falcons rolled to a 42-6 win in the Division 3 football district final.

The Eagles (10-1) actually ran 56 plays to DC's 36, yet the Falcons broke out to a quick 14-0 lead and never looked back — registering 329 yards to Thurston's 167.

Scoring for Thurston (7-4) was running back Leonard Funches, on a 34-yard run late in the first quarter to trim the Falcons' lead to 14-6. Funches was a bright spot for veteran coach

Bob Snell, with 98 yards in 27 rushing attempts.

Quarterback Zachary Crofford, however, could not quite connect with the passing attack. He hit on just 8-of-23 passes for 53 yards.

Conversely for Divine Child, senior quarterback and Michigan State University commit Theo Day (Canton) was on-target. He connected on 10-of-12 passes for 121 yards and two touchdowns and added 87 yards on the ground.

Day opened the scoring with 8:22 left in the first, on a 49-yard TD toss to Vincent Floro.

About five minutes later, Day teamed with senior Aidan Hutchinson, a Plymouth resident who has verbally committed to Michigan, on a 28-yard

aerial.

Whatever momentum Thurston had thanks to the Funches touchdown was brief. Divine Child scored 21 unanswered points in the second quarter to take a 35-6 halftime lead.

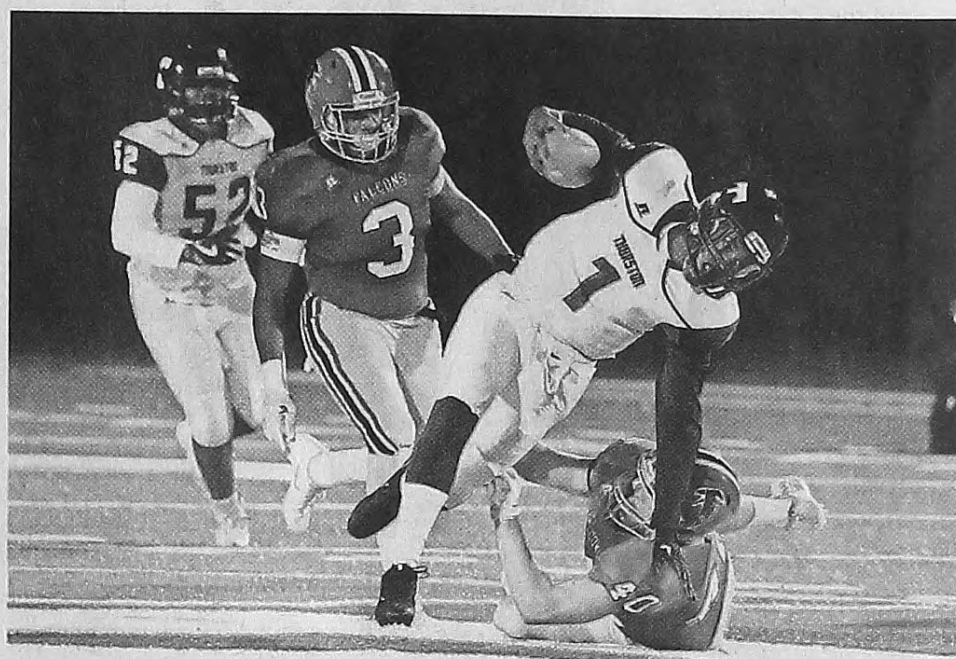
William Duren, Day (on a 53-yarder) and Noah DeGuzman both scored a rushing TD in the second quarter.

The only scoring in the second half was on a 39-yard run by Gregory Robinson.

Spearheading the Divine Child defense with a team-leading 6.5 tackles was Hutchison.

Next for the Falcons is a D3 regional contest against Riverview.

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Thurston's Zachary Crofford (right) tries to break a tackle against Divine Child's Cameron Smith. TOM BEAUDOIN

PREP FOOTBALL

Catholic Central offense clicks in win vs. Lakeland

Shamrocks will take on Canton in regional final Friday

Mike Rosenbaum

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A punishing ground game, some timely passes and a defense that improved as the game progressed led Detroit Catholic Central to a 35-12 victory over host White Lake Lakeland in a Division 1 football district championship game Friday.

The Shamrocks (7-4) advance to the regional final this week, where they'll play at Canton (10-1) at 7 p.m. Friday. Lakeland finished its season 7-3.

Here are five takeaways from the contest:

FAST START

On their first possession, the Eagles didn't look like a team on their way to a three-score loss, as they drove 66 yards on nine plays.

Lakeland gashed the CC defense with four runs of 10 yards or more before Dakota Myers capped the drive with a 4-yard touchdown run.

But Lakeland managed just three more first downs the rest of the half.

CC coach Dan Anderson said he didn't make any defensive adjustments after that first series. Instead, his players just needed some time to adapt to Lakeland's attack.

"It's a tough offense to stop — a lot of counters, a lot of misdirection," Anderson said. "You run it all week in practice, but you run it with scout team guys. You don't run it with their guys. Their guys were very good ... and I think we had to get used to it."

