

Norwayne community activists honored with field dedication

LeAnne Rogers

A new athletic field on the site of the now-demolished Lincoln Elementary School has been dedicated to honor mother-and-son Norwayne community activists.

The Lincoln-Jefferson Field name encompasses the name of the school and also the Johnson family, the late Rose and her son Henry, long active members of the Norwayne community. After losing three children in a house

After losing three children in a house fire and divorcing, Rose Johnson came to the Detroit area with her three surviving children.

Rose and second husband Henry O. Johnson moved to a duplex on Ogemaw Court, part of the Norwayne housing project constructed during World War II for Willow Run Airport workers, in 1952, coming from the Bloom Projects on Detroit's east side. In 1954, the Johnsons placed a bid for a single-family home at 32317 Ogemaw and settled in. The couple added four children to their

blended family, the eldest being Henry. "Mother understood and appreciated the diversity of the Norwayne Community. There were transplanted families from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Appalachia and other parts of the south, all looking to provide a better life for their families," Henry Johnson said, speaking at the dedication

ing at the dedication. His mother would take an active part in the Norwayne Community, Johnson

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LED street lights a money-saver for Westland

LeAnne Rogers

New energy-efficient LED street lights in Westland have saved more than \$330,000 and will pay for themselves in just over 18 months.

selves in just over 18 months. Since 2015, the city has converted 2,862 mercury vapor streetlights into energy-efficient LED street lighting fixtures which required an initial investment of \$533,857. This investment has resulted in an average monthly savings of \$27,753 and the average yearly savings amounts to \$333,035 for the city of Westland. "When the city evaluated the sav-

"When the city evaluated the savings that would be a result of the streetlight conversion project, it estimated a complete payback period of 24 months," Mayor William Wild said. "Currently, we are on track to recoup the entire cost of the project in just over 19 months."

That one-year savings was originally estimated at \$300,000 and was also factored into the current street lighting assessment, approved for two years by the city council in 2016.

"We built \$300,000 in savings into the formula. Any extra money goes into next year's lighting assessments," Wild said. "It should have a positive effect. The only thing that would impact the rates (negatively) would be if DTE raises the rates."

Along with being more energyefficient and cost-effective, part of the impetus for the program was a national push to replace mercury vapor streetlights. Those have been replaced citywide, but the sodium lights — like those in Wild's neighborhood — are still in service.

"DTE was using rebates and had to get out the mercury. We still have sodium lights, it's kind of a yellow light," Wild said. "The cost savings really wasn't there to replace the sodium lights. It wasn't cost-effective." The first area in Westland to get the LED streetlights was the Annapolis Park subdivision. The project started going citywide in March 2015 with the initial conversion of 166 street light fixtures to LED on Wayne Road



Former LPS Superintendent Randy Liepa assisted current Superintendent Andrea Oquist with the ribbon-cutting. LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District raises curtain on performing arts center

The Livonia Public Schools district community gathered last week to officially cut the ribbon to open the new, state-of-the-art Stevenson High School Performing Arts Center.

The newly constructed theater and adjacent fine arts practice, storage and instructional spaces total approximately 30,000 square feet.

The 556-seat theater is the second of three PACs to be constructed in the district as part of the \$195 million



bond issue approved by voters in 2013.

The Stevenson PAC was designed by Stantec and constructed by the George W. Auch Co. There are 2,500 lights in the theater; 194 tons of steel and 80,000 concrete blocks were used in the construction.

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A nice turnout of school district and community members gathered in the lobby of the new PAC at Stevenson. LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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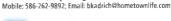
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recalled, founding the Women of Norwavne. which provided food during the holiday season and an annual Children's Christmas Party.

"She became a beacon of safety to many of her kids from the Norwayne community ... she simply was Rosie," he said. "Rose taught her children the importance of faith. She was a founding leader of Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, where her children received all their sacraments. She was an active fundraiser for the struggling new parish. Rose Johnson also

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Members of the late Rose Johnson's family posed with the new sign dedicating Lincoln-Johnson Field in Norwayne. WLND

MAYOR WILLIAM R. WILD

taught her children the importance of giving back, Henry Johnson said. "They were recruited to help deliver food baskets, dress as clowns at the children's parties and always impressing us about the importance of charity," he added. While he didn't mention it. Henry Johnson has followed his mother's example, working for the ARC of Wayne County, being a Democratic activist and a moving force for improvements in Norwayne, including serving as chairman of the Norwayne Communi-ty Citizens Council. He is a former Westland First Citizen, an award hon-oring his volunteer work in the community.

The Lincoln Johnson Field, at 33800 Grand Traverse, is directly adjacent to Cayley Park,

darker areas in the city," Wild said. "Newburgh

and Wildwood have some dark areas. We can build up our balance for some

capital improvement

projects." When approving the two-year assessment in 2016, council decided

property owners would

that benefit their proper-

be assessed for lights

ty only. That means

near Marshall Upper Elementary School.

"We're clearing the remaining fence line so that the Lincoln Johnson Field will flow right into Cayley Park," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

Chicago resident Michael Cayley, son of park namesake and former Nankin Township Trustee Charles Cayley, recently made another donation to assist with improvements to the park.

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street lighting on major streets would also only be charged to directly impacted property own-ers. Overall, the 2016 lighting assessment which covers only street lighting expenses — was some \$1.4 million for Westland.

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between Glenwood and Parkgrove. The city investment in this phase of the project was \$29,688, with an annual savings realized of \$23,136.

The second phase of the project began in August 2015 and converted

230 street light fixtures to LED on major roads throughout the city. The total cost to the city was \$68,996, with an annual savings of \$38,516.

The project was wrapped up in 2016 with the remaining mercury vapor lights being con-verted to LED. "As we build up some

money in the fund, we could take a look at some

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Methodist Children's Home Society celebrating 100 years

Supporters from across Michigan are joining Methodist Children's Home Society, a licensed private, nonsectarian child placing agency and nonprofit organization, for its centennial celebration 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Hundreds of guests will be in attendance to support the growing programs and services MCHS provides, as well as celebrate its 100-year anniversary of service to metro Detroit children and families who have been impacted by the trauma of child abuse and neglect.

and neglect. Founded in 1917, MCHS offers a comprehensive range of programs and services from its Redford facilities, including a 24-hour operating residential home and treatment facility for abused and neglected boys; foster care placement and adoption services for children throughout southeast Michigan; and transitional housing programs for young men who have aged out of the child welfare system. MCHS also provides critical therapies, educational services and life skills training for the children in its care. "The centennial cele-

bration is a chance for us to recognize the many special individuals who have been there for our children and families over the past 100 years," said Kevin Roach, executive director, Methodist Children's Home Society. "We've been anxiously awaiting this wonderful opportunity to celebrate



our rich history as well as look ahead for the next 100 years." The event is open to the public. The evening will include a formal Methodist Children's Home Society has offered foster care and adoption placement, residential treatment and transitional living programs for children who have survived child abuse and neglect.

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MCHS care. The centennial celebration is supported by title sponsor Masco Corp., as well as other corporate sponsors, including DTE Energy; PharmaScript; The Brice Group at Graystone Consulting; the E&L Construction Group; and Vision Computer Solutions.

For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, contact Kristian Miller, event coordinator, at 313-531-9973 or kmiller@ mchsmi.org or go to mchsmi.org.

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Stevenson's PAC mirrors the one at Franklin High School. Churchill High School's PAC is currently under construction.

In addition to the theaters, 17 schools, so far, have received topto-bottom renovations through the bond issue.

Totaling approximately two million square feet, the renovations at the schools, noticeably identified by the "arch" signs in front, included classroom upgrades such as new flooring, ceilings, lighting, windows, paint, technology, air handling units and classroom furniture. In addition, the schools have enhanced security and



The Stevenson marching band performed at the grand opening, just before heading to a competition. LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

renovated common areas such as cafeterias, lobbies, offices and hallways. "The district is proud

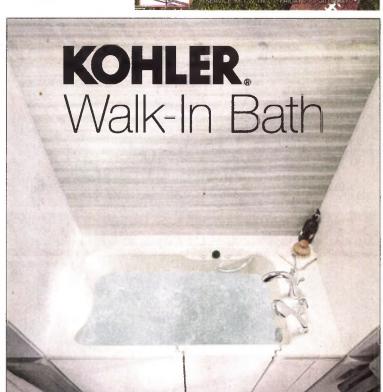
to see these improve-

ments to the educational spaces, technology and security in our schools," said Stacy Jenkins, the district's administrator of communications. "It

is with plenty of #LivoniaPride that we celebrate another milestone in this five-year renovation project in our school district."









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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where's mention of Christmas?

The City of Livonia recently mass-mailed its Fall/Winter News & Community Events flier. On the back cover, beneath a row of the confidently beaming likenesses of city council members, is an ad that touts "Holiday Celebration Parade!," the wording of which was presumably overseen by said council.

Nowhere in that ad is a single reference to the holiday city residents are being invited to celebrate. Why? Is the confidence city council members exude actually a facade? Are they fearful of running afoul of the establishment clause, or appearing politically incorrect, or stoking the ire of the ACLU, or using a word that even hints at religiosity?

In his 1823 poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas", Clement Clarke Moore, though focusing solely on the myth of Santa, did not shrink from referencing the religious holiday around which his tale revolved. He did not ignore the fact that Christmas is historically established and honors a figure, Christ, who was equally historically established. To do anything less is tantamount to disinformation and revisionism.

Is this the muddled legacy we want to leave to our children? What will be said to them when they encounter references to Christmas and ask, "What was this thing called Christmas?" Is it not selective filtering of reality, akin to naysayers of the Holocaust, to expunge mention of Christmas as though it were an embarrassment to be avoided?

If Livonia City Council members were bold enough to actually include the word Christmas in their Holiday Celebration Parade announcement, would they be accused of being Bible-thumping Christians? Or exclusive? Or rightwinged? Truthfully, I don't think anyone would notice, and if they did, council could rightly point to the fact that the word Christmas has been used liberally in official entreaties to the public to join holiday celebrations in the past

Can't we be real here and stop pretending from an official municipal standpoint — that Christmas is an unhealthy fabrication we should run away from? Ken Kilpatrick Northville

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Published: October 19, 2017

Purse taken from vehicle

Westland police were dispatched Oct. 8 to a residence in the 29000 block of Lacy on the report of a stolen purse from a vehicle.

The owner told police she had forgotten her purse in the car the night before along with a pair of keys. She parked the car the night before and came out the next morning to find someone had rummaged through it. She said the passenger door was open and her purse was missing. No damage was done as the car was unlocked overnight.

Bicycle stolen

A resident who lives in the 7000 block of East

Fight over 50-cent

Livonia police were

called early Friday morn-

ing to Exxon, 28651 Plv-

mouth, on the report of

the suspect's vehicle

er at the station.

an argument over a light-

parked across the street. Police then tried to stop

the vehicle, which drove down Plymouth Road and

stopped at a home in the

The driver was asked by police at the home to

registration, though she

to leave the vehicle and

refused. Police asked her

she did not comply. Back

up arrived and arrested

the driver for resisting

passenger in the vehicle

for having an outstanding warrant out of West

Police spoke to the

store clerk, who said

and also arrested the

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11600 block of Haller.

