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## Westland awarded \$42K JAG Grant

Money to be used for instruction and equipment

The Westland City Council will vote Oct. 16 to approve a \$38,000 contract with Quadrant 2 Education for the continued management of the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center Learning Center. Funding for this partner-

ship is provided by a \$42,200 Michigan State Police JAG Grant, which the city was recently awarded.

Quadrant 2 Education provides programming and teachers for the JBCVC Learning Center to provide coding in-

struction and tutoring. The grant will allow the Learning Lab to continue its regular house of 4-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and a summer program of enhanced coding events. The additional \$4,200 the grant provides will be used for equipment and city expenses.

Westland police officers are

also an integral part of the program, interacting with students on a regular basis.

"Having Quadrant 2 as a managing partner has been enriching for many students who have utilized the learning center," Mayor William Wild said. "Last year, the program saw a 35-percent increase from the first year and we

expect the usage to continue to rise."

Students ages 10-18 are welcome to participate in the Learning Center. There is no cost to participate.

For more information, contact the Learning Center at sean@quadrant2coaching.com or call the JBCVC at 734-595-0288.



Runners from Love Runs ran 20 miles recently in Hines Park. They are raising money to fight human trafficking and preparing to run in the Detroit Free Press marathon. BRIAN CRAIG

## Marathon runners fight human trafficking

**Darrell Clem**  
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Just a few dollars can help a human trafficking victim.

And hundreds of runners from a NorthRidge Church group, Love Runs, are making huge strides to help.

They have raised an aston-

ishing \$949,505 in three years. This year alone, they have raised \$241,000 and counting toward their \$500,000 goal as they again prepare to run Oct. 15 in the Detroit Free Press marathon.

Love Runs director Veronica Coker of Belleville said 431 runners are participating this

year and raising money for organizations that work to rescue, house and feed human trafficking victims and help them find a road to recovery.

Mark Bacchus of Canton, a Love Runs volunteer leader, said the money raised goes to Detroit-area organizations that fight back against "modern

day slavery" — organizations such as Vista Maria, S.O.A.P., The Salvation Army and All Worthy of Love.

Bacchus said young teen girls are the most common victims of human trafficking, whether they run away from home, get involved in drugs or merely try to escape a life of

poverty. He said some are coerced on social media or by their own families and friends.

The problem isn't happening just in big cities.

"Surprisingly," Bacchus said, "the issue also thrives commonly within typical sub-

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## Next court date scheduled for Livonia woman in manslaughter case

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A Livonia woman accused of manslaughter will return to court in a few weeks for a preliminary examination.

Leslie Neuman, 33, is scheduled to appear before Judge Kathleen McCann at 11 a.m. Oct. 26 in Livonia's 16th District Court for an exam. She's charged with involuntary man-

slaughter and second-degree child abuse, charges that stem from an incident that left her 5-month-old son, Connor Kleeman, dead back on Dec. 29.

Neuman appeared Sept. 28 before McCann for a probable cause conference, when the



Neuman

preliminary examination date was set. The exam is used to determine whether there is enough evidence for a case to go to trial.

A new attorney has been retained and requested more time for discovery and review of documents pertaining to her case. She was originally charged Sept. 18.

Livonia first responders were called to Neuman's home

late last year in the 9300 block of Iowa after reports of Kleeman not breathing. The boy was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Police say Kleeman's death resulted from Neuman falling asleep in a bed with the infant in it after she had consumed some alcohol. When she woke up the next morning, police say she found the child lodged

between the wall and the mattress.

If convicted, Neuman faces up to 15 years in prison. She remains free on a \$100,000/10 percent bond and is required to do alcohol testing as a condition of her bond.

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# Shake a leg: Sock hops help seniors socialize

**Maria Taylor**  
Correspondent

Southeast Michigan seniors love to shake a leg. Poodle skirts, pony-tails and Pink Lady jackets were the outfit du jour last week as some 170 social seniors met up for a "Throwback Thursday" sock hop, held Sept. 21 at the Novi Civic Center.

The bash was the latest in a biannual series hosted by the Senior Socialites, a two-year-long collaboration among the senior services divisions of Novi, Northville, Farmington Hills, Livonia and South Lyon.

Last year featured a '70s Woodstock throwback called "Senior-Stock," with attendees coming from as far as Wixom, Commerce, Brighton and Milford.

Judy Klein is the recreation programmer for Novi's department of older adult services.