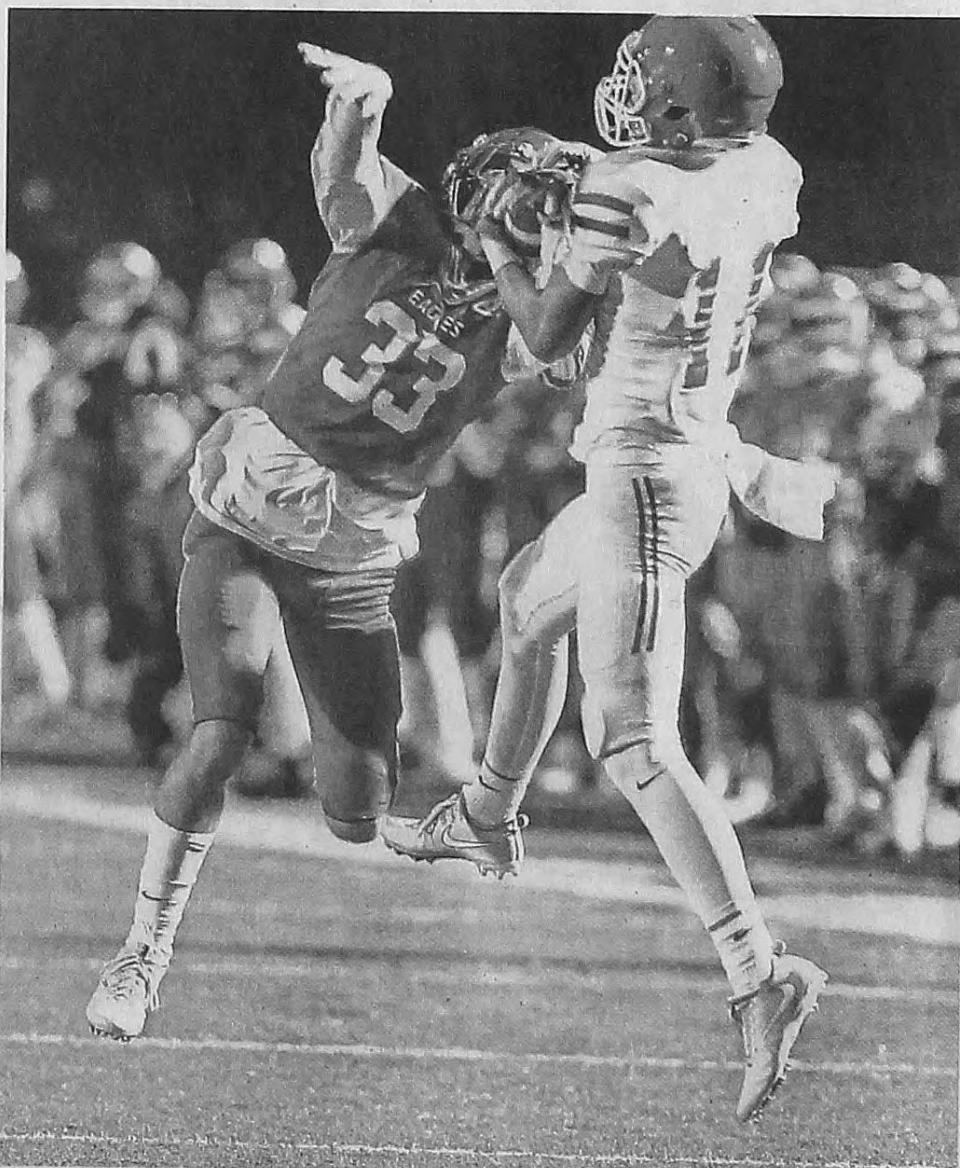
Lakeland coach Joe Woodruff said the Shamrocks "were doing some good things on the defensive line from a technique standpoint. I don't think it was an X's and O's thing."

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

Fourth-down success was vital to the Shamrocks early in the contest.

On their first series, trailing 6-0, they faced a fourth-and-one from the Lakeland 14.

Cameron Ryan gained 3 yards for the first down and, three plays later, he scored his first TD of the



Catholic Central's Nate Anderson (right) makes the catch over Lakeland defender Luke Perry. SCOTT CONFER

night on a 3-yard run.

On Lakeland's next possession, Woodruff rolled the dice on fourth-and-one from his own 29, but CC swarmed to the ball and stuffed Robbie Tracy for no gain. That set up a short TD drive that Ryan capped with a 6-yard run to give the Shamrocks a 14-6 lead late in the first quarter.

AIR POWER

CC quarterback Marco Genrich hadn't completed a pass midway through the second quarter, when he dropped back to throw on third-and-15 from the CC 27.

He hit big tight end Mike Harding with a 33-yard strike to keep the drive alive.

Three plays later, Genrich completed a 38-yard pass to Nate Anderson on third-and-14 to set up Ryan's 2-yard scoring run and help the Shamrocks take a 21-6 lead into halftime.

"We had good coverage on both plays," Woodruff said, "and they won the 50/50 balls. And that was huge."

"A (big) part of our offensive game plan was to throw the ball," Dan Anderson said, "because



Catholic Central's Cameron Ryan tries to break the grasp of Lakeland tackler Sean Cullen (bottom). BRAD EMONS

we know they don't play with safeties."

Indeed, while the Shamrocks didn't throw often, they were deadly when Genrich did air it out, as the junior completed 7-of-9 passes for 141 yards.

His 35-yard scoring pass to Nate Anderson early in the fourth quarter — on fourth-and-nine — basically sealed the victory.

SPECIAL SUCCESS

Despite having an extra point blocked, Lakeland did enjoy some success on special teams.

Late in the first half, Dylan Kutzleb almost broke a kickoff return, taking it 53 yards to the CC 43.

Shamrocks kicker Ethan Patinson made the touchdown-saving tackle, which proved to be a key play after the CC defense limited Lakeland to just one first down and eventually forced a punt.

The Eagles had better fortune in the third quarter, when Sean Cullen ran a fake punt 33 yards to the Shamrocks 21, to help set up a 1-yard TD run.

IRONMAN

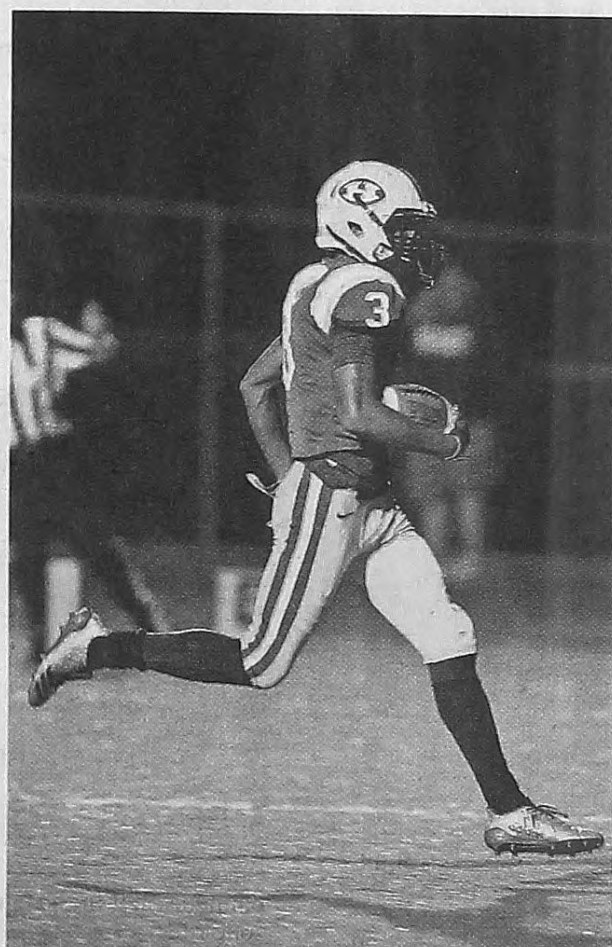
Cam Ryan enjoyed another big game for CC, running 30 times for 200 yards and four TDs.

In addition to his three first-half scores, he capped the opening drive of the second half with a 54-yard touchdown dash, giving CC a 28-6 lead.