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Police arrived and saw

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WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

 Woodbridge came into
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 forced open. There was

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 no signs of attempted

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 burglary of the building

She said the bicycle was taken from the patio of her apartment. She last saw it earlier that morning and noticed it was missing in the afternoon.

Window broken at church

Police were dispatched Oct. 10 to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 7575 N. Hix, on the report of some damage done to a window on the building. Police spoke to the facilities manager, who said someone damaged the southwest window of

the building and that it took place sometime overnight. Damage was seen on the frame of the

LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

there was an argument between them over the price of a 50-cent lighter. The clerk said it was only verbal and not physical and did not want to press charges, but only remove them from the property.

Burglary of home reported

Police were dispatched Oct. 11 to a home in the 9800 block of Fairfield on the report of a burglary that had taken place.

The homeowner and her daughter had left the home for a few hours that morning. They returned to find one of the home's rooms ransacked. There was no sign of forced entry, though the resident said some windows had been left propped open and the home could have been accessed that way. Only one bedroom was ransacked, with clothing thrown on the floor. A jewelry box containing several pieces of jewelry and some credit cards appeared missing. Some cash from the dresser was also missing, as well as a pillow case.

Truck fire reported

Police were called Oct. 11 to assist the Livonia Fire Department at Interstate 96 and Newburgh on the report of a truck fire.

They spoke to the driver of the semi-truck, who said someone driving on the road pointed to the bed of the truck while he was on eastbound I-96. He pulled over and discovered a small fire underneath the semi, one he was able to put out before police and fire officials arrived. He said he believed a spring in the brake compartment may have popped out of place, causing the brakes to press against each other and create heat. No sushim via a Craigslist transaction.

The resident said he was contacted by someone via the website to ask about a vehicle he was selling. He said the suspect mailed a \$5,300 check as payment for the car. The resident deposited the check and it cleared initially, though he said something didn't seem right and he checked with the company on the check about it. The company told him it was fraudulent. The man then contacted his bank to hold the check, as well as the suspect. The resident said the suspect has harassed him about returning the money and even threatened violence against him

— By David Veselenak

picious activity was believed to be the cause.

Car stolen at Laurel Park Place

Police were dispatched Oct. 10 to the Grand Tavern, 37714 Six Mile, on the report of a stolen vehicle from the Laurel Park Place mall parking lot. The victim said he

arrived at the restaurant that morning to work. He parked his car in the parking lot and went inside. Later that after-noon, he looked outside and saw another vehicle parked in the space where he had parked his Police checked the area for signs of damage, though could not find any broken glass. The man said he had the only set of keys and that it was paid off and locked. The vehicle was recorded by police as stolen

— By David Veselenak

Woodbridge came into window, which was

Lost purse reported

31300 Michigan Ave.,

came into the police station Oct. 5 to report she

had lost her purse while

She said the purse and

its contents went missing the night before. She had

canceled her credit cards

and found no fraudulent

using her accounts.

Fraudulent check

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the 37000 block of Dale

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Redford seeks help in attempted child abduction case

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The Redford Township Police Department is asking for assistance in identifying a man suspected of trying to abduct a student walking to

school Oct. 12 The 13-year-old Hil-bert Middle School student told police he was walking on Kinloch, south of Grove, when an adult male driving a blue car approached him, accord-

ing to a Nixle alert put out

by the police department that morning. Police say the man

asked the boy if he want ed a ride, which the boy said "no" to. The man then got out of his car and grabbed the student's wrist. The boy said he

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was able to pull away and run to the school. The suspect is de

scribed as a male in his 40s, about 6 feet, 1 inch, with a medium build and a gray beard. He was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and a black

hat and was driving a blue four-door vehicle of an unknown make and model

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Redford police at 313-387 2555 and reference case No. 17-07002, Police are

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Noontime Book Club

Tuesday, Oct. 31, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Please join us this month as we discuss "The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story" by Diane Ackerman. Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk

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Tuesday, Oct. 31, 7-8 p.m. This class is for people with no computer experience. Learn computer terminology, how to properly turn a computer on and off, using the mouse, and more. Registration encouraged.

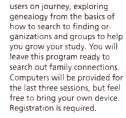
Job Seeker Lab

Monday, Oct. 23 and 30, 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 26, 3-5 p.m. Are you a job hunter? Do you need assistance developing your resume or cover letter? Do you need help filing for unemployment, creating an email address or searching job boards and websites? We can help! Drop-in

Explore Your

Genealogy Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7-8:30 p.m This four-part series will take



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Chess Club

Thursday, Oct. 26, 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 and 28, 1-4:30 p.m.

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ESL Weekly Conversations

Friday, Oct. 20 and 27, 10-11:30 a.m

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Thursday, Oct. 19, 2-4 p.m. Do you want to learn how to download free books, audiobooks, movies, and music from the library? Stop in to meet with other users, share your expertise, or learn some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your device. A librarian will be available to tackle the tough questions.



State Sen. Pat Colbeck, running for governor, has been removed from four committees. ERIC SEALS | DETROIT FREE PRESS

Colbeck kicked off state Senate committees

Kathleen Grav Detroit Free Pres

He's arguably the most vocal conservative in the Michigan Senate, often rubbing colleagues the wrong way for loudly and frequently criticizing their decisions.

He's also running for governor and taking his right-wing ideas to districts - both Republican and Democrat - across the state.

And now, Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, is even further isolated in the 38-member Senate Late Tuesday, he was informed that the chamber's GOP leadership had removed him from the four committees on which he serves

.

"This is swamp politics and this is exactly what people are ticked off about," Colbeck said. Though Colbeck

won't be serving on the four committees - Judiciary; Educa-tion; Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security: and the Michigan State Police Subcommittee --- he said he'll ramp up his vocal criticism of policies he doesn't support. "I'll hit with both

barrels on policy is-sues," he said. "I didn't come here to serve the Senate majority lead-

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Insurance policy increases should trigger questions

ne of the questions I am often asked is what happens when you receive a letter from your long-term care insurance company stating your premium is going to increase substantially. This is an issue that has become all too frequent when it comes to long-term care. In today's world, it's not unusual for a long-term care company to raise premiums by as much as 40 percent. In addition, it's not unusual for long term care policies to seek substantial premium increases every few years. The result is that many seniors are forced to make a decision as to what they should do with their long-term care insurance

Typically, when a long-



term care insurance company notifies you of a premium increase, there are generally a few options. The first is to do nothing. With this option, you would continue to make your same premium payment, but your benefits would be reduced. Another option is to reduce the benefit period. For example, you may have had a policy that would pay you for life, but by reducing that to three years, it would substantially lower your premiums

The bottom line is, there are options. The key is to determine whether any of these options apply to your situation. When you receive a notice of a premium increase, the first thing is to determine whether the policy is necessary. Don't focus on what you paid in the past, because that is immaterial to the issue at hand, which is, should you continue the policy? When it comes to any type of insurance, it is need-based. The question is, do you need the coverage? If the answer is no, then you should cancel your policy. If you do need the coverage, you need to proceed differently

If you determine that you need a long-term care policy, it makes sense to not only review

the options with your existing company, but also get some compet-itive bids from other companies. You may find that by shopping the policy around, you can significantly lower your

premiums. When people purchase insurance, they tend to select the least expensive premium. Although I am a big believer in the importance of saving money and shopping around, it is important to remember that the cheapest policy is not necessarily the best. Particularly with long-term care insurance, how the company pays its claims is essential. If you are going to research a new compa ny, make sure you spend time understanding how the company pays its

claims. In addition, I also want to check out the company's history with regard to raising premi-

ums. Like other profession, there's good and bad. If you're dealing with a long-term care agent who is only concerned about selling you a policy, your best course of action is to walk away. You want to make sure that you're dealing with an agent you can ask questions to and one who is honest. If you're dealing with a long-term care agent and they're not being upfront and honest with you, it is a sure sign you need to make a change. The key is not to let anyone pressure you into buying a policy. You should not buy a policy until you've had the opportunity to

check the company out independently.

Unfortunately, premi-um increases are the norm when it comes to long-term care. You should not buy a policy based on the fact that the premiums won't in-crease, because they will. The key is to be able to find an affordable policy that meets your individual needs.

Good luck!

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

Seedlings auction: Win-win for bidders, blind kids

Win great prizes for yourself or holiday gifts and help blind children learn to read by bidding in an online auction Nov. 1-14 benefiting Seedlings Braille Books for Children, a nonprofit in Livonia

Auction items include Disney Park Hopper Passes; tickets to Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Tigers games; a twonight stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island; a Crystal Mountain weekend getaway; golf packages; Amazon gift cards; tickets to the Henry Ford, Detroit Symphony Orchestra and "Nutcracker" ballet; helicopter and riverboat rides; restaurant gift certificates; and more Check out the more

than 200 items or make a cash donation at www. BiddingForGood.com/ braillebooks.

"We have an amazing variety of items and we'll continue to add more leading up to and even after the auction opens," said Karen Smith, Seedlings' com munity outreach manager. "Everyone should find something they want to bid on

Seedlings hopes to raise \$15,000 for 1,500 braille books for blind and visually impaired children.

"Blind children are at a disadvantage when it comes to learning to read," Seedlings foun der/director Debra Bonde said. "For every 100 books a sighted child



expensive.

of only \$10 a book

Braille literacy is key

Win a two-night stay, with meals included, at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, left, in Seedlings' online auction Nov. 1-14. Go to www.BiddingForGood.com/braillebooks to bid. Other prizes include three sets of Red Wings tickets for games during the inaugural season in the Little Caesars Arena or four one-day Park Hopper Passes to Walt Disney World. SEEDLINGS

might have, a blind child to a life of independence might have only five because braille books and opportunity, accord-ing to the National Fedare scarce and often eration of the Blind. Children fluent in braille Seedlings gives half of its books away for have an 80-percent chance of being gainfulfree and the other half ly employed as adults, are sold for an average

compared to only a 20percent chance if they are not.

"Literacy is just as important for blind chil-

dren as it is for sighted children," Bonde said. "Yet because braille

books are rare and expensive, sometimes cost ing more than \$100 each. blind children have less opportunity to hone their reading skills. Seedlings free and low-cost books help to give blind children the chance to become fluent braille read

ers, which they need for success in school and life.

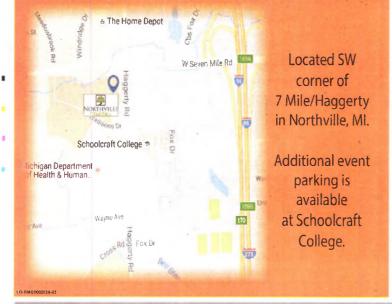
Other great auction items include tickets to the 2018 Detroit Grand Prix, an overnight stay at Whitefish Point, a baseball signed by Detroit Tigers infielder Ian Kinsler, lunch with WXYZ-TV (Channel 7 anchor Carolyn Clifford, a VIP tour of Leader Dogs for the Blind, tickets to Pictured Rocks Cruises, a family pass to Huckleberry Railroad and Crossroads Village. Zingerman's and Cherry Republic gift baskets, passes to the Frederik Meijer Gardens and spots on the Wheelhouse Detroit Bike Tour.