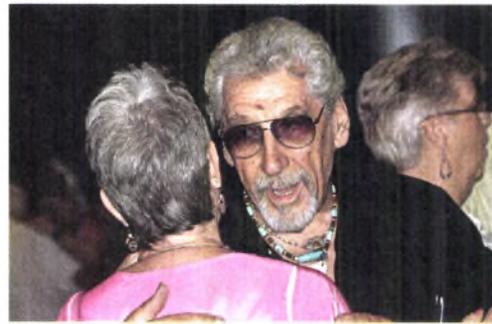
"It's an opportunity for seniors, especially those in retirement communities, to meet a wider group of people," she said. "They like the '50s, like to dance, like to dress up and meet new friends."

Joining the five directors were students from the Madonna University school of nursing, who donned '50s attire to help serve dinner and run the activities.

"We wanted them to see the positive side of



Ginger Gillick (left) of Allen Park and Carrie Cavanaugh of South Lyon play a pass-the-dice game during dinner. MARIA TAYLOR



Edwin Leonard of Farmington Hills dances with his partner. MARIA TAYLOR

see who could blow the biggest bubble gum bubble and have it measured before the music ran out or the bubble popped.

Jeri Alam of Novi, in her pink poodle skirt and gauzy pink scarf, ended up going home with a gift basket as the winner of the costume contest. She said she started dancing about five years ago. Her partner couldn't make it that night, so she came with a girlfriend.

"I was a little reluctant to dance without a partner, but then I finally thought, 'What the heck!'" and went out on the dance floor," she said.

She's making up for lost time. As a girl in the '50s, her father was pretty strict: "I couldn't even go to my senior prom!"

Edwin Leonard of Farmington Hills came for the music and stayed for the dancing. It's his first time attending one of the Senior Socialite events. "I love the '50s music - you don't hear it anymore," he said. "I'll be coming back."

aging," said Pam Cameron, coordinator of senior adult services for Northville. "There's a lot of good times to be had. By the time you're seniors,

you're not afraid to have fun, to do things that might be a little silly. It's like being a kid again."

Fun and games were aplenty, with activities like a costume contest and hula hooping contest, interspersed with dancing to jams like "Shake, Rattle and Roll" and "Hello, Mary Lou," performed by Motor City Syndicate.

There were root beer floats, creamsicles and a chicken dinner - and, for the brave, a contest to

## CORRECTION

A story in the Sept. 28 Observer about the planned sale of Livonia Public Schools property to a developer, "Livonia Schools to sell school sites to home builder,"

incorrectly stated the property is being sold to the lowest bidder. The buyer, Infinity Homes Inc., was the highest bidder for the land, according to LPS officials.

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# Gas station robbed, police search for suspect

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Livonia police are searching for a man they say robbed a local gas station at gunpoint.

Police say the suspect entered the Sunoco gas station, 29835 Eight Mile, at about 8:40 p.m. Sept. 25. The man purchased some gas and left the shop.

He later came back in wearing a hat and produced a semiautomatic handgun before demanding cash from the clerk. He fled the store with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Police say the man is about 25 years old, stands between 5 feet, 10 inches, and 6 feet tall, light complexion, short black hair and a goatee. He was wearing a white T-shirt, khaki pants, black or brown shoes and a baseball cap with



Livonia police are asking for the public's help identifying this man, who is believed to have robbed a gas station at gunpoint. LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

a Detroit Red Wings logo. He's believed to have fled in a dark-colored Cadillac. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Livonia police at 734-466-2470. [dveselenak@hometownlife.com](mailto:dveselenak@hometownlife.com) 734-678-6728 Twitter: @DavidVeselenak

## LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

### Retail fraud

Police were called Sept. 28 to Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

When police arrived, they spoke to an employee, who said they saw the suspect at the self-checkout scanning items. The employee said they saw the suspect scanning items, but placing others that weren't scanned on the checkout onto the belt. She completed the transaction and left without paying for several items. She was stopped by an employee before leaving and was detained. Police arrived and spoke to her and her caretaker, who said she had been starting to "slip." She was issued a citation and released at the scene.

### Package missing

A resident who lives in the 27600 block of Perth came into the police station Sept. 26 to report a stolen package.

He said he ordered some rims online and expected a package of rims delivered from UPS. He said he received a notification that the package had been delivered and left at the back door. His wife also returned home, but did not see the package on the back porch. When the man came home, he could not locate it either. He believed it was stolen.

— By David Veselenak

# Meet the eight running for Livonia City Council

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Still wanting to hear from the eight candidates running for a seat on the Livonia City Council? Hometownlife.com has you covered.

We asked all eight candidates to come and record a short video speaking to voters about why they should receive your vote this Nov. 7. All eight came in and answered this question: "Why should voters select you for the Livonia City Council?"