The bruising runner gained plenty of yards after contact, but also benefited from a strong performance by his blockers. "I thought the offensive line played very well tonight," Dan Anderson said. "They stuck on their blocks, they stayed, and they finished. It was nice to see."

Tracy paced Lakeland's rushing attack with 108 yards on 16 carries.

PREP FOOTBALL



Roderick Heard scored three times and rushed for 139 yards to help lift Harrison past Warren Woods Tower for the D-3 district title Friday. DAN DEAN

Harrison sweeps through Warren teams in first two playoff games

Marty Budner

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Farmington Harrison continues to march through the Division 3 football state playoffs.

The Hawks conquered their second straight opponent from Warren on Friday, defeating Woods Tower 33-0 in a dominating performance to claim the district championship. In the playoff opener last week, coach John Herrington's squad opened with a convincing 45-14 victory over Warren Fitzgerald.

Against Tower, Harrison exploded to a 13-0 lead after one quarter and scored one touchdown in each of the next three quarters.

Tower, which placed third in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division, took the opening kick, but was forced to punt. Harrison blocked the punt and needed just three plays to open the scoring, when junior running back Roderick Heard went over from 4 yards out. Harrison missed the two-point conversion, but held the 6-0 lead.

With just five seconds remaining in the opening quarter, Heard scored from 16 yards away. Junior kicker David Hiser made the extra point for a 13-0

lead.

Harrison, the OAA White Division tri-champion with Birmingham Groves and Oak Park, surged ahead 19-0 midway through the second quarter on a 29-yard touchdown run by junior Ben Williams.

Trey Walker put the game away by returning the second-half kickoff 77 yards to pay dirt. The extra point was good and Harrison held a 26-0 lead.

Heard, who finished with 139 yards on 12 carries, mustered the final touchdown on a 46-yard run late in the fourth quarter. Senior quarterback Noah Hendricks completed all four passes he threw for 74 yards.

Defensively, senior end Ovie Oghoufo finished with eight tackles and two sacks. Sophomore teammate Sylvon Brown registered a team-high 14 tackles, including one sack.

Harrison (8-3) will play at Linden (9-2) at 7 p.m. Friday for the Division 3 regional championship. Linden, which placed second to Fenton in the Flint Metro League, advanced to the regional final with a 49-27 triumph over Ortonville Brandon.

Harrison last played for the regional title in 2014, when it stopped Flushing 23-10 to advance to the state semifinal. The Hawks lost in the semifinal, 25-24, to Muskegon Mona Shores.

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ting the ball at the Chargers' 16 with 2:43 left.

But the Chargers recovered a Jacob Kelbert fumble on the next play after the Franklin sophomore QB was struggling to gain extra yardage on a keeper.

The turnover gave Churchill one more crack to potentially kick the go-ahead field goal.

Churchill running back Darrell Mason Jr. then got loose for a 25-yard gain, but the Patriots' gritty defense held.

"The last two minutes of the game, our D-line did a great," Gibson said. "They got through, they did what they needed to do on the QB. It was unbelievable."

And it was another unbelievable performance by Franklin's workhorse in the backfield, 6-0, 210-pound senior Isaac Moore, who had a game-best 198 yards on 35 carries.

Moore had 104 yards on 13 carries during the first half, followed by a hard-earned 94 yards on 22 attempts in the second.

"That's just his determination," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said of Moore. "Made a couple of adjustments in blocking things a little bit better. And all around, I think we just played better in the second half than the first half. They were just bringing some pressure with their linebackers off the edge, so we had to make sure we accounted for those guys."

Here are five other takeaways:

PROUD PAPA

Jacob Kelbert came through with some clutch third-down passes and was 7-of-13 passing on the night for 101 yards and two TDs.

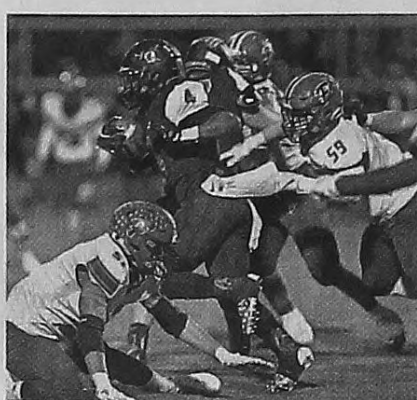
The 10th-grader completed three straight passes on the Patriots' final drive of the first half, resulting in a 20-yard TD pass to Cal Fournier with 58.6 seconds left to make it 14-7.

His other TD pass went to Julius Simmons on a 13-yard wheel route with 1:25 left in third quarter as Franklin increased its lead to 21-13.

"We threw the ball very well today and that was the difference, because they were concentrating on the run," Chris Kelbert said.

Jacob Kelbert was intercepted once and probably would have liked to take back that last Franklin fumble.

"I told him, he did that because he was going for extra yards, wanting to seal the game," Chris Kelbert said. "And he'll learn from that next time. He'll go down after the first couple (yards)



Churchill's Darrell Mason Jr. takes the ball, makes it through a crowd of Patriots and heads for the end zone for a touchdown. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and protect the ball, but very proud of him, as I am everybody else on this team."

KEY INJURY

Churchill jumped out to a 7-0 lead with 7:21 left in the first quarter on a 6-yard TD pass from Alsobrooks to Joel Forgas.

The score was set up by a 44-yard screen pass from Alsobrooks to the speedy Mason, who went down on the play after being tackled on the sideline.

Mason did not return and missed the entire second quarter with an ankle issue, but came back out for the second half, scoring on a 68-yard TD run just 54 seconds into the third quarter.

Mason had 121 yards on just seven carries.

"He dinged his ankle up and you can see how explosive he is," Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo said. "We got him taped up and he got a little bit of time to rest at the half. And then came out and hit the long run to get us back in and then we missed the extra point, which forced us to go for two and we didn't get it on the second one to try to tie the game up. We had our opportunities and we didn't make the plays at critical times ... that's the way it goes in round two, I guess."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Trailing 21-13 early in the fourth quarter, Mason blocked a Franklin punt and teammate Quantrez Pittman pounced on it in the end zone for a touchdown.

It was only a week earlier when Churchill's Martell Dooley blocked a short field-goal attempt with just under three minutes left to preserve a 24-23 win at Pinckney.

The Chargers then went for two, but Franklin's Cal Fournier intercepted Alsobrooks after he was flushed out of the pocket.

"When you get to this point, you get penalties and mistakes, turnovers and things like that," DeFillippo said. "I thought it was a great game. I thought both teams played hard. And it was great football game. I just think we ended up on the end of making a few more mistakes."