For more information, contact Smith at 734-427 8552, ext. 301, or seed link7@ameritech.net





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Colbeck to hold office hour

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, will hold an office hour from 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 20, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center 15218 Farmington Road Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appoint-ment is necessary.

Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. For more information or to contact Colbeck, go to www.SenatorPatrick Colbeck.com or call 517-373-5713.

Hats for the Homeless

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

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

Scrapbooking event

SS. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland, will host a scrapbooking event from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. Cost is \$3 for full day or \$20 for half-day. Vendors available. Light breakfast, lunch and dinner with the program. Snacks and beverages included. For more information, call Sandy at 734-721-4867

John Glenn 1972 reunion

The Class of 1972 of John Glenn High School will hold an informal reunion Saturday, Oct. 21, in Canton. Seats are limited to 100 people and near half have been taken. For details, see the FaceBook page https:// www.facebook.com/ groups/114150605331182/ or email Barry Hensel at Barry76Lt@wowway.com for a registration form.

St. Mary Mercy to host cardiovascular event

St. Mary Mercy Livonia is hosting a free cardiovascular presentation PBS viewers to fascinating places.

A question and answer session will occur after the presentation and "UTR Michigan" books will be available for purchase in the Michigan Room.

Livonia Elk's **Pumpkin Patch**

Livonia Elk's No. 2246 will host its annual Pumpkin Patch event 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at 31117 Plymouth Road. This is a special day for all special-needs kids in the area. We will have houses for trick-or-treating, food, refreshments and music for dancing. RSVP (we need a count) at 734-425-2246.

Livonia Turkey Trot

Register now for the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department's annual Turkey Trot 5K fun walk/run at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Bi-centennial Park (Seven Mile and Wayne roads). Registration takes place at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The \$15 per person fee includes a Turkey Trot T-shirt, if registered by Oct. 23

Proceeds and canned food donations will benefit the Livonia Goodfellows. Last year, the Turkey Trot had over 450 participants and resulted in hundreds of cans of food and raised over \$4,000 to assist the Livonia Goodfellows in providing holiday meals for local families. After the walk/run, visit the food truck rally to satisfy your post Turkey Trot appetite.

For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to www.livoniaparks.org.

Joyner to speak at **Rotary meeting**

The Livonia Rotary Club will host a special presentation Monday, Oct. 30, given by Bill Joyner, in honor of his mother Geraldine Joyner and Rotary International's World Polio Day. Mrs. Joyner was a role model of endurance and fortitude, becoming a PTA president, a school board member for Livonia Public Schools, a board member for Wayne County Regional **Educational Service** Area and a member of the League of Women Voters. Joyner will discuss his mother's medical treatment, including early treatments prior to the polio vaccine

The Livonia Rotary Club meets at noon each Monday at Laurel Manor. The cost for Joyner's presentation is \$15, payable at the door.

Trunk or Treat events

» Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia will host its10th annual Trunk or Treat event 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. It will offer safe trick-or-treating, snacks and a bounce house for costumed kids (and their parents). For more information, go to



AREA EVENTS

Tom Daldin, host of "Under the Radar Michigan," will visit the Bennett Civic Center Library in Livonia at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct.

a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Money raised will be used for its Swaddling Clothes outreach, a nonprofit organization that collects diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, etc. for any families who are struggling to provide for their babies.

Lagers for Lunches event

The Livonia Jaycees will be hosting its fourth annual Lagers for Lunches Event at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the One Under Banquet Hall. Join the Jaycees, community leaders and friends for an evening of craft beer tasting, strolling appetizers and fun raffles. Proceeds will go toward the Livonia Education Foundation, in an effort to off-set lunch debt balances within Livonia Public Schools.

Tickets are \$45 per individual or \$80 per couple and include entrance to the event 15 drink tickets and strolling appetizers. Designated driver tickets are also available for \$25 Attendees must be 21 years of age or older. For more information

and to purchase tickets, go to www.lagersfor lunches.eventbrite.com. To learn more about the Livonia Jaycees, go to www.livoniajavcees.org or email Livoniajaycees @gmail.com.

Tail Wagger's 1990 benefit

Tail Wagger's 1990, a local nonprofit animal rescue organization, is inviting the community to its 28th annual Tail Wagger's Bowl on Saturday, Nov. 4, at Wood-land Lanes in Livonia. Squads are being held at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and costs \$25 per adult and \$15 per child.

The entry fee includes three games of bowling, lunch or dinner with dessert, commemorative gift and entry into mystery game to win donated prizes from local businesses. Grand prizes are awarded to those that raise the most money in each squad. Strolling raffle with a chance to win prizes from the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Red Wings, Michigan State, dining establish-ments and hotels will

TV personality and will relate to us on "The World's Most Luxurious Foods" as well as the trends on food since World War II.

» Jan. 17, 2018. Chuck Underwood is one of the researchers who did a comprehensive study in the field of generational dynamics and strategies He is the creator and host of the Nationaltelevision PBS series which presents life stories of the Silent Boomer, Gen X, and Millennial generations from each era and what the future holds in store for them. » March 21, 2018.

Elliot Engel, an American author, writer, scholar, lecturer, and playwright will narrate the stories of Cornelius Vanderbilt family from the 18th century to Gloria Vanderbilt and her designer jeans. Tickets are \$150 for

the season which in-cludes lunch and lecture or \$180 for priority seating. Programs are held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia Call 734-751-1898 for tickets between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m

Zonta Club to host movie screening

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne Coun-ty will host a screening of the award-winning documentary film "Little Stones," which follows Brazilian graffiti artist Panmela Castro, Senegalese rap-singer Sister Fa, Indian dance therapist Sohini Chakraborty and fashion designer Anna Taylor as they use their art to combat violence against women and to empower women and

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

Unity of Livonia movie screening

Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, will be showing the film "Rooted in Peace." at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9. This film challenges viewers to examine their values as Americans and human beings. Director and award-winning filmmaker Greg Reitman invites viewers on a film journey to take notice of the world we live in, proactively seek ways to find personal and ecological peace, and stop the cycle of violence. Admission is \$10 at the door.

Westland Veterans Day event

The Westland Veterans Association will be hosting the Veterans Day ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov, 11, at the Veterans Memorial Gar den of Westland. The Westland Veterans Association would like to recognize all Westland Purple Heart recipient veterans that will be attending the ceremony. If someone is attending who is not a veteran but their loved one received the Purple Heart and has died, call 734-788-7753 by Oct. 30.

A Night to **R.E.M.ember**

Sweet Dreamzzz, a local nonprofit, is hosting A Night to R.E.M.em ber on Friday, Oct. 20, and it needs help to make it an unforgettable evening.

"Dream for Success" is the theme of the night, promoting how a consistent, good night's sleep is key to good health, overall well-being and academic success for young students. Sweet Dreamzzz works to teach children and their families about the proper steps to take at bedtime, the amount of time required for a good night's rest and provides these children in need with bedtime essentials like sleeping bags, blankets, toothbrushes, toothpaste and nightshirts, to give them their best chance at success

A Night to R.E.M.ember is the organization's largest annual fundraiser. This year's event will take place at the Detroit Historical Museum and will feature both a live and silent auction, a delicious strolling dinner provided by Forte Be-langer, open bar, emcee Iron Mike Racey and auctioneer Steve Gross.

Sponsorship opportunities are available rang-ing from \$100 to \$15,000. Donors are also need-

ed for both the live and silent auctions. Items of interest include but are not limited to: restaurant gift certificates, over-night hotel stays, local activities, rounds of golf, signed memorabilia, technology, jewelry, artwork, and new household items.

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

LWV voting

assistance The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is offering assistance to voters who will be voting Nov. 7. There are elec-tions in almost all Michigan cities that day. The League is offering an online voter guide to voters with city elections. Got to vote411.org to read and compare candidate responses to relevant issues. Voters can also find their polling place, check voting hours, learn about ballot measures and read tips about voting in Michigan.



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6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, in the South Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Dr. Delair Gardi and Dr. Tanmay Swadia will educate participants about peripheral arterial disease, its symptoms and effects. Attendees will learn how to reduce the risk of developing PAD, as well as the latest treatment options.

Both presentations are free of charge, but registration is required. Call Laura Smith at 734 655-2987 to register.

PBS show hosts to visit library

The Bennett Civic Center Library in Livonia will host a program of "Under the Radar Michigan," with hosts Tom Daldin and Jim Edelman, at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26. They will discuss how "Under the Radar" came to be, as well as their years of adventuring throughout the state taking their

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mthope.com. » The community is invited to attend Trunk or Treat at St. Michael Lutheran Church and School, 3003 Hannan Road, in Wayne at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. Kid friendly costumes are welcome.

» Bell Creek Community Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will be hosting a Trunk or Treat and chili cook-off 4-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. Join them for fun, food, games and, of course, trick or treating.

The Glow Show

The seventh- and eighth-grade classes at St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan Road, in Wayne are sponsoring a vendor show, The Glow Show, from 10

add to the excitement, along with 50/50 drawings at all three squads

For more information on Tail Wagger's 1990 or to register for the event, go to www.tailwaggers 1990.org. If you have questions, contact Laura Żain at 734-855-4077 or tailwaggers.1990@ yahoo.com.

Livonia Town Hall speakers

The Livonia Town Hall announces the speakers for its 54th season:

» Oct. 18. Marc Lapadula, a playwright, screenwriter, and award winning film producer will speak to us on the history of the cinema and how films have affected American culture and society. » Nov. 15. Francine

Segan, a food historian is known as one of America's foremost experts on many countries' cuisines. She is a public speaker,

Betty Jane (Luck) of Livonia, died at the age of 91 surrounded by her loving family. The beloved wife of the late Bill Walker, she is survived by her daughter Susan; sons Thomas (Jane), Scott (Pam), David (Susan), and; grandsons James (Wileni), Glen, Timothy, Andrew (Kate), Donald, Paul (Stacy), Eric and the late Jennifer. Betty leaves behind two great-granddaughters, Arianna and Emma, and one great grandson, Bert. Born in Kalamazoo, she attended Western Michigan University studying Social Work. After marrying and having her by her daughter Susan; sons marrying and having her first child, Betty quit work and became a dedicated, full-time wife and mother. Betty was always selfless and loving, thinking of others first. Betty loved to read, cook and garden. She traveled The function of the second sec she will be buried alongside her late husband Bill. Family ner late husband Bill. Family suggests remembrance gifts be made to the American Cancer Society. Share a memory with family at www. mannsfuneralhome.com



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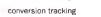


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RECORD-BREAKING NIGHT

Herrington stands atop state's wins list

Harrison's Herrington reaches 431 career victories to set MHSAA record

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John Herrington stands alone

Farmington Harrison dominated Berkley, 39-0, Friday to give Herrington his 431st ca-reer triumph. The milestone victory makes him the state's winningest head coach, sur-passing former Brother Rice head coach Al Fracassa, who retired with 430 wins following the 2013 season.