The eight candidates running are: Jim Jolly, Brian Meakin, Cathy White, Steve King, James Hooper, Gerald Perez, Laura Toy and Suzan Hyssen. They are running for four open seats on the council, three of which are currently occupied by Meakin, Jolly and White. Councilwoman Maureen Miller Brosnan is term-limited and cannot run again this election cycle.

The top three finishers will each receive a four-year term on the body, while the fourth-place finisher will receive a two-year term. In addition, the top vote-getter



Candidates for Livonia city council appeared at a League of Women Voters forum last month. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

will become the council president and the second-place finisher will become the council vice president.

Their responses are being posted to hometownlife.com, where voters can check out each of the eight candidates' videos to learn a little more about them. In addition to these videos, be sure to check out our coverage from last month of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County's voter forum, as well as the forum hosted by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to that coverage, the League of Women Voters also has its voters guide online with

responses from candidates. Those can be accessed by going to [voted411.org](http://voted411.org) and typing in your home address to see the races.

The videos can be found individually at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com). Special thanks to Biggy Coffee at 37403 Ann Arbor Road in Livonia for allowing us to shoot these videos in their conference room.

Absentee ballots are currently available for those unable to make it to the polls Election Day, which is Nov. 7. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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# Art tour of Detroit set for Oct. 14

Detroit AM Rotary has scheduled Detroit Contemporary Art Tour, a chauffeured tour of the fabulous art in city, for 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Ride on a motor coach from Livonia into the city of Detroit to tour locations of art on the streets, in galleries, indoors and outdoors. At each stop you will meet the artists and they will tell you what inspires them, why they work in Detroit, how their art allows them to express themselves, why art is important to them and more.

The tour will start at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road. There

will be wine, beer, water and goodies on the bus. Chef Crystal, 2017 Winner of Food Network TV's "Chopped" TV show, will provide d'oeuvres, savory goodies, salads or desserts throughout the afternoon.

The tour will make three to five stops. Dress for the weather and for some walking. There will be places to sit along the way. At the end of the day, there will be an opportunity to purchase art; some of the proceeds will benefit Detroit AM Rotary and its projects, including work with The Children's Center, Green

Living Science and Threads for Success which your ticket will help to pay for.

Tickets, \$100 per person, are only available online at <https://goo.gl/XTPxSk>. There is limited walking at each venue, depending on the venue. The venues are the African Bead Museum, Wasserman Gallery and the Belt. The tour ends at the Chaps Lofts. Each has bathroom facilities. The bus holds 54 and should leave by 1:30 p.m. at the latest. Expected return time is 6 p.m.

For more information, go to [www.detroitamrotary.org](http://www.detroitamrotary.org).

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Money to fight human trafficking in metro Detroit is being raised by runners with Love Runs out of NorthRidge Church. BRIAN CRAI

## RUNNERS

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urbia settings."

The statistics are disturbing. Every 30 seconds, human trafficking claims its next victim, whether it's a young girl, boy or an adult woman or man.

Coker said the average victim is drawn into human trafficking at age 12-14. She said Michigan ranks among the top 10 states for the problem, with some studies ranking it as high as second in the nation.

"We're among the worst," she said.

Some statistics are difficult to pinpoint, Coker said, partly because so much of human traffick-

ing goes unreported.

But a little money goes a long way to help. Just \$10 can buy food and a hygiene kit; \$14 can cover the cost of housing a human trafficking victim for a night.

Love Runs is making an immeasurable difference as it inches toward the \$1 million mark.

Love Runs is based at NorthRidge, a megachurch in Plymouth Township. However, marathon participants come from multiple churches, while some runners belong to no church, Coker said. Runners this year are coming from as far away as California and one is from Windsor, Canada.

Runners recently finished a 20-mile practice run in Hines Park

before they began to scale back their efforts so that they don't tire their bodies out before the marathon, Coker said.

NorthRidge Church has been involved in numerous fundraisers that make a difference. Past runners have raised money to bring clean drinking water to areas of Africa, but Love Runs is keeping the money in the Detroit area.

"We recognized that we also needed to have a local presence," Coker said. "That's very important to us."

For more on Love Runs or to donate, go to <http://www.loveruns.org>.

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# DIA honors volunteers at annual awards luncheon

The Detroit Institute of Arts honored eight volunteers with service awards Sept. 25 at its annual volunteer luncheon at the museum. From July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, 661 volunteers contributed 59,696 service hours. This equates to almost \$1.5 million in economic value to the museum.

"Our dedicated volunteers help us fulfill the

DIA's mission of creating experiences that help visitors find personal meaning in art individually and with each other," said Salvador Salort-Pons, DIA director. "We are happy to honor them and thank them for their valuable service to the DIA and our visitors."