BALL CONTROL

The Patriots marched

88 yards in 18 plays, consuming 9:35 off the clock to score their third TD, when Jacob Kelbert hit Simmons out of the backfield on a 13-yarder.

"We scored in a minute-and-a-half in and they got the ball back and took, like, nine minutes off the clock," DeFillippo said. "And then to take the lead. Our kids stepped up and made a lot of big plays and so did their kids. The margin was not much at all tonight. It's a credit to both of our teams and it's kind of neat to have two of the Livonia teams to play each other in round two and put on a heck of a performance for the fans."

Franklin also ran 15 plays and drove 66 yards before getting stopped on fourth-and-four with just over three minutes remaining in the game.

"That was a huge, huge momentum turn for us, keep their offense off the ball," Chris Kelbert said. "They're so explosive and that was our goal for the week, was to do that."

DEFENSIVE SHOUT-OUT

The Patriots had a break-but-not-bend, mentality as they held Churchill to 281 yards total offense. Franklin, meanwhile, had 338.

"Our defensive staff has done a hell of a job with these guys this year," said Chris Kelbert, who singled out staff members Dusty Hall, Aaron Moran and Kevin Wengert. "The past two years, we've been doing it with offense, kind of outscoring everybody. This year, we've got to do what we can do offensively."

And yet, it took one final defensive stand to thwart the Chargers and it took a team effort.

"We were thinking just screen passes, deep passes as they tried to get into field goal range," Martin said. "We were just trying to save the game. We had a couple of turnovers to seal the victory for us. The fumble recovery (by Harris) at the 30-yard line there and to save the game when they went for that two-point conversion when Cal (Fournier) got an interception there. Honestly, I couldn't have done it without my teammates."

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arms of Central goalkeeper Brian Ostepanko for the game-winner.

"As soon as he clipped my ankle, I knew I was going to get a PK and I was pretty confident," Pierson said. "I was very confident, I knew as soon as I got up there, I knew we were going to win the game. I'm pretty confident when I take PKs. I take PKs in club and high school and I was very confident that was going to go in."

Central (22-2-2) had yielded only six goals all season and hadn't lost a match season its season opener against Portage Central.

"You look at the faces and that will answer the question for you," Vikings coach Joel Sharpe said. "Their hearts are breaking. No matter how great of a season and how great an accomplishment it is to get to the finals, it's never easy to console these guys for the amount of time they put into it."

It was a physical battle throughout the match as officials let the two teams play without issuing any cards.

But Sharpe wasn't about to blame the loss on the PK decision.

"It looked like it," he said. "When we dive in, you put somebody in the box like a caliber of player that Pierson is, bad things are going to happen."

Here are five other takeaways:

PIERSON SHADOWED

Catholic Central's top scorer was hawked effectively throughout the match by Central's Karl Tavadia, a 6-

foot-1, 180-pound senior defender.

"I knew they were going to try and throw somebody on me. The coach was screaming at them to stick with me because he lost me a couple of times," Pierson said. "(Tavadia) did a heck of a job shutting me down in the first half. I couldn't get anything going. It was very difficult. But soon as he got hurt, then the other guy came in - and I thought I did a pretty good job against them - we started to create more chances."

TURNING POINT

Tavadia went down with a knee injury, an apparent partially torn ACL, with 32:30 to play in regulation, forcing Sharpe to juggle his lineup down the stretch.

"He's a rare defender and was able to handle somebody like Pierson," he said. "I took one of my forwards and put him on him. It was probably unfair to do it to Alex Sayeg, but he did a heck of a job up until that point."

CC was able to take advantage of the big defender's absence by stepping up its offensive attack.

"Our whole plan was to try and lure them to us and then play through them after we got them stretched out," Pulice said. "Unfortunately, I feel bad for their guy that got injured. Hopefully he's OK. But they started feeling the pressure, they started creating more fouls and definitely it played into our favor."

BEST CHANCES

In a match that was devoid up scoring chances, CC made a bid to make it 1-0 with 28:30 remaining in the first half, when Ostepanko went high with one hand to bat away a shot by Luke Willemsen.

On the doorstep with just under a minute left, Central's Ellton Pllum-

baj, from close range in front of CC goalie Kevin Blossfeld, rang a shot off the crossbar after getting a feed from the hard-working Alex Dalou.

"We broke them down the first half, put it on the crossbar and dropped back down on the goal line," Sharp said. "Should have been up 1-0 if we had finished it. I think we should have done a little better job possessing the ball, but they're a good team and it was a back and forth."

DEFENSIVE KUDOS

The Shamrocks shut out five of their seven state tournament opponents and allowed just 13 goals all season.

As customary, Blossfeld played the first 40 minutes and Andrew Nichol森 went the final 40 to combine for CC's 18th shutout of the year.

"Our plan was to shut down their key players - Alex Dalou and Nick Palofax," CC senior defender Henry Koelling said. "And we did a really good job of that. It was a physical game, but we knew if we locked those guys up, we'd have a great chance of winning and we got it done."

PARTY TIME

At a school that has captured many state titles in many different sports, this was the first for the soccer program, which was launched in 1978.

"I'm ecstatic right now," said Koelling, a senior captain. "I'm at a loss for words. This was our goal right after our loss to Novi last year. To be able to get it done is fantastic."

It was a day of celebration, for sure.

"Happy we won it. We worked hard for it all season," CC senior midfielder Matthew Park said.

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Catholic Central athletic director Aaron Babicz (left) presents the state championship medal to player Drake Midgley. DAN DEAN

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With several players lined up 40 yards behind the line of scrimmage, Belleville quarterback Christian Dhue-Reid completed a short pass to Julian Barnett - who then tried to dance around the defenders while avoiding what would be the game-ending tackle.

Barnett flipped the ball to Wallace, who made a bee-line for the sideline trying to turn the corner. But the Chiefs were ready and finally brought him down.

Tough in the clutch

"This week, we installed a new victory formation, getting some of our tall guys back in the end zone for any jump ball," senior linebacker Chase Meredith said. "We were lined up for that, everyone was

ready. And they threw something short, so we all had to rally to the ball."

Senior Noah Brown, who caught a 25-yard pass from senior quarterback Connor Engel midway through the third quarter to give Canton a 21-6 advantage, said the team "worked all week in our last-second defense and we just got the job done today."

Canton's decisive touchdown came on fourth-and-goal from the 4-yard line while nursing a 21-19 lead with under six minutes left in the contest.

Engel faked a handoff into the line and then sent a perfect pass deep into the end zone, where tight end Lou Baechler made no mistake with his TD catch. That capped a 15-play, 55-yard drive that began late in the third quarter.