The feat was a bit anti-dramatic after tying the mark last week with a huge upset victory over state-ranked Oak Park.

Herrington, nonetheless, wore his customary ear-to-ear grin as he was formally honored after the game as the state's most decorated head coach. Gathered in the midst of his

team, senior captain Ovie Oghouf opresented Herrington with the game ball with the No. 431 written on it. School officials also had a banner and balloons in his honor to celebrate the event.

"It's great. I never looked at it like it was me against Al (Fracassa)," said Herrington, whose team hiked its overall record to 6-2. "It's just longevity and being able to stay con-

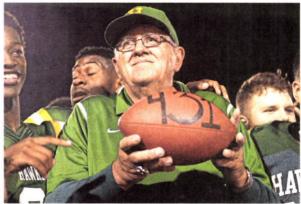
sistent and win year in and year out. And we've been able to do that."

'lt's just a great day' Oghoufo, the all-state standout headed to the University of

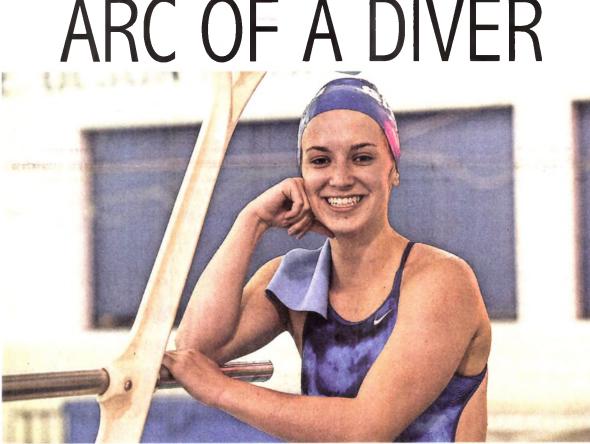
Notre Dame, has played three varsity seasons for Herrington. He was elated to be part of the team that broke the record. "I know he doesn't really

think about (the record) much, but we think about it a lot," Oghoufo said. "We love him and it's just a great day. It was definitely something that was

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Coach John Herrington, with the game ball presented by his players with "431" written on it representing his career victories. DAN DEAN



Salem's Camille Burt relishes the challenge of improving her performance each and every time she launches off the diving board. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Salem's Burt points to mental toughness as springboard to diving success

your way through that." Also consider that Burt doesn't mind the so-called "danger zone" because she loves diving and the adrena-

BOYS TENNIS Novi wins sixth straight regional

Northville, Canton also advance

Brad Emons

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Novi's margin for error was razor-thin heading into Friday's MHSAA Division 14 boys tennis regional tournament at home.

That's because the Wildcats were coming off a 23-22 triumph over rival Northville for the Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship just a week earlier at Plymouth.

But after winning a pair of singles titles and taking three of four doubles flights, Novi captured its sixth regional title in a row with 29 points and will be joined at the state finals this weekend at the Greater Midland Community Tennis by the Mustangs, who took second with 24.

"Walled Lake Central beating Northville at No. 1 and 2 singles separated the gap there," first-year Novi coach Dan Lowes said. "And Catholic Central beat Northville at No. 4 doubles as well and that created a little more sep-aration." In singles, Novi's Alex Wen (No. 1) improved to 24-3 on the year with a 6-4, 6-3 triumph over Central's Denali Kitavama. The Wildcats' Sid Amarnath (No. 2) also won in straight sets over Central's Andrei Paduraru, 6-0, 6-1, as

Going full-tilt during practice is Salem senior diver Camille Burt, who is working to return to the state meet.

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Consider floating high above a potentially dangerous diving board, twisting and turning and finally making a smooth landing — into the aqua safety net below.

For Salem senior diver Camille Burt, looking to return to the state meet in November after finishing 10th in 2016 (with 388.70 points), others can ponder on those images if they

want.

But in order to have success, and safety, as a high school diver, one must pretty much tune out everything except banking on good old muscle memory.

"Fear is a big part of diving, so you have to have mental toughness," Burt said. "You just can't let fear take control, you have to be in control of your own body. "I still have fear, but it's just

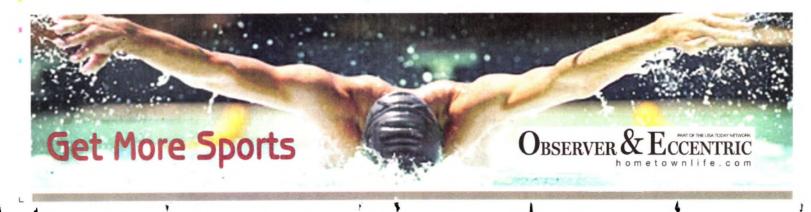
getting over it and working

line that goes with completing a set of dives (there are 11 different dives required for conference and state meets; prep dual meets have six dives on the agenda).

"There's different directions, there's front, back, inward and reverse," Burt said. "So inward, you're jumping backwards and going forwards towards the board. In reverse, you're jumping forwards and going

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THESE GIRLS GOT GAME

Female kickers get unique chance to oppose each other in Week 9 match-up

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Alex Sherlock and Lynn Lerner are close friends and former soccer teammates with the Michigan Jaguars travel team

But all of that will go by the wayside for a couple of hours Oct. 20. They both kick on a varsity football team Sherlock at Garden City and Lerner at North Far-

mington. The Week 9 match-up (North at Garden City) will be the first, and likely only, time the 17-year-old seniors will oppose each other and they can't wait

"We really didn't think we would (square off), but it's pretty cool," Sherlock said.

"I'm really close friends with her, so it will be cool to play against her," Lerner said. "We're both really excited about it and I think it's going to be cool to have two girls playing each other in football.

'Since the schedule came out last year, we've really been looking forward to this

Nothing like it

Although the longtime pals have a serious soccer background, they love the excitement of a football game night.

"It's a rush every time you go out on the field," Sherlock said. "I love soccer, but I don't get the same type of feeling There's not as many

fans and it's not as excit-



Putting a strong leg into a kickoff for North Farmington is Lynn Lerner. TOM BEAUDOIN

ing for a soccer game. Nobody really gets to do this, not that many people. So it is one-of-a-kind feeling."

Concurring was Lerner, who actually hopes to try out for Duke's football team next year.

"It's awesome. I love being part of this team," Lerner said. "Obviously, it's hard being the only girl, but everyone's real-ly great about it. They are all very accepting and I'm definitely happy that I came out for the team

"It's changed my life in so many ways. It's made me a lot more outgoing and I love being part of this team." Sherlock is coming

back from a knee injury, which happened playing soccer last spring, but she insisted during practice Oct. 12 that she was ready to go. She hopes to fare better than in her earlier attempt to return to the Cougars, during the homecoming game against Dearborn Heights Crestwood. "I slipped and just

wiped out and barely



Alex Sherlock boots a field goal for Garden City during a 2016 varsity game. STEVE ROY | GC FOOTBALL

made the extra point," Sherlock said "So that was interesting. That was my first kick back.

Gaining acceptance

Some might think of female football players as a novelty, but the idea is catching on. More than 100 girls were signed up for high school teams in 2016, according to the MHSAA. And coaches such as Garden City's Jim Baker and North's Bob Chiesa said females must be able to walk the walk in order to have a roster spot

"I think there's more

of an acceptance," Baker said. "We've had girls come out and play D-line for us, O-line. On JV, we had a couple girls come out. We've had girls in

the program. "But Alex, she's contributed She started kicking extra points and field goals as a freshman on the varsity team. So every year, she's been great for us in that aspect. But I have seen a lot of teams. I think we did play a team that had a girl on it."

"one of the guys" to her Garden City teammates

Baker said Sherlock is

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den City Soccer Club) with my daughter," Baker said. "I treat them like girls, like wom-

"I've

en. But I Sherlock coach them like guys and the guys kind of feed off that. Lerner also said there have been no issues fit-

"I've been hit before," Lerner said. "Nothing too bad, but I've definitely been knocked over. When it happens, my team-mates will get up in their faces and stick up for

me. "The guys have all been really great. I'm lucky to be with such a good group of guys."

No special treatment

According to Chiesa, who nearly joined Bak

GETTING THEIR KICKS

Here's a closer glimpse at the two friends — and football placekickers --- who will face each other when North Farmington visits Garden City at 7 p.m. Friday. » Lynn Lerner, North Farmington: Lerner, 17, is a senior kicker for the Raiders, now finishing her third sea-

son on the varsity. She also plays soccer and basketball at North and is a member of the National Honor Society, an Oakland Activities Association scholar-athlete and 2016 Raider Ralph Award winner (for school's top scholastic multi-sport varsity athlete). She kicked two game-winning field goals as a freshman on the junior varsity team, including a 32-yarder against Birmingham Seaholm. » Alex Sherlock, Garden

City: The 17-year-old Sher lock is a senior kicker for the Cougars and is in her fourth season with the varsity team. Her career long field goal is 29 yards, as a junior on the varsity. She carries a 3.9 grade-point average and wants to pursue a college degree in pre-med — as well as play collegiate soccer. Sherlock is a member of the National Honor Society and Link Crew, a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen.

er's Garden City staff this year as defensive coordinator before being hired at North, there is no preferential treatment given to Lerner. "This is my fourth

female kicker now and I don't take it easy on them," Chiesa said. "They are a player first. I don't care about gender. She has to do everything the guys have to do. "She does every bit

the conditioning and we've even put her in tackling drills this year because I have to ensure, No. 1, what's best for the team and, No. 2, personal

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Five takeaways from DeLaSalle's win over Detroit CC

Tom Lang Detroit Free Pres

Warren DeLaSalle earned its sixth win of the season and a spot in the state playoffs by defeating Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 20-6, at Wayne State's Tom Adams Field.

Here are five takeaways from the Catholic League match-up:

OUICK SIX DeLaSalle senior Jacob Badalamenti returned the game's opening kickoff 99 yards to give the Pilots the lead. His run began up the middle, then went down the right sideline untouched and came one week after he scored on a 96-yard kick return against Erie (Pa.) Cathedral Prep. 'That's a heck of a boost," DeLaSalle coach Mike Giannone said. 'We lost the (coin) toss, then we got it going on offense first. Jake, he did it to them last year and he did it to them again. He's just got a way of finding a hole He hits it at 100 mph and he doesn't deviate at all and he's just a heck of an athlete."



Franklin ball carrier Isaac Moore (right) looks like he's headed for trouble, but he spun around, avoided the Grand Blanc defense and made a long run to the end zone BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Patriots roll past Grand Blanc to clinch postseason berth

Tim Smith

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It took a few times inside the red zone Friday before Livonia Franklin cracked the end zone, but once that happened, there was no turn ing back in a convincing 35-0 victory over visiting Grand Blanc.

A power running game and relentless defense combined to completely thwart the Bobcats and, in the process, advance the Patriots (6-2) to their third consecutive playoff berth.