Deacon

The DIA's Volunteer Council, which celebrates its 55th anniversary this year, comprises six committees serving various areas of the museum. Awards to a volunteer in each committee went to:

- » Staff aide — Susan Deacon, Livonia
- » Detroit Film Theater usher — Steven Davis, Ferndale
- » Gallery Information — Susan Jones, Davisburg

- » Gallery Service — Howard Thomas, Royal Oak
- » Interpretive Programs volunteer — Marjorie Fein, Grosse Pointe Shores
- » Museum Shop volunteer — Stephanie Yashinsky, Bloomfield Township

Two special service awards were also given. The Luther Chaney Sunshine Award was presented to Louise

Haener of Riverview. The award is named after a former security officer known for exemplary customer service and is granted to a volunteer, who during the current volunteer year, has demonstrated exceptional helpfulness and friendliness to the public inside or outside the museum and to other volunteers and staff.

The Distinguished Service Award went to

Michael Chall of Livonia. It is given to a volunteer who, through long-term service and outstanding dedication, made an exceptional contribution as a member of the volunteer council.

The longest-serving volunteers honored with service pins were Mary Ann Lawlis of Grosse Pointe Woods for 45 years and Diane Kaplan of West Bloomfield for 40 years.

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### Explore Your Genealogy

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 17 and 24, 7-8:30 p.m.  
This four-part series will take users on journey, exploring genealogy from the basics of how to search to finding organizations and groups to help you grow your study. You will leave this program ready to search out family connections. Computers will be provided for the last three sessions, but feel free to bring your own device. Registration is required.

### Chess Club

Thursday, Oct. 12, 19 and 26, 6-8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 14, 21 and 28, 1-4:30 p.m.  
Come to the Westland Chess Group and hang out and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to chess masters are all welcome.

### The Haunted feat. Kristy Robinett

Thursday, Oct. 5, 6-8 p.m.  
Spiritual adviser and psychic medium Kristy Robinett will talk about her most haunted encounters and help instruct others going through a haunting.

### ESL Weekly Conversations

Friday, Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 10-11:30 a.m.  
Join us and practice your English skills in a classroom setting with an emphasis on conversation. This 10-week session will be conducted by Auralie Messenger and will continue through Nov. 17.

### Game Day Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, Oct. 7, 1-3 p.m.  
Prove that you are a top chef! Enter our Chili Cook-Off for a chance to win \$75 and a gift certificate to Qdoba. Selection of the winner will be by popular vote. If you

would like to enter, please fill out and return your entry form by 5 p.m. Sept. 30. You can download an entry form or pick one up in person at the library. During the Cook-Off, we will also have games and a random prize drawing.

### Leo's AM Book Discussion

Monday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m. to noon  
Join Mary the second Monday of the month at Leo's on Warren for our new morning book club. Get your copy of the book at the Reference Desk a month before the meeting. The October title is "I Remember Nothing" by Nora Ephron.

### Computer Basics

Monday, Oct. 9, 2-3 p.m.  
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.

### Hearing Loss Association of America Support Group

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Join Tony Ferack, president of the Hearing Loss Association of America Western Wayne Chapter, each month as he discusses various topics related to the hearing loss community. This month: TBA.

### DIY Home Movie Help

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7-8:30 p.m.  
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# St. Joseph Mercy opens urgent care at Schoolcraft

St. Joseph Mercy Health System has opened a new 6,000-square-foot Urgent Care/Student and Employee Health Center on the corner of the Schoolcraft College campus in Livonia. The site is located on the first floor of the Jeffress Center, 39201 W. Seven Mile, near the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

"We are excited to offer health care services to students and employees of Schoolcraft College, as well as everyone living and working in the Livonia and Northville communities," said Dave Spivey, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Livonia. "This facility



St. Joseph Mercy Health System has opened a new Urgent Care/Student and Employee Health Center on the Schoolcraft College campus.

will increase access to health care and encourage students, employees and others to live healthier lives."

The new Urgent Care offers non-emergency medical care on a walk-in basis, including treatment for non-life threat-

ening illness and injury. As Schoolcraft's first-ever Student and Employee Health Center, the site also provides students and staff with health and wellness services, such as physicals, pregnancy testing and vaccinations. The facility will be operated by physicians from the St. Joe's Medical Group.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and holidays.

"Everything about our work with St. Joseph Mercy Health System makes sense," Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress said. "Convenient quality health care for our stu-

dents and community is most important, but we also are excited about the synergy that made this project a reality. When two great organizations get together with a common goal, everybody wins."