"I went on my route and I was open and Connor threw a heck of a pass right on my stom-

ach. I came down with it," Lou Baechler said.

The Tigers responded to cut the deficit to 28-25 on a 7-yard pass from Dhue-Reid to Davion Williams with 3:18 to go, but Canton blocked an extra point for the second time.

Canton then milked the clock for all it was worth, picking up a first down along the way to ensure Belleville (10-1) would not have much time to work with.

Following are several takeaways:

TIGERS TRICKERY

Late in the second quarter, with the Chiefs up 14-6, Belleville set up to punt the ball. But the Tigers threw on fourth-and-18 instead. Patrick Lupro connected with Jalen Williams for a 20-yard gain and kept the drive going. But Canton's pass defense stiffened from there and Belleville missed on another fourth-down pass attempt.

OH, THOSE PENALTIES

Canton, at least in the first half, played relatively miscue-free football - at least where penalties were concerned. The Tigers, on the other hand, were whistled for several false starts to stymie any offensive momentum. And a holding call nullified what would have been a 58-yard TD catch-and-run by Williams.

FULL-SPEED AHEAD

Canton ran the ball most of the time during the opening half, looking to not only gain chunks of yardage, but also take time off the clock. With several running backs getting touches, the Chiefs put together some efficient drives that paid off with a pair of TD runs (by Steven Walker and Troup).

EVERY POINT COUNTS

The Chiefs blocked a Belleville extra point early in the second quarter. On the flip side, Can-

ton did the job on both first-half PATs, with junior Ben Wright holding for senior Chase Meredith and sophomore Cooper Donlin (one each).

CLEAN PICKINGS

Canton made enough important plays on defense to keep the run-and-gun Tigers at bay. With the game scoreless in the first quarter, senior defensive back Robert Laird intercepted a Belleville pass in the end zone.

On the first offensive

snap of the second half, a badly overthrown ball went right into the hands of Chiefs senior defensive back Joe Vespaziani.

"We know there were match-up issues, big time, back there," Tim Baechler said. "But they just scrapped, got a couple picks. That's what we said, 'Hey, they're going to make some plays, guys. But we're going to make a couple, too.'"

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

At muddy MIS, Plymouth's title bid barely misses

Grzymkowski leads defending champion Lakeland to fifth-place finish

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Sloshing through mud and dealing with three rain delays Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, the Plymouth Wildcats came within a puddle or two of capturing their first MHSAA Division 1 state championship in school history.

Ann Arbor Pioneer eked out the title, with 107 points, followed by Plymouth (110) and defending champion White Lake Lakeland (130).

The top of the individual leader board also was as cramped as can be.

Earning medalist honors with a time of 15:16.1 was Pioneer junior Nick Foster, but he had Rockford's Cole Johnson (15:18.2) and Lakeland junior Harrison Grzymkowski (15:18.4) hot on his heels.

Finishing the 5,000-meter race in fifth place was Plymouth sophomore Carter Solomon (15:24.2), while Novi senior Gabriel Mudel (sixth, 15:26.2), Lakeland senior Drew Wenger (eighth, 15:27) and Birmingham Seaholm junior George Nummer (10th, 15:35.7) all finished in the top 10.

"It was hard," Solomon said about the tricky



Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team proudly poses with the Division 1 runner-up trophy Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

terrain. "The mud was terrible. I mean, it was good weather. The rain was good, the cold felt good, but the mud was terrible.

"Well, my team kept saying, 'We're all right, we're all right.' We knew it would affect the other teams, but not us. We kept strong. We kept our poise. We were good."

Plymouth, which captured the Oct. 28 regional at Willow Metropark in New Boston with six finishers in the top nine, was much more spread out at MIS. But the Wildcats still nearly got it done.

In 18th with a time of 15:43.8 was senior Ethan Byrnes; junior Brendan Boyd placed 38th with a mark of 16:10.3. After that, junior Jarrett Warner (45th, 16:13.3), sophomore Tyler Mussen (55th, 16:17.2) and freshman Patrick Byrnes came in 71st (16:24.6).

Solomon and Byrnes were all-state finishers

(top 30) for the second consecutive year.

"Our coach (Jon Mikosz) comes in and always tells us, 'Don't expect anything. Go in and run every single race like it's your last one' and that's what I think we did," Ethan Byrnes said.

About the less than ideal course conditions, Byrnes shrugged them off.

"We ran in these conditions before," he said. "The (Ann Arbor) Gabriel Richard meet was actually worse than this. But it's just that mental mindset of who's tougher and who has the heart to tough through the mud (and) the rain."

The Eagles, making a bid for back-to-back championships, after their first championship, had two finish in the top 10, led by Grzymkowski and senior Drew Wenger (eighth, 15:27). Lakeland's other scorers included Christian Davis (43rd, 16:12.9), Angelo Savich

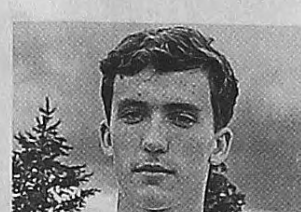
(67th, 16:22.5) and George Drallos (69th, 16:24.1).

Birmingham Brother Rice took 12th with 356, paced by junior Alec Miracle (21st, 16:08.9), followed by teammates Grant Davey (37th, 16:16.9), Kevan O'Brien (73rd, 16:25.2), Jacob Hannawa (154th, 16:56.5) and Joe Berg (201st, 17:19.2).

Milford (359), one place behind in 13th, was led by junior Evan White (42nd, 16:12.9). Other scorers for the Mavericks included Kazuma Bowring, 104th (16:37.8); Carsen Kettle, 123rd (16:46.1); Grant Ballard, 127th (16:47.3); and Luke Caddell, 142nd (16:53.4).

Novi (385), which placed 16th, had one all-stater in Mudel, followed by Matt Whyte (97th, 16:33.2), Nathaniel Wood (137th, 16:51.1), Trey Mullins (143rd, 16:53.4) and Prateek Bhola (179th, 17:09.2).

Salem (437), 20th overall, was led by seniors



Plymouth senior Ethan Byrnes sparked the Wildcats in the state finals. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Ryan Exell (90th, 16:30.4) and Andrew Beyer (115th, 16:41.9), along with junior Christo Jeffers (116th, 16:43.1). Also scoring for the Rocks were Nolan Teodori (160th, 16:58.7) and Shane McKimmy (163rd, 16:59.6).

Individual qualifiers from area schools to crack the top 30 and earn all-state honors were Farmington senior Nick Trevisan (17th, 15:43.2), Northville junior Nicholas Couyoumjian (25th, 15:51) and Seaholm junior Jakob Sayers (29th, 15:57.1).