Veteran Franklin head

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coach Chris Kelbert watched like a proud dad after the contest when his players stormed over to the bleachers to celebrate with their fans. He liked how the Patriots competed on both sides of the ball in putting a hurt on an excellent opponent. "I take pride in the

fact our kids worked really, really hard today,' Kelbert said. "It's been a good week. We've been just working and working trying to get better and better. The outcome is the win and we played extremely hard."

According to senior defensive back Keion Harris — who had two interceptions, including one deep in the Franklin zone when the game was scoreless - the extra reps during practices were well worth it.

"We had a relentless drive, for sure. We were hitting it hard at practice," Harris said. "Doing extra running, all type of stuff. Everybody didn't like it, but obviously it paid off.

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GOING IN REVERSE CC earned five tack-

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les for loss, but DeLa-Salle had six, including four sacks that totaled 46 vards. The last one gave DeLaSalle the ball inside CC's 10-yard line late in the game to seal

Catholic Central's Kevin Korte (left) makes a TD grab in front of DeLaSalle's Nolan Schultz, DENNIS BARNES

the win.

CC junior quarterback Marco Genrich was 6of-17 passing for 39 yards. Kevin Korte had three catches for 26 yards and the Shamrocks' lone TD. Senior Cameron Ryan was the team's leading rusher with 74 yards on 17 carries.

Needless to say, yards were hard to come by for the Shamrocks.

"Our defense, they are a reckless group and I think our defensive coaches, Brandon Bush and Mike Short and Rueben Simpson and Andrew Crowley, have done a great job with those guys," Giannone said. "They've got them playing together so I was really proud of their

effort."

WINNING DRIVE

Late in the third quar-ter, DeLaSalle started a drive on its own 45-yard line with a 10-6 lead. A well-sustained drive that went 11 plays and 55 yards in 8:24 ended with a touchdown and put the game out of reach. The Shamrocks got the ball back with only 8:23 left against a Pilots defense that held CC to minus-10 vards of offense in the final quarter.

"We knew we had to come out here and it was going to be a tough game," quarterback Luke Pfromm said. "Playing Catholic Central, every yard is hard to come by

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he ran his team-best

record to 26-2 Northville's Ryan Gallagher and Samir Rajani were the top seeds at Nos. 3 and 4 singles and did not disappoint.

Gallagher defeated Novi's Tim Tanaka, 6-4, 6-3, while Rajani downed Mateo Ponton, 6-0, 6-2. In doubles, Novi's No.

1 duo of Aditya Chitta and Robert Chen, the top seed, won on a injury walkover over Matthew Freeman and Giuliano Daniels to improve to 25-3.

Novi's No. 2 team of Vekatesh Nagalla and Chris Kwederis, now 23-5, needed three sets to beat Northville's Nishant Chava and Trevor Kelterborn in the finals, 4-6, 6-3,

6-3. Northville's Pranav Dippalapudi and Michael Ying (No. 3) bested No-vi's Ryan Krawec and Dilan Patel for the title,

7-5, 6-3. At No. 4 doubles, Novi's Andrew Lu and Robert Xu, the top seed, improved to 22-7 by defeat-ing Catholic Central's James Kinville and Brandon Falk for the title, 6-3, 6-3

Rounding out the nineschool regional field were Novi Detroit Catholic Central, third place (15); Walled Lake North-ern, fourth (10); Walled Lake Central, fifth (7); Howell, sixth (5); White Lake Lakeland, seventh (4); Brighton, eighth (2); and Hartland, ninth (10).

Midland next

Ann Arbor Huron, ranked No. 6 in the latest statewide coaches poll, is

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safety for her. She's a heck of an athlete. I wish she was coming back for another year.'

Sherlock and Lerner who also handle kickoff duties in addition to field goals and extra points - give as good as they get and aren't afraid of either delivering a hit or taking one

"Last year, she was kicking off and she had a really nice tackle against Grosse Ile," Baker said. "This kid, if she didn't get him, it was a score. It was a touchdown-saving tackle, right in front of our bench. It was awe-some."

"I knew (Lerner) was good at field goals, but when I saw her do kickoffs, I had no reservations putting here there,' Chiesa said. "She's just a



The Novi boys tennis team earned its sixth straight regional title.



The Canton Chiefs celebrate finishing second at the regional, qualifying for the D1 state finals. CANTON ATHLETICS

Huron took the Novi

all tied for second.

Invitational with the host Wildcats, Rice and Troy

DIVISION 1- REGION-

AL 3: Bloomfield Hills

and Canton (13 points) finished 1-2 in the team

vanced to the D1 finals

slated for this weekend

in Midland. The Chiefs

qualified for finals for

the first time. The regionals began

But when she connects

on the ball, it's a whole

What makes Lerner's

efforts even more note-

worthy is the fact she

the football team is a

never kicked a football

until high school. "I knew the kicker for

soccer player, so I thought, 'Why can't it be a girl?''' Lerner said. "So,

freshman year I decided to sign up for it at eighth-

grade orientation and

And, here I am."

that's how it all started.

She attended football

kicking camps and even

worked out with profes-

sional kicker Pete Stoya

National Football League

Meanwhile, Baker --

having coached Sherlock

for years in youth soccer

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Brother Rice (23 points)

the defending Division 1 state champion. Last year's runner-up. Bloom field Hills, is ranked No.

Novi, fourth at last year's state finals after winning crowns in 2014 and 2015, is ranked No. 2, with Birmingham Brother Rice, Northville and Ann Arbor Pioneer rounding out the top five.

On Oct. 3, Novi fell to Bloomfield Hills in a dual match, 6-2. And Sept. 30,

quality person and quality athlete. She does everything for the good of the team.

It also helps that both athletes can really put a strong leg into the football.

"(Sherlock) has great technique, the best tech-nique I've ever seen for a kicker," Baker said. "When she kicks, as a coach, we usually have those toe-bashers. Once in a while, we get that soccer kid who can do it.

"She hits it soccerstyle and, when she con-nects with that football, it makes that 'boom,' that sound, and you can hear it. You just know, 'Wow, that's a kicker right there

Baker said Nick Janice (Garden City's starting middle linebacker helping fill the void at kicker this year because of Sherlock's injury) also "is a soccer guy, so he is starting to do that, too.

son last year.

"It's not as easy as everyone thinks it is," Giannone said. "We did it 16 times before, but this is really sweet to get

Oct. 12 at Salem but were delayed by rain and moved to Oct. 13; the final two matches were held indoors Oct. 13 at the Livonia YMCA.

Brother Rice took first place in all but 3 singles won 6-4, 6-4 by Canton's Kurt Seifert over Rice's Jonny Browne. At 1 singles, Jarreau Campbell defeated Salem individual qualifier Eric Liu by a 6-2, 6-0 score.

Josh Anschuetz defeated Canton's Jacob Paton at 2 singles and Zach Osterle defeated Canton's Sri Narayanan at 4 singles.

Qualifying for Canton were Naeem Saleem, Paton, Seifert, Naraya nan in singles play and the doubles teams of Nick Huang/Vishal Nayak, Charvik Vaishnav/Vishwaas Nayak, Larry Lu/Akshay Jalluri and Šid Ganti/Alex Azjdel

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kicker at Garden City (where he has been a football coach for 24 years).

"I really don't know why, but my coach, Jim Baker, he told me when I was little that I would be the kicker and it just kind of came out that way," Sherlock said with a smile. "I play soccer, so that really helped. Kick-ing is a normal thing in soccer, so it just kind of

came natural." And once the Week 9 meeting is over, one of the two kicking friends will have bragging rights for a while.

Win or lose, that will merely become a memorable footnote to their friendship as the teens go through graduation and enter college life.

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urday, Oct. 21, in the Prep Bowl at Detroit's Ford Field Now at 5-3 Catholic Central needs a win to guarantee its chance at

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Physical defense

Senior linebacker Jacob Mass said "the best feeling a defense can have is having zeroes on the score board at the end of the game. Out-physicaled them, 100 percent. Keion had an awesome game, two interceptions, can't ask for better from him."

On Harris's first pick, he jumped up along the sideline inside the Patriots' 10yard line to grab the Colton Alexander pass.

"I just seen the ball and I knew I could react," Harris said "It's always good when you're a corner and you tested, you're just able to go up and get the ball."

For as great a game as the Franklin defense played, the Patriots still needed to score some points to win and it took a while to finally break through.

After a couple of deep drives stalled (one on failed fourthdown try and one on a blocked field goal), Franklin sophomore quarterback Jacob Kelbert got behind lineman Marcus Mar-tin, cut to his right and scored on a 3-yard run with 2:55 left in the first half to finally put the Pats on the board.

"Every single time in the huddle, I said, We got this drive, we have to thread the nee-dle on this,''' said Kel-bert, who rushed for nearly 100 yards him-self. "And we did it. The third drive, we did it. I couldn't be more proud of my linemen." Senior Brad Gibson followed with the first

of his five extra points to make it 7-0. "Offensively, we're getting better each

week," Chris Kelbert said. "We're very young on the offensive side of the ball. Stuff like that (fourth downs) does tend to wear on us emotionally, but it was good to get that in."

The rout is on

Jacob Kelbert added a 21-yard TD run in the third quarter to put Franklin ahead 14-0 and the Patriots blew open the game with three more touchdowns in the fourth.

Sparking the out-burst in the final quarter was senior running back Isaac Moore (24

rushes, 158 yards; two receptions, 63 yards), thrilling the home crowd with a 52-yard scoring run at the 3:27 mark. Moore burst through the line, spun around and hit the gas up the middle of the field, easily outrunning any Grand Blanc

defenders. "It was all my blocking," Moore said. "When I saw the hole, I just ran for it, kept going."

Closing out the big fourth quarter with TD runs were senior quarterback Keegan Flaherty and junior running back Julius Simmons, scoring from 2 and 37 yards, respectively. Following are several

takeaways:

NIFTY COMBO

The Patriots had several trips into the red zone during the first half, the first time thanks to a 53-yard catch-and-run down the left sideline by senior Isaac Moore. He corralled a short screen pass by Jacob Kelbert and took it from there, finally getting pulled down at the Grand Blanc 7-yard line. The Pats were unable to cash in, however.

IF AT FIRST

Even though Franklin had excellent field position in the first half, it had trouble closing the deal. One fourth-down try came up short and another promising drive fizzled before senior kicker Gibson's 41-yard field goal try was blocked. The Patriots finally scored on their third do-or-die attempt. but Kelbert needed to make an extra move at the line to take it in from the 3-yard line.

D-LIGHTFUL

Grand Blanc's offense ran into a brick wall early, particularly because of Franklin's relentless defense. Whenever the quarterback could throw the ball, the Pats' defensive backfield had Bobcats receivers covered all night. Junior Cal Fournier and senior John DiPonio were pests, breaking up several passing plays

SOMETHING TO BUILD ON

Moore said clinching a playoff spot ensured that the senior Patriots are solidifying a winning culture. "It feels great knowing we're going to leave something for the younger people to look up to and try to make them do the same thing next year," he said

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with the win." DELASALLE PLAYOFF-BOUND The Pilots improved to

We just kept pushing and pushing on that last drive there. Knew we had to get the first downs, keep the clock rolling and we did that and came out

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berth into the state play offs. After winning the Division 2 state title in 2014 and returning to the playoffs in 2015, the Pilots missed the postsea-

6-2 overall, earning a

back to the playoffs."