The opening of the new facility is part of a growing partnership between SJMHS and Schoolcraft College. Earlier this year, the health system became a sponsor of the St. Joe's Sports Dome, also located on the school's campus. The dome's opening marked the launch of Schoolcraft College's SC Elite Program, which includes MercyElite Sports Performance, to provide

health, fitness and nutritional programs to youth and adults in the surrounding area.

As the health sponsor for Schoolcraft College's SC Elite program, SJMHS also offers a number of health initiatives. The health system's MercyElite Sports Performance program provides athletic training and sports performance services to the Michigan Wolverines and Hawks youth soccer teams within the St. Joe's Sports Dome. MercyElite also has permanent space inside the dome to provide sports performance training to local teams, including strength and conditioning and speed and agility training.

# Novi dancer leaps into select company: Juilliard's Class of '21

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Jack Murphy has been thinking about Juilliard since last summer, but his journey to the storied performing arts school in Manhattan began about 13 years ago.

Murphy, of Novi, is a Juilliard freshman, one of just 24 — out of more than 400 who auditioned — in the dance program's Class of '21.

The 19-year-old has been dancing since he was 6.

"When I was young, I tried lots of different things: soccer, gymnastics, horseback riding. All over the place," Murphy said recently. "And then one day, my mom just asked me if I would be interested in taking a hip-hop class. ... That's where it all started."

"He was just going to try dance in his life —



Jack Murphy, now a freshman at Juilliard in New York City, demonstrates his dance flexibility.

and he loved it," said Dori Matkowski, founder of Dance Dynamics Performing Arts Center in Walled Lake, where Murphy studied for several years.

Just a year out of high school, Murphy already has two seasons of training with major companies on his resumé, first (while completing his senior year) with the American Ballet Theatre

in New York City and, during the 2016-17 season, with the Joffrey Ballet in Chicago.

Even since then, he's completed a two-week "intensive" at Wayne State University with the dance company Complexions, plus a four-week internship with Hubbard Street Dance Chicago. Now, he's getting settled in at Juilliard.

Murphy has wanted to

be a dancer for a long time, a goal his family has supported. (Parents Belinda and Mark also have three daughters.)

He is particularly interested in ballet and contemporary dance and is also looking at choreography and teaching. Murphy's favorite classical ballet is Peter Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" and he was impressed recently by the contemporary Israeli dance company Batsheva.

"Their work is very intense, both physically and emotionally, so that's definitely a performance that I'll always remember," he said.

Murphy said he's drawn to dance as artistic expression and a discipline that means "constantly striving to better yourself as a dancer and knowing that the journey will never end and there's

always room to continue growing."

"Jack was always very attentive, hard-working and receptive to getting his talents better and we have continued to help him train and give him opportunities so that he will reach his dream," Matkowski said.

His dance training, plus a home-schooling program for his last three years of high school, kept Murphy plenty busy. But Dance Dynamics gave him many opportunities to perform at competitions, dance conventions, schools and public events.

Murphy is the third student from Matkowski's school, which was established 35 years ago, to study at Juilliard.

"Juilliard has a lot of great information and knowledge and dance training to give me," he

said.

He auditioned early this year, in Chicago, along with about 70 other applicants. After one round, in ballet, about half the students were dismissed. Next came contemporary and more brutal of cuts.

By the time they got to the interview stage, there were only nine applicants left, Murphy among them.

"It was very nerve-wracking to know that you've spent so much time preparing for this audition and knowing that it could be over at any moment," he said. "So, yeah, there were a bit of nerves, but also I was confident in my training and preparation."

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# Two new hotels open in western Wayne County

**Darrell Clem**  
hometownlife.com

Two new hotels with a combined 177 guest rooms have opened for business on Canton's east side, as western Wayne County witnesses an uptick in lodging options.

In what marks a \$25 million investment, Fairfield Inn & Suites and TownPlace Suites celebrated their official opening Friday, just west of the Ford Road and Interstate 275 interchange, with a casino-themed party that reflected owner A&M Hospitality's confidence in betting on Canton.

"We're super excited," Mike Abdulnoor, one of the owners, said. "We look forward to being a staple in the Canton community."

Under the umbrella of Marriott properties, Fairfield and TownPlace became the latest hotels in western Wayne County.

In Livonia, a new Holiday Inn Express has



TownPlace Suites, with 87 rooms, is geared toward guests with longer stays. DARRELL CLEM

opened at Schoolcraft and Inkster and a new Hampton Inn is under construction on Schoolcraft, east of Middlebelt. Moreover, the Holiday Inn at Six Mile and I-275 has been knocked down and is being rebuilt.