Couyoumjian was allowed by the MHSAA to run in the race as an individual, while the rest of the Northville team was disqualified at the Oct. 28 Willow Metropark regional after taking third on an MHSAA rules violation for not wearing the same undergarment colors.

"Given the circumstances last week and with the race being delayed multiple times yesterday, I am really proud of how Nick handled everything," first-year Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "It's his first all-state honor."



Lakeland junior Harrison Grzymkowski placed third overall in the state meet with a time of 15:18.4.

Other area individual finishers included Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Luke Perelli (53rd, 16:16.1) and Livonia Stevenson's Owen Rowader (72nd, 16:24.6).

MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOYS CROSS COUNTRY FINALS Nov. 4 at MIS (Brooklyn)
TEAM RESULTS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 107 points; 2. Plymouth, 110; 3. Lakeland, 130; 4. Romeo, 142; 5. Saline, 246; 6. Saginaw Heritage, 263; 7. Ann Arbor Skyline, 267; 8. Clarkston, 304; 9. Rockford, 340; 10. Grand Haven, 341; 12. Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, 356; 13. Milford, 359; 16. Novi, 385; 17. Brighton, 405; 20. Salem, 437.
AREA INDIVIDUAL RESULTS (top 30 All-State): 1. Nick Foster (Pioneer), 15:16.1; 2. Harrison Grzymkowski (Lakeland), 15:18.4; 3. Carter Solomon (Plymouth), 15:24.2; 4. Gabriel Mudel (Novi), 15:26.2; 5. Drew Wenger (Lakeland), 15:27; 6. George Nummer (Birmingham Seaholm), 15:35.7; 7. Zachary Stewart (Brighton), 15:41.8; 8. Nick Trevisan (Farmington), 15:43.2; 9. Ethan Byrnes (Plymouth), 15:43.8; 10. Nicholas Couyoumjian (Northville), 15:51; 11. Jakob Sayers (Seaholm), 15:57.1.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Troy edges Northville in D1 finals

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Fresh off a Division 1 girls cross country regional championship, Northville tried to parlay that positive momentum into more hardware Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

But the Mustangs fell just short in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals with a tally of 132 points — bested only by Troy (127).

Meanwhile, defending D1 champion Milford placed fifth among the field of 27 teams with 234.

Northville freshman Yasmine Mansi (ninth, 17:59.9), junior Nicole Cybul (18th, 18:10.4) and senior Ana Barrott (27th, 18:23.2) were the top performers for the Mustangs.

Mansi and Cybul both posted personal bests, freshman Emily Gordon finished 72nd (19:05.7) while junior Olivia Harp placed 74th (19:07.9) rounded out the Northville scoring contingent.

"Our goal was definitely to win and ... we definitely wanted to stay together and stay as close as we could," Cybul said. "And I think we did pretty well at that."

Troy fared better in that area with five finishers completing the 5,000-meter race in less than 19 minutes.

Northville was making a bid for its first state title since 2013, but came up five points short.

"The girls had a remarkable day with a young team," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "With only one senior on the team (Barrott), she guided this young team to a remarkable season. These girls would not be where they are today without her leadership and experience. This is a



The Northville girls cross country team took Division 1 runner-up honors to Troy. SUBMITTED PHOTO

young team who will now be hungry to win it all next year. Troy had an amazing pack which propelled them to the win. I tried to stress the importance of this all season long and we got better, but not close."

Milford's top finisher was junior Victoria Heilingenthal, with a time of 18:07.3. Other scorers for the Mavericks included Abby Hiipakka, 59th (18:57.6); Regan Lobodzinski, 78th (19:09.7); Paige Saiz, 93rd (19:17.3); and Rebecca Bradsher, 114th (19:29.7).

Birmingham Seaholm (238), which placed seventh, was spearheaded by seniors Rachel McCardell (sixth, 17:51.9) and Emily Rooney (30th, 18:26.2). Other scorers for the Maples included Audrey DaDamio (62nd, 19:00.7), Kati Beckeman (69th, 19:04.9) and Alison Doninni (179th, 20:08.4).

Lakeland junior Madeline Rehm, an individual qualifier, crossed the finish line 10th overall (18:01.1), while the Eagles' two other qualifiers were Olivia Clymer (32nd, 18:30.6) and Rylee Lukes (87th, 19:13.0).

Salem (423) took 18th overall, led by senior Shae Wilson (86th, 19:12.7). Other scorers for the Rocks included Bridget Nelson, 77th (19:30.1), Reagan Justice, 80th (19:37.5); Gabrielle Mancini (153rd, 19:53.4) and Hallie Younglas

(156th, 19:54.2).

Bloomfield Hills (690) placed 27th, led by sophomore Shelby Jenkins (61st, 19:18.1). She was followed by teammates Isadora Halsband, 195th (20:21.8); Delace Jia, 209th (20:38.1); Samantha Yamin, 218th (20:51.0); and Evelyn Sorgenfrei, 228th (20:57.7).

Also earning all-state (top 30) honors was Farmington junior Abby Inch (11th, 18:06.9) as she joined area runners McCardell, Mansi, Rehm, Farmington junior Abby Inch (11th, 18:06.9), Heilingenthal, Cybul, Barrott and Rooney.

Other area finishers included Novi's Katherine Ray (48th, 18:49.1), North Farmington's Whitney Reid (84th, 19:11.6), Livonia Franklin's Erin Seibert (99th, 19:22.7) and Livonia Churchill's Gabrielle Swider (130th, 19:41.1).

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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS: 1. Ericka VanderLende (Rockford), 17:16.8; 2. Rachel McCardell (Seaholm), 17:51.9; 3. Yasmine Mansi (Northville), 17:59.9; 4. Madeline Rehm (Lakeland), 18:01.1; 5. Abby Inch (Farmington), 18:06.9; 6. Victoria Heilingenthal (Milford), 18:07.3; 7. Nicole Cybul (Northville), 18:10.4; 8. Ana Barrott (Northville), 18:23.2.

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BOYS SOCCER



East Lansing's Paul Carney (right) moves with the ball as Farmington Hills Harrison's Jacob Honer closes in during the first half. NICK KING | LANSING STATE JOURNAL

Harrison knocked out of state tourney, 2-0

Brian Calloway

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Tim Russell sensed it early.

The Farmington Hills Harrison coach knew his team had depth at every position and a lot of players that could get the job done.

And those elements paved the way as the Hawks were able to put together one of their best state tournament runs in school history.

Harrison's run ended in the Division 2 state semifinals with a 2-0 loss Nov. 1 to East Lansing.