REMATCH NEXT

The two teams will square off at 7 p.m Sat-

the postseason.

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Franklin's Jacob Mass (right) brings down Grand Blanc ball carrier Kettrell Ware Jr. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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in the back of our heads all year and one of the accomplishments we wanted to get for him this season.

"It feels so great to get it for him on our home-coming night," he added. I'm extremely happy for him. He means a lot to me and I've learned so much from him, on and off the football field. He's just a great guy and. definitely, what I've learned I'll carry on for the rest of my life."

Bob Sutter, Herrington's longtime defensive coordinator who retired in 2006 after 36 years with the program, is still

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Coach John Herrington (left) with longtime assistant coach Bob Sutter. DAN DEAN

a Hawk at heart. He said Herrington's rise to the top of the MHSAA record books is well-deserved.

"It's wonderful being a part of this program and working with John over the years," said Sutter,

who was on the field and next to Herrington during the post-game cele-bration. "It's fantastic and I'm very happy for him. I'm glad that we as ex-coaches helped contribute to this situation.

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"He's a great guy to work for and he's always been gracious and generous all these years and let us kind of do our own thing. This is really a great night for him. We had never talked about records or anything like that over the years, but I'm sure this means quite a bit to him because he's been such a competitor all of his life.

"He's been so tuned in to Hawk football and that means a tremendous amount to him," he add-ed. "He's been here so long and his family was so involved with it. And his wife Fran was such a big part of it. So it's just the accumulation of all those years and the relationships he's had with all of his players.

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Significant for other reasons

The victory was significant for a number of other reasons.

Harrison tied for the OAA White Division championship with Birmingham Groves and Oak Park, all at 6-1, giving the Hawks their fifth league title over the past eight years. Harrison, after missing the state playoffs last year, now heads to the postseason for the seventh time in the past eight years.

"This win was huge tonight. It was the perfect storm after we beat Oak Park," Herrington said. "Because if we hadn't beaten (Oak Park), we would have been playing (Berkley) to tie the

record and we still wouldn't have made the playoffs. That was a big game last week, no doubt about it."

Junior running back Roderick Heard led the Harrison offense with three touchdowns, on runs of 14 and 17 yards, plus he returned an interception 26 yards. Quarterback Noah Hendricks scored on a sizzling 73-yard run, Joe Stephens had a 15-yard TD run and junior Ben Williams scored from 19 yards out. Kicker David Hiser booted a 22-yard field goal.

Harrison is scheduled to play Clarkston to close out the season this week in an OAA crossover game

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PREP FOOTBALL

Novi takes Baseline Jug away from rival Mustangs

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The eight-year itch is over.

Using an exclusive ground attack and a suffocating defense, Novi put together its most complete football performance of the season Friday night with a convincing 21-6 win over rival Northville. The Wildcats (3-5),

who were eliminated from the playoff picture two weeks ago, looked like a postseason team as they piled up 369 total yards without attempting a pass while holding the Mustangs (3-5) to 180 yards total offense.

But more importantly, Novi gained back the coveted Baseline Jug for the first time since 2008.

"First of all, our O-line put on a show tonight," said Novi senior quarter Sean Gilliam, who rushed for a game-best 196 yards on 21 carries. "They were opening the biggest holes we've had all season. They played a great game tonight and (Kyle) Klosterman ran hard, powerful ... they couldn't tackle him. And the Oline opened up some great lanes for me, too. It was a good team win."

Klosterman, a 5foot-11, 185-pound senior, contributed 151 yards rushing on 18 carries and scored all three of Novi's touchdowns on runs of 8, 59 and 23 yards.

"We kind of had a game plan where we were just going to pound the ball, so we stuck with that game plan," Gilliam said. "We didn't pass one time, but we came just came in thinking run, run, run."

The Wildcats, who led 7-6 at halftime, put the

Novi's Drew O'Connor splits Northville tacklers Eddie Lim (left) and Daniel McLaughlin.

game away with a pair of third-quarter Klosterman TDs as they went with the exclusive ground attack after top senior wide receiver Traveon Maddox Jr. went down the previous week with a shoulder injury.

'Tonight's a first,' Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "We simplified. We went back to what we did. We were down Tra-veon, obviously, so we had change some things. We took a receiver off and put in a tight end and we're going to pound the ball, pound the ball. If it's third-and-long, we're going to pound the ball. We got ourselves into manageable downs all night and we were able to pick up some third-andlongs running the ball. That was good. That breaks your will when you're picking up thirdand-eights on the ground."

Northville's elite kicker Jake Moody, who has 58-, 57- and 55-yard field goals to his credit this season, attempted only one extra point all night, which was blocked by Chad Howell in the first quarter after Nicholas Prystash caught a 27yard TD pass from Christian Williams.

But Northville's early 6-0 lead was short-lived as Novi scored three unanswered TDs.

"It's was great to get the Jug back," said Howell, who played both ways on the offensive and defensive lines. "We've been waiting for so long for this. We worked so hard, we practiced so hard, we practiced so hard. And tonight the defense really showed. We knew we had to play big and we came out and played just like we had to ... executed perfectly."

Novi winds up the regular season Friday, Oct. 20, at Westland John Glenn (1-7).

Here are four other takeaways:

WILDCATS' BRICK WALL

Northville was limited to 32 yards rushing on 11 attempts, while quarterbacks Jon Michalak, a

WEEK 8 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

senior, and Williams, a sophomore, were a combined 12-of-32 passing for 142 yards. "We did not protect the passer at all," North-

the passer at all," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "We weren't able to establish any kind of running game. They definitely won the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball."

Tyler VanKirk led way with 6.5 tackles, while Matthew Wright and Klosterman added four solo tackles each. Deshaun Clayton added a sack.

Meanwhile, Northville transfer Antonio Washington had two interceptions, while Nikolas Williams added one.

"It's kind of tricky because they flip between the two quarterbacks," Howell said. "We just know we've got to contain both them because they're good athletes and they can both throw the ball."

PROUD COACH Burnside got his first



The Novi football team hoists the Baseline Jug for the first time since 2008 following a 21-6 win over rival Northville. BRAD EMONS

victory over the Mustangs and he couldn't have been happier afterward.

ward. "Lights out tonight," he said. "This is the first game all season where I felt like we played good in all three phases. We eliminated our mistakes. We had a couple key penalties but, for the most part, defense didn't make any mistakes. Offense didn't make any mistakes and special teams...what a huge kick by Blake King at the end of the night to pin them on their goal line right there and run that clock out."

JUG HISTORY

It was the 49th meeting, including a pair of playoff games, between the two schools. Northville now leads series, 25-24.

"It's my first year at Novi, but the excitement feels great," said Gilliam, a transfer from West Bloomfield.

The last time Novi tasted victory against Northville was in 2008, by a 14-12 score

by a 14-12 score. "Man, I'm so proud of these kids," Burnside said. "They could have given in. We go to 2-5 and we're not making the playoffs and we could be thinking we're done. Man, I'm proud of them." MUSTANGS REGROUP

Prystash, a 5-6, 153pound junior slot receiver, finished with a gamebest eight catches for 115 yards to go along with kick returns of 56 and 23 yards.

On the defensive side, Jordan Grewe had four solo tackles and four assists, while Max Cooper added two tackles for loss.

loss. The Mustangs close out their season Friday, Oct. 20, at Salem (4-4).

Oct. 20, at Salem (4-4). "Obviously, we expect our players to go out and give great effort and finish the season strong," Ladach said. "I'd like to see us establish a good ground game and allow that to set up our passing game. Defensively, slowing down (Andrew Davis) is going to be a challenge. That kid is really good and their quarterback (Ryan Young) is, too. It's not like, yeah, we're going to stop their tailback, because then Young kills you. They're a pretty good team."

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Farmington Hills Harrison 39, Berkley 0 Livonia Franklin 35, Grand Blanc 0

Novi 21, Northville 6 Warren DeLaSalle 20, Detroit Catholic Central

BIRMINGHAM BROTH-ER RICE 44, TRAVERSE CITY CENTRAL 36: The Warriors made their trip to Traverse City worthwhile, winning a shootout to raise their record to

BIRMINGHAM COUN-TRY DAY 14, LANSING CATHOLIC 8: Isiah Johnson ran for a 4-yard touchdown in the second



Catholic Central quarterback Marco Genrich (left) hands off to running back Cameron Ryan. DENNIS BARNES

for 80 yards, while Nick Lang contributed 110 yards rushing and receiving. Running back Ben Barton gained 129 yards on the ground. He Black Hawks' passing attack was too much for Oxford to handle, as Bloomfield Hills quarterback John Paddock completed 20-of-32 passes for

touchdown, Isaac Grant ran 39 yards for a score and Chandler Shettleroe added the first of his four PATs to trim the margin to seven. Thorton Cain's 48-yard TD run tied the game, before another Thunderbirds touchdown gave them a 21-14 halftime edge. Both teams scored twice in the third quarter. For RU, Cain scored on a 5-yard carry to reduce the lead to 28-21, while James Gresham scored the game's final TD on an 8-vard reception from Panthers quarterback Carl Ware. Safety Kenny Perry led RU's defense with 11 tackles, while Grant added eight. DEARBORN FORDSON

DEARBORN FORDSON 38, REDFORD THURSTON 19: The visiting Eagles dropped to 5-3.

GARDEN CITY 44, LIVONIA CLARENCE-VILLE 24: Host Clarenceville took a 10-0 firstquarter lead, but the Cougars stormed back with 30 points in the sec ond quarter. The Cougars added a third-quarter touchdown to take a 37-10 advantage into the final quarter. Garden City rose to 2-6, while the Trojans dropped to 1-7. FARMINGTON 47, **NORTH FARMINGTON 3:** Kendall Williams led the Falcons to victory, running 14 times for 274 yards and four touchdowns. Oscar Glenn add-ed 120 yards on 10 carries and scored one TD. For North Farmington, Dylan Gordon ran 12 times for 89 yards. Farmington improves to 2-6, while the Raiders dropped to 1-7 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 49, WAYNE 6: Jay Grissom scored on a 12-yard interception return to highlight the Chargers' victory over the visiting Zebras. Churchill outgained Wayne, 266-73, including 237 rushing yards. The Chargers are 7-1 and have clinched the KLAA Gold Division

title LIVONIA STEVENSON 31, SALEM 10: The host Spartans built a 17-3 lead through three quarters, then added two scores in the final quarter to improve to 5-3. For Salem, quarterback Ryan Young completed 12-of-21 passes for 215 yards and a touchdown. Andrew Davis ran 14 times for 65 yards, while Travell Hale caught four passes for 97 yards. Tyler Overaitis led the Rocks' defense with eight tackles, while Dez Dewberry had two sacks among his six tackles.