In Plymouth Township, the Inn at St. John's is planning to convert a monastery retreat center into a 120-room hotel, doubling the number of guest rooms on the St.

John's site on Five Mile, east of Sheldon, among other changes on the property.

Abdulnoor said the area is desirable for new hotels because of its proximity to Detroit Metropolitan Airport, area interstates and large companies, such as Yazaki North America, Inc. He also said the area is close to both Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams



The 90-room Fairfield Inn & Suites is one of two new hotels on Canton's east side. DARRELL CLEM

said. The new hotels also are located just east of Michigan's only IKEA, which draws customers from near and far. The two hotels have been built next to two existing A&M Hospitality lodgings, Comfort Suites and Baymont Inn & Suites, off Ford Road between Haggerty and I-275, creating what regional manager Nada Sitto called a 360-room

place to stay," Williams said. The new hotels also are located just east of Michigan's only IKEA, which draws customers from near and far.

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"hotel campus." She said the new hotels are complemented by the 66-room Comfort Suites, built a decade ago, and the 117-room Baymont, nearly 30 years old.

Said Abdulnoor: "There's a price point for everybody here."

Sitto said the new Fairfield is geared toward customers who are staying briefly in Canton, while TownPlace is being marketed to extended-stay guests such as business executives or families who are moving to Canton but taking their time to find the right home. TownPlace has kitchenettes and allows pets.

Sitto smiled as Canton officials, local business people and hotel representatives mingled Friday during the grand opening celebration.

"We're really proud of this," she said.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Toying with nostalgia

I recently heard the news that Toys 'R' Us may be going into bankruptcy. Although that doesn't mean that it will cease to exist, it certainly doesn't bode well for the company. I feel that would be a great tragedy and loss if it did go under.

"Toys 'R' Us" has been an unique and unusual store. It's like a warehouse for Babes In Toyland. Originating in the early 1970s or so, the store has always been a visual feast, especially at Christmastime. In 1975, I

bought a Bobby Hull Hockey Game from the store, and in 1985, I bought a Tudor Electric Football Game from them.

"Toys 'R' Us" joins a long list of stores like Kmart that have closed previously. Some of these stores were done in by Walmart, while others fell to online shopping, such as the Amazon site. Amazon began as a seller of books and drove several great stores out of business, including Walden Books, Edward Hamilton Bookseller and Media Play.

People really are idiot-

ic in how they've reacted to online shopping as if it's revolutionary. We've had mail-order shopping around since the 1900s Sears catalog. The same products can be found in 'brick and mortar' stores, it's just that today's American is so lazy that he can't get up off his darn, fat butt and travel to a store, and he wants instant gratification.

I just feel that this modern, digital generation has lost something by its de-evolutionary descent into a soulless state of mind-numbing blandness. Joni Mitchell once said "you don't

know what you got 'til it's gone." It seems that the Baby Boomer generation had the best years of their lives (the wonder years), in the past. Today, there seems to be a lack of a magical sense of wonder.

Back in the 1960s, there was classic TV, classic rock music, and some great stores. We used to have Christmas catalogs from Sears, Ward's, JC Penney's, Spiegel's and Federal's. We once had stores like Ben Franklin's (a five and dime), the downtown Hudson's, the Westland

Woolworth's and Kresgee's. The Westland Mall was a marvel to behold: stores like Ward's, long hallways, fountains, red and blue parrots in cages, Hot Sam pretzel stands. The old Livonia Sear's mall was also fantastic. So much has been lost and can never be regained.

Leo Weber  
Livonia

### Support all kids

It is always incredible to see the amount of opportunities presented to all the students that attend the National Youth

Science Camp ("Northville Student Attends Prestigious STEM Camp" Aug 23.); all due to the education provided by their school districts and state/government. The kids are awarded an opportunity to challenge themselves academically and learn from others in a field along with emphasizing the value of scientific careers.

However, this particular camp and other academic opportunities are not available in developing countries such

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Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:  
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All written comments should arrive at ACEN by October 6, 2017.

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### Zonta card making event

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County is hosting a card making meet and greet 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main St. The cost is \$25 per person and includes the cost of materials for 12 unique cards. Refreshments will be served. Proceeds will help fund our scholarships and service projects. Email rebek10118@aol.com to reserve your spot.

### Body Mind Spirit Festival

Enjoy a day of exploration and fun at the Body Mind Spirit Festival set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road.

More than 40 vendors will be showcasing their products that help body, mind, and spirit: aura photography, massage, spiritual coaching, wellness, natural healing, holistic health, metaphysics, natural health products, Reiki, Reflexology, readers, and more.