But in the aftermath

of that loss, Russell was proud of what the Hawks achieved while reaching the state semifinals for the first time since 1987.

"I was just telling them they made people care about Harrison soccer this year," Russell said. "Traditionally, it's an American football school and they brought all these fans out here tonight and they made everyone respect us. All these top-ranked teams that we played this year, they all knew that we belonged on the field with them. That's what I'm proudest of these guys for, because they worked hard to get to that level."

East Lansing scored twice in the final 20 min-

utes to earn a shot at its sixth state title under veteran coach Nick Archer. Almir Celovic's goal with just under 18 minutes broke the scoreless tie, while Mohamed Babale added a goal with 6:50 left for the Trojans, who lost 3-0 to Holland in Saturday's state championship game.

"There were a lot of people that continued to doubt us throughout the season and all, and when we hit our lull, there were even more doubters," Celovic said. "That just motivated us to prove everyone wrong and more importantly prove ourselves right that we're capable of being here."

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Churchill earns district crown

Tim Smith

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Livonia Churchill's power point presentation Friday earned the Chargers a promotion to the next level.

Sparked by hard-hitting offense and precision passing, Churchill swept Dearborn 3-0 to win the Class A district championship.

"We had Sarah Dunn and Summer Clark back in the lineup, so our offense was really explosive," said Chargers head coach Kristin Clutter, who defeated the team she coached last season. "We engaged our middle hitters, created lots of one-on-ones on the outside. Grace Vaeth (29 assists) did a fantastic job of distributing the offense."

The 25-19, 25-15, 25-17 triumph advanced Churchill to the Class A regionals for the second consecutive season. The semifinal was scheduled for Tuesday against Trenton at Monroe High School.

Clutter said the Pioneers played a gutsy match and "took some really nice swings and played great defense. We knew that they were going to be ready to battle."

But Dearborn had trouble dealing with Churchill's efficient offense and relentless defense.

"Our passing tonight was spectacular both on serve receive and defensively," Clutter said.

"Jessica Maladecki was reading the ball really well and ran down a lot of Dearborn's off-speed shots."

"Our core group of serve receivers (Jessica Maladecki, Sarah Dunn, and Annabelle Dunn) had their best game collectively."

Sarah Dunn and Annabelle Dunn led in kills with 18 and 10, respectively, while Clark chipped in seven.

Maladecki tallied 21 digs, with Sarah Dunn contributing 13. Also helping the cause with three blocks was Mya Grant.

"Overall, the kids

really executed our game plan," Clutter said. "They played with energy and heart. This program has a long-standing history of success in the District bracket and I know that our team is proud of upholding that tradition."

STEVENSON 3, FRANKLIN 0: Livonia Stevenson also won a Class A regional Friday with a 23-20, 25-18, 25-17 victory over visiting Livonia Franklin.

Erin Pietruszka and Julia Bice combined for 28 assists, while other key performers included Audrey Lackey (11 digs), Abby Cleaveland (nine kills), Abby Cormier (seven kills), Koryn Parmenter (six kills), Libby Cleaveland and Claire Beaudoin (three solo blocks each).

The Spartans (25-19) move on to Class A regional hosted by Farmington High School. They were scheduled to play Tuesday against Warren Fitzgerald or Detroit Renaissance.