PLYMOUTH 35, WEST-LAND JOHN GLENN 7: Carson Miller ran for three touchdowns to help the Wildcats score a road victory. Miller opened the scoring with a 13vard, first-quarter TD, but the Rockets responded just 31 seconds later, tying the game on a 42-Chad Stevens to vard Corey Williams touchdown pass. Miller's 7 yard scoring run in the second quarter sent Plymouth into halftime with a 14-7 lead. The Wildcats broke the game open with a pair of third-quarter scores – a 5-yard carry by Miller and a 1-yard sneak by quarter-back Nick Downs. Logan Walkley added a 21-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter. Cade Ahlijian booted all five extra points for Plymouth, while Chase Kersten recorded Glenn's lone extra point. Plymouth outgained Glenn, 394-187, led by a 340-yard rushing attack. Miller gained 178 vards in 39 carries. Mike Mathias ran for 101 yards on just four attempts and Walklev ran seven times for 57 yards. Downs was 3-of-6 passing for 54 yards, gaining 47 on one completion to Miller. For Glenn, Stevens completed 10-of-24 passes for 124 yards. Williams caught four of those completions for 67 vards. Matt Nutt

led the Rockets in rushing with 60 yards on 10 carries. Ashten LeBeau was credited with six tackles (six solo stops, plus six assists) for Plymouth, including one tackle for loss. Calvin Vos and Ivan Davis recorded five tackles apiece, with Davis gaining 1.5 sacks. Plymouth improved to 3-5, while the Rockets fell to 1-7. **ROCHESTER HILLS**

ROCHESTER HILLS LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 57, LUTHERAN WEST-LAND 12: The Crusaders remained undefeated, improving to 8-0, while Lutheran Westland dropped to 3-4.

SOUTH LYON EAST 42, MILFORD 23: Paced by a powerful ground game, the Cougars outgained Milford, 472-244, improv-ing to 3-5. Milford fell to 1-7. Jake Waranaukas led East's attack, running 25 times for 246 vards and two touchdowns. Ouarterback Chris Kaminski didn't throw often, but he was effective when he did drop back, completing 7-of-8 passes for 119 yards and three TDs. Alex Donaldson, Donovan Wright and Sean Clary each had a touch down reception for the Cougars. Terry Day and Donovan Wright were East's defensive standouts

quarter, then the Yellowjackets added a Johnsonto-Kolin Demens TD pass in the third on their way to the road victory. Country Day improved to 3-5.

RIRMINGHAM **GROVES 35. BIRMING-**HAM SEAHOLM 33: Falcons quarterback Colton Tinsley went 8-for-12 passing for 162 yards and two touchdowns to lead Groves past city rival Seaholm. Running back Chaise Ford led the Groves ground attack with 15 carries for 146 yards and three TDs. Running back Damonte McCurdy made the most of his six touches, rushing three times for 66 yards and adding three receptions for 86 yards including a 44-yard TD. while Clayton Fox contributed a 47-yard touchdown catch. McCurdy led the Falcons' defense with 12 tackles. Seaholm was led by a pair of dualthreat performers. Quarterback Joel Mitchell had 88 yards passing, with one touchdown, and ran

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and Chase Mentag scored one touchdown apiece, while kicker Olivia Graham booted three extra points, plus field goals of 22 and 25 yards. Groves rose to 7-1, 6-1 in OAA play, to finish as trichamp of the White Division along with Farmington Harrison and Oak Park. The Maples dropped to 1-7. 1-6.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK-KING-SWOOD 41, GROSSTE POINTE WOODS UNIVER-SITY LIGGETT 0: The host Cranes did all their scor ing in the first half. Murari Nelluri scored on touchdown runs of 32 and 68 yards, while quarter-back Trevor McConnell threw TD passes of 7 yards to Kobi Russell and 15 yards to Torrell Williams. Tariq Muhammad added a 1-yard touchdown plunge and Jack Fairman returned an interception 37 yards for another score. The Cranes improved to 7-1. **BLOOMFIELD HILLS** 26. OXFORD 14: The

305 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for one score. Ty Slazinski grabbed 12 of Paddock's passes for 172 yards and a TD, while Darren Mack added four catches for 100 yards and a touchdown. Defensively, Dugan Fife contributed 10 tackles, a pass deflection and two interceptions, Brett Williams had 12 tackles, while Jack Sape contributed nine tackles and a pass deflection. The Hawks are now 6-2. CANTON 35, BRIGH-

CANTON 35, BRIGH-TON 10: The host Chiefs, ranked sixth in the state in Division 1, improved to 7-1, led by a 296-yard rushing attack. Canton took a 21-3 halftime lead, then added a pair of fourth-quarter scores to seal the victory.

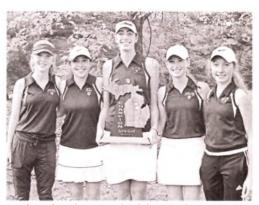
DEARBORN EDSEL FORD 35, REDFORD * UNION 28: The host Panthers (3-5) played from behind for most of the contest and came up just short. Trailing 14-0 in the first quarter after Ford returned a punt for a

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WALLED LAKE WEST-ERN 49, SOUTH LYON 28: The visiting Lions rolled to a 14-0 lead on Ryan Gill touchdown runs of 8 and 2 yards, respectively, plus a pair of Brenden Lach extra points. But the Warriors scored the next seven TDs, to improve to 7-1, 6-1 in the Lakes Valley Conference. South Lyon fell to 1-7, 1-6. Gill carried 19 times for 76 yards. Defensively, Ben Buchler had three solo tackles plus one assist, while Mitch Komorous was in on seven tackles, with two solo stops, and recovered a fumble

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GIRLS GOLF



Members of South Lyon's regional championship team include (from left) Julia Vess, Kendall Skore, Elizabeth Harding, Sophie Yergin and Molly Mackey.

South Lyon takes aim at D2 state crown

Brad Emons

Could this be the year? South Lyon, which posted a four-player total of 329, earned its seventh consecutive MHSAA Division 2 girls golf re-gional title Oct. 13 at Ypsilanti's Pine View G.C. as senior Elizabeth Harding took individual runner-up honors with 77

Other scorers for the Lions, who will be headed to the Division 2 finals Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20-21, at Bedford Valley in Battle Creek were senior Kendall Skore, fourth (82); junior Molly Mackey, fifth (84); and junior Julia Vess, sixth (86)

Senior Sophie Yeargin also earned a top 10 finish in eighth with 89

This is a great group of girls," South Lyon coach Dan Skatzka said. "I think we will be in a close battle with five or six other teams for the state championship. I really believe we have as good a chance as we have ever had."

South Lyon is coming off back-to-back third-place state finals finishes. The Lions also finished second in 2014 and fourth in 2013. "As for those five girls

who will be competing

the five dual meet wins required to qualify for Division 1 regional, which will be Nov. 9 at Ann Arbor Huron. States are Nov. 17-18 at Oakland University.

"She's really pushed herself more and more. This year is a little bit harder on her," Larkins said about his co-captain. 'She's going to college next year. I'm not sure which college she's going to, but either way, she's

next weekend, we are averaging 17 strokes lower then they did last year," Skatzka said. "Four of our five are back from last year's third-place finish. As always, it will come down to which team gets hot for the two days of the finals.'

South Lyon East (361) and Grosse Pointe North (371) also made the state finals, placing second and third, respectively, at the regional.

Senior Kiersten Van-Norden paced East individually in seventh with 88, followed by junior Alyssa Strong, ninth (90); senior Natalie Aulicino, 10th (91); and senior Emily O'Brien, 11th (92).

Sophomore Kaitie Mallory placed 12th with 93.

Grosse Pointe North's Meghan Gallagher took medalist honors with 76, while additional individual state qualifiers included New Boston Huron's Emma Polski (81), Gibraltar Carlson's Chelsea Kovoch (94) and Trenton's Caroline Hourey (98)

The five-member all-region team included Gallagher, Harding, Skore, Polski and Mackey.

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any training and competition.

"That's what parents flinch about when they're up in the stands and they're watching these girls do their dives

Larkins said diving is a physical activity first and foremost, but "it's a lot more mental, because they don't want to hurt themselves by smacking the water or hitting the board ... they have such little time, with only one board right now, to do and perfect their dives." Emily Weiner, the new girls swim coach at Plymouth, emphasized how much constant training and swimming at the club level between high school seasons can add to a diver's arsenal. "I think the really important thing, espe-cially going to conference and those big meets, is having those 11 dives, it's a really hard thing to do," Weiner said. "Those girls who dive over the summer, they only do six." Burt already knows all the intricacies of those 11 dives and soon will have the chance to display her talents under the big-meet spotlight. "I'm looking forward to trying to make all-state again this year,' she said with a smile. 'Just making my way up to the top five." There's no doubt she'll be ready.

KLAA ROUNDUP

Exell (16:32), while Can-

ton's Shane Andrews

finished fourth (16:35).

Other standouts includ-

ed: Plymouth's Patrick

Brandon Boyd (seventh, 16:47), Tyler Mussen (eighth, 16:53), Jarrett

Adam Stepek (13th, 17:18); Salem's Luke Ha-

ran (fifth, 16:36), Andrew

Byrnes (sixth, 16:36),

Warner (ninth, 16:54),

Beyer (10th, 16:59), Christo Jeffers (11th,

17:14), Nolan Teodori

(12th, 17:17), Shane Mc-Kimmy (15th, 17:22),

Bryce Paine (18th, 17:42),

Talha Syed (19th, 17:43);

Canton's Daniel Jimenez (14th, 17:20), Garrett

Nagelhout (16th, 17:32),

Heimbaugh (20th, 17:50)

29: The Mustangs cele-

brated senior day Oct. 10

at Cass Benton Park with a KLAA Gold Division

dual meet win. Novi's

individual 5K winner in 15:49.68, but Northville

came away with the vic-

tory thanks to the plac-

Couyoumjian, second

(16:14.66); Nathan Hayes, third (16:38.58); Ray-

ing of Nicholas

mond Jiang, fifth (17:06.42); Alex Jund, eighth (17:20.51); and

Adrien Jund, ninth

Mullins, fourth

(17:31.93)

Volleyball

(17:23.43). Other Novi

scorers included Trev

(16:47.06); Matt Whyte,

fifth (16:53.1); Prateek Bhola, seventh (17:09.41);

and Matt Gustitus, 12th

NOVI 3, PLYMOUTH 0: On Oct. 10, Abryanna

Cannon recorded 15 kills

as Novi (37-3,11-0) swept

host Plymouth in a KLAA

25-12. Other contributors

for the KLAA Gold Divi-

crossover, 25-11, 25-12,

sion leaders and two-

time defending Class A

Gabe Mudel was the

NORTHVILLE 28, NOVI

17th, Andrew Lake

(17:37) and Braden

Coaches and team representatives are invited to send game information and story tips to LIV-sports@ hometownlife.com. Game information will be accepted up to 24 hours after the game ends.