Presentations will be given on how to move through change, connect with energy, heal with sound, and access pets' radiant health; in addition, there will be information on the energy of prayer, float therapy, Reiki, essential oils, chiropractic medicine and understanding product

labels.

Refreshments will be available; there will also be an activity center for kids.

Admission is \$5; children under 12 free with an adult.

### Citizens for Peace

"How to Prevent Gun Violence" is the topic of the 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, Citizens for Peace meeting at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. Scott Nichols, co-chair of the MI Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, and a retired state police trooper, will discuss the efforts of the MI Coalition.

All are welcome to help solve the problem of gun violence. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to websites www.michigancoalitiontopreventgunviolence.org or www.citizen4peace.com.

### Democratic Club meeting

The Livonia Democratic Club will host its monthly meeting 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 33150 Schoolcraft Road, Room 103.

### Who Should You Trust?

The State Bar of Michigan will be offering a free program titled "Who Should You Trust? Avoiding Estate Planning Mistakes" at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne.

This informal seminar, hosted by the Wayne

Senior Services, will offer important information for seniors by Michigan licensed lawyers. It will be approximately an hour. There will be a question and answer period. Attendees will also receive a free specially designed folder containing essential estate planning information, forms and other materials for effective estate planning.

No registration is required, but preferred. To register or for more information, call Nancy at Wayne Senior Services at 734-721-7460, ext. 7.

### Volunteer tutor training sessions

The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council is a volunteer, nonprofit organization aiming to improve conversation literacy skills for adults who speak English as a Second Language. CLC provides free one-on-one tutors and conversation group tutors in the Plymouth-Canton community. Volunteer literacy tutors do not need any prior experience.

Tutors receive comprehensive training before volunteering in a setting of their choice for up to two hours each week. The next training class, which includes 12 hours of instruction spread out over two days, will be held the following dates: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21.

Community Literacy Council charges \$40 for

each tutor to cover the cost of training, materials and food. Advance reservations are required and can be made at www.plymouthcanton-literacy.org or by calling the literacy council at 734-589-0011.

### Church rummage sale

Newburg United Methodist Church's upcoming rummage sale is set for 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia.

Cost is \$2 admission per adult Thursday only; admission is free Friday and Saturday. Saturday will be a half-price sale. For more information, call the church office at 734-422-0149.

### Friends of the Livonia Library book sale

The Friends of the Livonia Library will be holding their 90th book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6-7, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8.

There will be a huge number of books such as history, mystery, religious, children's fiction, gardening, fiction and non-fiction available, as well as a collector's corner. On Sunday, a bag of books can be purchased for \$5. All proceeds go back into the libraries. The sale will be at the Robert and Janet Ben-

nett's Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information, call the library at 734-466-2495.

### Suicide prevention program

"Every Suicide is Tragic: What Can I Do?" is an informational event to take place 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at St. Thomas a'Becket, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. This event will provide essential information compressed into fast-paced sessions for both teens and adults, addressing questions such as: What does the church teach about suicide? What can I do to prevent it? How can I help others who may be contemplating suicide?

### 3D Photography Club meeting

The 3D Photography Club will hold the second meeting of its 2017-18 season 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

The program will be a presentation of the very best stereo images from the recent Ohio International Stereo Exhibition. After a refreshment break, there will be a 3D image competition among club members with the topic of "Flowers & Gardens."

For more information,

go to www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

### Livonia Halloween open house

Join the fun from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center Halloween open house, 15100 Hubbard. Enjoy the pool, climbing wall and a variety of gym activities. The gyms will be set up for roller hockey, pickleball, volleyball and basketball.

Guests will also have a chance to learn about organizations and business. As a special treat, youths are invited to trick-or-treat at participating organizations and businesses. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

Admission is free for the day for residents and \$3 per person for non-residents. For more information, contact the Kirksey Recreation Center at 734-466-2900.

### Fall color walks

Join the Friends of Miller Woods for their annual fall color walks 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 and 22. Each tour lasts one hour, is free, and will leave the entrance every 30 minutes. No dogs or strollers are allowed and you must be able to walk on uneven paths. For more information, go to millerwoods.com or call Cheryl Bord at 734-459-7666. Meet at entrance of woods on Powell Road, just east of Ridge Road.

## LETTERS

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as Kenya, Uganda and Nepal.

A staggering 263 million children are unable to attend school worldwide; perhaps what is even more disturbing is that 57 million children have never stepped foot in a classroom. If children do have the ability to attend school, it is uncertain if a high standard of education will be met. For example, in some areas, children in secondary school are unable to write in full sentences.