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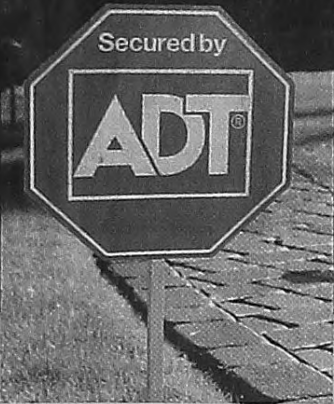
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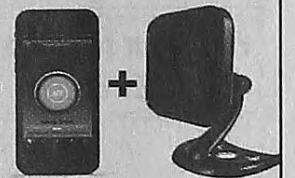
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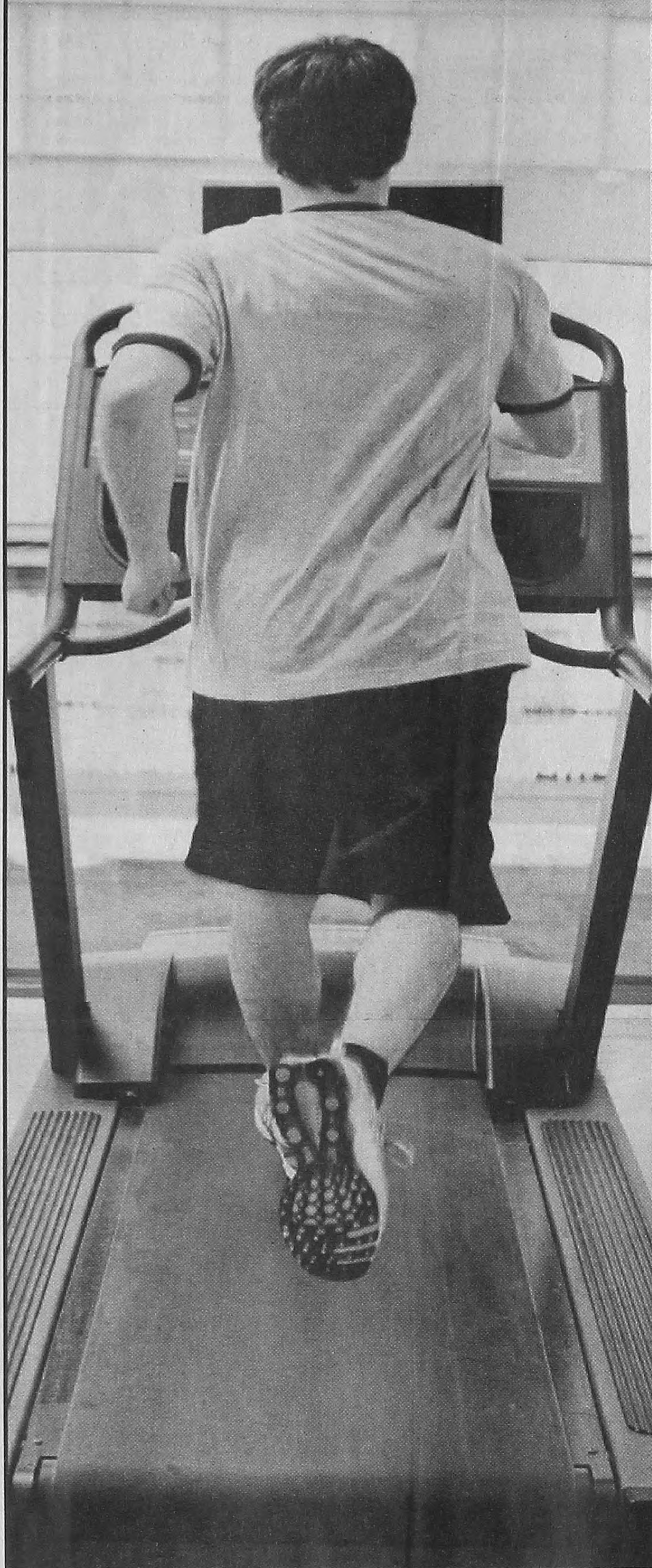
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|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| ACROSS | 47 "E pluribus —" | 86 Capital of Jordan | DOWN | 43 More guarded | 82 —TV (cable channel) |
| 1 Tropical tree | 49 Wear out | 88 Sage guide | 1 Blue Ribbon beer brewer | 44 By way of | 83 Suffix with resin or pearl |
| 5 Des — (capital of Iowa) | 50 Plotting aids | 89 Smelter junk | 2 Piercing | 45 Univ. email ender | 87 Court great |
| 11 Cartoonist Addams, familiarly | 53 Org. for Roger Federer | 90 Luxury airport transport | 3 Cutting beam | 46 Inits. on a navy vessel | 89 Trunk gunk |
| 15 Floor mop | 56 Oatmeal bath brand | 93 Moses' peak | 4 Priestly hat | 47 Electric or water co. | 90 Green fruit |
| 19 Berry of a Brazilian | 58 Outback locale | 96 Chachi player Scott (1963 hit) | 5 Formed | 48 Tchr.'s gp. | 91 Chil letters |
| 20 Practically no time | 62 Cube creator Rubik | 99 A shoulder shrug | 6 See 115-Down | 51 Spaghetti sauce brand | 92 "Gone" boy band |
| 21 — Hashana | 63 Post-Kantian philosopher Georg | 105 Flunkies' responses | 7 "Send me!" | 52 British brews | 93 Slapped, e.g. |
| 22 "Relax!" | 64 Somewhat duplicated | 110 Get decayed | 8 Island nation in the Pacific | 53 Group that services car owners | 94 Patch variety |
| 23 Poker hand of four clubs and one heart, say | 65 Beatles song that's an apt alternate title for this puzzle | 111 Amend | 9 Double curves | 54 Alexis I, e.g. | 95 Endemic |
| 25 lty bit | 70 Lower baseball leagues | 112 So-so mark | 10 "Zip It up!" | 55 High degs. | 96 Intensifies |
| 26 Judicious | 72 Taylor tyke of old TV | 113 Put in a box | 12 Thick, head-hiding top | 57 LA-to-MI dir. | 97 Evaluate |
| 27 Old TV's "Remington —" | 73 Clip, as wool | 114 Army division | 13 Sean of "50 First Dates" | 59 Actress Birch of "American Beauty" | 101 First ex of Donald |
| 28 Test for univ. seniors | 74 "High Voltage" band | 116 Yarn | 14 Pottery piece | 60 TKO caller | 102 "— me?" ("What'd ya say?") |
| 29 One of the Gandhis | 75 Facial feature of Mark Twain | 117 For no particular reason | 15 Herm, e.g. | 61 Cut coverer | 103 "Dog whisperer" Millan |
| 31 Weep noisily | 76 Facial feature of Mark Twain | 119 Little bay | 16 Pants parts | 62 Dairy beasts | 104 Don't disturb |
| 32 Country singer Clark | 77 "— Na Na" | 120 Added stipulations | 17 Put in groups | 63 Milk gem | 105 Digital dough |
| 33 Field of a homebuilder | 78 GoPro, e.g. | 121 "The Jeffersons" actress Sanford | 18 "Ta-tal" | 64 Grain bit | 106 Fry a bit |
| 36 Farm tool | 79 Med. group | 122 Tread with the ACL | 24 1910s senator Root | 65 Hitchcock film of 1964 | 108 Ruhr's chief city |
| 38 No-charge | 80 Bird of the 58-Across | 123 Body part with the ACL | 29 Memo start | 71 Here, to Luc | 109 Leaks slowly |
| 39 Moistens, as poultry | | 124 Get lippy with | 30 Red-brown | 73 Bad city air | 113 Slippery swimmers |
| 40 What a patent or copyright might grant | | 125 Soft caps | 33 King-to-be things | 76 More unsightly | 115 With 6-Down, start a round of golf |
| | | 126 Female fowl | 34 Uncertain | 77 "— Na Na" | 117 Sloop sail |
| | | | 35 Neill of film CBS journalist Charles | 78 GoPro, e.g. | 118 Lay odds |
| | | | 40 LAX posting | 79 Med. group | |
| | | | 41 VII doubled | 80 Bird of the 58-Across | |
| | | | 42 In a spine-chilling way | | |

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		5		8				2
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4	5	4	8	3	7	9	6	1
7	4	7	6	5	1	9	2	8
6	3	2	8	4	1	9	5	7
1	7	1	2	4	5	7	6	9
9	4	3	7	8	5	1	2	6
8	2	8	1	9	6	3	4	5

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- WORDS**
- ADOPTION
 - AFFIDAVIT
 - AGENCY
 - BIRTH MOTHER
 - CERTIFICATION
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 - CUSTODY
 - DISSOLUTION
 - DOSSIER
 - FAMILY
 - FICTIVE KIN
 - FOSTER
 - GUARDIAN
 - HOMESTUDY
 - INDEPENDENT
 - INSURANCE
 - LEGAL
 - MATCHING
 - NEGLECT
 - OPEN
 - ORPHAN
 - PARENT
 - PATERNITY
 - PERMANENCY
 - PLACEMENT
 - PROFILE
 - RECORDS
 - SURRENDER
 - WAITING

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

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ACAT	AFLASH	ROSH	EASY
BUSTED	FLUSH	JOITA	WISE
STEELE	HORE	INDIRA	SOB
TIERRE	HOUSING	INDUSTRY	
	HOE	FREE	BASTE
EXCLUSIVE	USE	UNUM	
FIRE	GRIDS	RATER	ATP
AVEENO	AUSTRALIAN	BUSH	
ERNO	HEGEL	ATAD	
COPIED	TWO	OFUS	MINORS
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SLY	GHOST	AMMAN	GURU
SLAG	LIMO	SINEBUS	
SINAI	BALLO	HES	
TRAPEZIUM	MUSCLE	YESES	
ROT	REVISE	CEE	ENCASE
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