Girls cross country NORTHVILLE 17, NOVI

47: Senior Ana Barrott's first-place clocking of 18:24 lifted the Mustangs (6-0) to their sixth consecutive division title with a KLAA Gold dual meet win Oct. 10 at Cass Benton Park. Barrott's 5,000-meter time moved her up to second on the school leader board only behind sister Lexa (18:20), now a sophomore at Indiana University. Freshman Yasmine Man si moved up to No. 3 with a runner-up time of 18:33. Northville's other three scorers included Olivia Harp, third (19:16); fresh-man Emily Gordon, fourth (19:38); and Keria Courtney, sixth (20:12). Novi's top finisher was Katherine Ray, in fifth place (19:59.43).

SALEM WINS DOUBLE DUAL: On Oct. 10 at Cass Benton Park in Northville, the Rocks defeated Canton (16-47) and Plymouth (20-41) to close out the KLAA Black Division championship with a 6-0 record. Hallie Younglas of Salem was medalist, with a time off 19:39. Other Salem finishers in the top 20 included Reagan Justice (second, 19:41), Olivia Millen (fourth, 19:48), Gabrielle Mancini (eighth, 20:13), Bridget Nelson (ninth, 20:22), Lizzy Lu (10th, 20:32), Jessica Hughes (11th, 20:34), Madison Grant (13th, 20:43), Sophie Jeffers (14th, 20:54), Marnie Waggoner (15th 20:55) and Claudia Shuler (17th, 21:02). Finishing third for Plymouth was Londyn Swenson (19:47) followed by Arwa Harar-wala (fifth, 19:53), Lily Tiplady (16th, 21:01), Lola Merrill (18th, 21:18), Laura Bonds (19th, 21:28.01) and Paige Cristea (20th, 21:28.99). For Canton, Anna Nagelhout's time of 19:56 was good for seventh overall. Also finishing in the top 20 for the Chiefs was Carmen Bruchnak (12th, 20:40)

FRANKLIN 23, CHUR CHILL 37: The Patriots were led by medalist

Erin Seibert (19:50) Oct. 10 at Nankin Mills in Westland. Other finishers for Franklin in cluded Allyson Stabler (fourth, 20:49), Emily Esker (fifth, 21:06), Ruby Walker (sixth, 21:19). Ashley deGuise (sev enth, 21:33), Brittney Winn (eighth, 21:34) and Caroline Hardy (21:36). Churchill's top finisher was Sierra Greener (sec-ond, 19:56) followed by other Chargers Abbie Haupt (third, 20:16), Grace Vaeth (ninth, 21:59), Emily Halkey (11th, 22:47), Sarah Sum-bulla (12th, 25:09), Sha-ran Mangat (13th, 26:03) and Puneet Mangat (14th,

26:32 **PORTAGE INVITATION-**

AL: Rockford (116 points) upended runner-up Ann Arbor Pioneer (143) and No. 1-ranked Northville (144) to earn the team title Oct. 7 at Portage West Middle School. Traverse City Central's Sielle Kearney was the individual 5,000-meter winner in 17:29, while the top five finishers for Northville included Yas mine Mansi, sixth (18:36); Ana Barrott, 10th (18:44); Emily Gordon, 41st (19:57); Olivia Masse, 46th (19:57); and Keira Courtney, 49th (20:09).

Boys cross country FRANKLIN 21, CHUR-

CHILL 39: On Oct. 10 at Nankin Mills in Westland, the Patriots bested the Chargers despite Eric Pensari of Churchill earning medalist honors with a time of 17:09 Franklin secured places two through five, with Logan Evanchuk (17:13), Grant Rudd (17:20), Jack-son Nordbeck (17:27) and Andrew Ulaszek (17:30) Rounding out the top 10 were Churchill's William Hengy (sixth, 17:31) and Carson Ellis (ninth, 17:38) and Franklin's Russell Rusnell (seventh 17:37), Mike Mackiewicz (eighth, 17:38) and Joe Nichol (10th, 17:56). PLYMOUTH WINS

DOUBLE DUAL: The Wildcats defeated Salem (21-37) and Canton (18-45) on Oct. 10 at Cass Benton Park in Northville. Leading the way for Plymouth were medalist Ethan Byrnes (16:04) and Carter Solomon (second, 16:06). In third was Salem's Ryan

BURT

it's a really fun sport. I like all the aspects of it,

Burt loves it so much that she wants to continue with the sport in college. Her goal is to land a scholarship with an NCAA Division I pro gram, perhaps West Virginia or Akron.

aces as the Mustangs (31-6-1) cruised to a 25-13, 25-11, 25-14 KLAA crossover vic-tory Oct. 10 at Westland John Glenn. Izzy Guleff and Christina Valentini paced North-ville's hitting attack with five kills each, while setters Rachel Holmes and Gabi Fisette collected 21 and 11 assists, respectively. BRIGHTON 3, SA-

LEM 0: The Rocks were bested by the Bulldogs on senior night. Playing well in a losing cause were Makenzie Carpenter (six kills) and Nikia Quan (four kills, one ace). Salem seniors recognized included Samantha Klozik, Alexia DeSantis, Danielle Pfannes and Calee Nesler.

Girls swimming

NORTHVILLE DOU-BLE-DUAL: On Oct. 10, Katelyn McCullough and Sophia Tuinman both figured in four first-place finishes as the host Mustangs (7-1) defeated Harrison Farmington (116-69) and Canton (133-53) in a double-dual meet. McCullough swept the 100- and 200-yard free styles with times of 54.41 and 1:57.45, while Tuinman took wins in the 200 individual medley (2:10.80) and 100 backstroke (57.91) The foursome of Tuinman, Emma Phillips, Lauren Heaven and McCullough captured the 200 medley relay (1:51.66), while McCullough, Heaven, Lulu Mans and Tuinman added a win in the 400 freestyle relay (3:36.40). Other Northville winners included Paige Jensen, 1-meter diving (134.80 points); tangs' 200 freestyle relay team of Meghna mington, which defeat-ed Canton 126-59, got a pair of wins from Ashley Turak in the 50and 500 freestyles with times of 24.16 and 5:22.15, respectively.

water. "There's different

drills that you can do or different dives to lead up visualize myself doing it and then I model walking down the board and doing the dive in the air."

Practice makes perfect

Like many sports, over-thinking can led to the body tensing up and not completing the task at hand. So Burt simplifies things as much as possible, trusting she has her approach, launch, hurdle, kickoff and landing down to the point that it is in her DNA To get to that point requires hours and hours of training, some of it with Salem dive coach Otto Geisman and some on her own in the gym. "It's all about work ethic," Burt said. "You can't just get there because you want to get there. You have to really try and train and push yourself." She said Geisman helps her on technical aspects, such as "making sure my feet are pointed, that my arms are where they're supposed to be.' Salem girls swim coach Brandon Larkins isn't surprised by the level of proficiency Burt has reached in the last couple of years. Earlier this autumn, she broke the Belleville pool record with a 246 score. She already has

from diving board to

to the bigger ones that help a lot," Burt said. "Before every dive, I

going to be great. "It does put a little

Continued from Page B1 backwards to the board there's always twisting, you can twist in any direction, really.

the fear, the training.

champions included Shannon Jennings (14 assists, eight kills) and Rachel Jennings (10 digs, two aces). Plymouth came up short despite good outings by Gabi Kuchka (four kills, nine

Heaven, 100 butterfly (1:00.3); and Phillips, 100 breaststroke (1:11.26). The Mus-

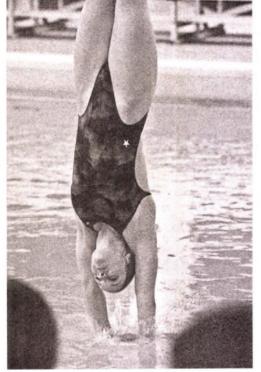
Ancha, Mia Testani, Jennifer Ostrowski and Mans also won in 1:44.22. Harrison-Far-

"I love diving, I think

digs), Lauren Wheeler (11 assists, seven digs) and Maddie Kirchkoff **NORTHVILLE 3. JOHN GLENN 0:** Junior libero

Hannah Grant finished with 21 digs and four

(nine digs).



It's splashdown! Another successful landing for Salem senior diver Camille Burt, BILL BRESLER LHOMETOWNLIFE COM

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All-around effort

According to Burt, her gymnastics background is a key reason for her diving success

"I did gymnastics for about 11 years," Burt said. "It really helps you when you're in the air, being aware of your surroundings when you're floating in the air and it helps to know how to flip instead of just coming in blind.

"It gives you a lot of balance as well. Vault and floor, you do a lot of flipping in that."

The fourth-year diver gave up gymnastics while a freshman at Salem. Another member of the Rocks diving team, Jordyn Williams, continues to excel in gymnastics for her high school.

Years of practice in the natatorium, obviously, are essential for the serious diver to reneatedly (and safely) go

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more pressure on her, but I think she can handle it. I know she can handle it."

Mind over matter

Canton girls swim coach Ed Weber's team also boasts an excellent diver in senior Annika

Wang. "We're looking for her to be ready for regionals and perform well at re-gionals," Weber said. "You have to place top 12 in the region. We have a very difficult region."

Weber added that divers put themselves in a precarious spot, merely by venturing out onto the board. To have the kind of success enjoyed by Burt and Wang, they must be able to conquer that fear

Not everyone sitting in the stands or standing on the deck is able to, however.

"With diving, there's a danger of making contact with that board," Weber said. "That's what goes through different people's minds, through

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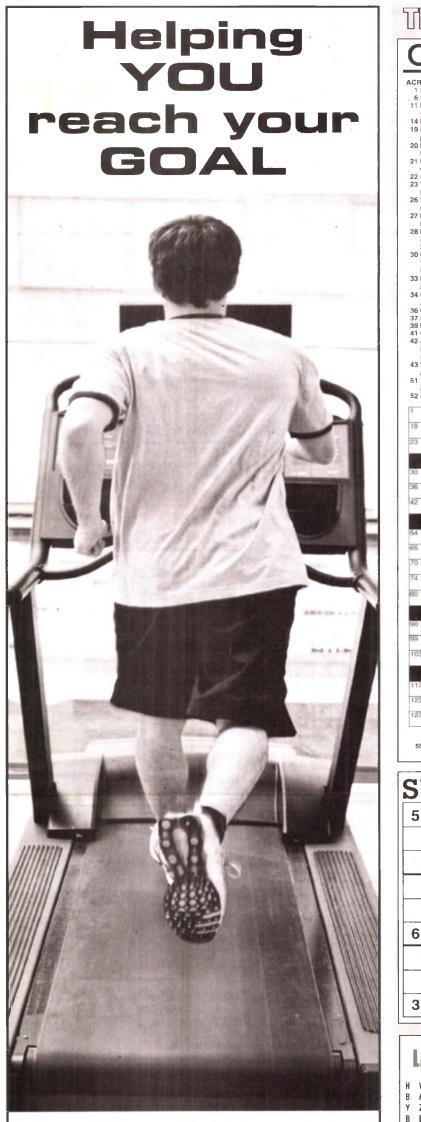


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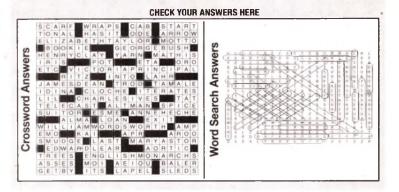
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