Now with the introduction of the House Resolution 466 - Global Partnership for Education, this can become a reality. The Global Partnership for Education allows for the development of effective national education programs that are tailored to each country's needs. As of 2003, approximately 72 million children are in primary school due to the funds raised. By committing \$250 million over two years to the Global Partnership for Education, we can stand with the world's children and ensure that each child is afforded a quality education across the board. In order to receive this funding, each participating country must devote 20% of its gross domestic product to its own education programs.

I am asking U.S Rep Dave Trott to stand with these children and co-sponsor the bipartisan House Resolution 466 in order to ensure that the underprivileged children and youth worldwide are given the same opportunities as those at home.

Simran Reddy  
Northville

### State police director disappoints

It is clear Michigan State Police Director Kriste Etue does not understand the impact of her position as director of law enforcement officers sworn to protect all people of Michigan. With one choice, she has broadcast her assumption that the people of

this diverse state do not support the right of people to peacefully protest racial injustice.

It is difficult to know where to begin with questions she generated about her ability to run a statewide agency. Rather than owning what she did, her first instinct was to separate from her decision. She allowed a spokesperson to say she posted on her personal Facebook page, as if she did not understand the viral nature of social media. Despite holding out the meme as representative of her opinion, she attempted to separate herself from the meaning of the words by saying that she didn't write them. She allowed a spokesperson to say her post was not about race, which is just patently dishonest. The language "arrogant, ungrateful, anti-American degenerates" reinforces a belief that the content of the protest is unworthy of constitutional protections, that black lives are less worthy of rights guaranteed by our state and federal Constitutions than lives of white people.

She did not apologize for the words she held out as her beliefs. Rather

she apologized to "anyone who was offended," as if her untenable choice was their burden to bear. She failed to recognize that it is her obligation to protect and serve all of the people in Michigan. She undermined her ability to meet her obligation by calling many of those people with whom she is charged to protect, "ingrates who hate America and disrespect our armed forces and veterans" because they, like the "millionaire ingrates" she refers to, are exercising their right to peacefully protest the injustices they see being inflicted on black people in America.

Etue had a moment. A moment to hear members of the diverse community she is charged to serve and protect say they feel threatened by police violence that disparately affects people of color. She could have been a listener, a converser, a good community leader. Instead, she sacrificed her ability to lead. She made clear that she does not care to protect the rights of those who are engaging in peaceful protest of actions by the government that they consider unjust if she disagrees with the

form of the protest.

Loren Khogali  
Plymouth

### Anthem protest is a right

President Donald Trump went too far in his condemnation of Colin Kaepernick and athletes who kneel during the national anthem. He is our president, not a dictator who gets to pontificate on every subject under the sun.

I write as an American, a public high school U.S. history teacher, the daughter who was expected as a teenager to recite the pledge of allegiance while the U.S. government put my dad, his parents and siblings behind barbed wire in the Manzanar (California) Concentration Camp for Japanese-Americans for 3-1/2 years during WWII.

My classroom during the Pledge of Allegiance mirrors the choices of professional athletes. Some say every word, some listen, some have a hand over their heart, some stand. I do not get to fire them from my classroom for their choices. The choice they make in how to participate also does not guarantee who is more patri-

otic or a better American.

An American teenager's mind is an independent and beautiful thing. A teenage mind is often more honest than an adult mind at facing our historical mistakes and societal inconsistencies. As a teacher, my basic goal every day is to simply make my students think, not like any specific leader or like me.

Colin Kaepernick was really thinking about our country and our anthem, possibly even more than the average athlete participating. He is also trying to make others think about what we stand for and whether we are living up to our ideals. The athletes who kneel are not ignoring the anthem, and they are not disrupting it. If you are white and you never fear police brutality happening to you, then you might think kneeling during the anthem is unnecessary. Many Americans don't want to

ever be challenged to think outside their comfort zone.

Standing for the anthem and singing do not automatically make you a better American. Insisting people all do the same thing during the anthem is a simplistic and shallow understanding of patriotism. It reflects insecurity as a country, not strength.

Before we call strangers crude names, before we dictate that someone in a business other than our own should be fired, before we doubt someone else's patriotism, before we get more upset about body language during the anthem than we do about how well we live up to the ideals that we claim and yet often violate, we should just be quiet and look deep inside ourselves to reflect on how well we personally are living up to our precious American ideals.

Ann-Nora Hiram  
Plymouth

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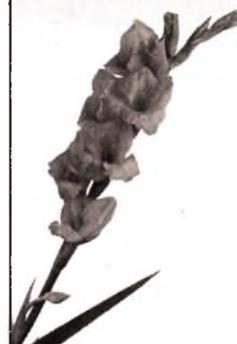
### Mullins



**Robert C.** Age 88 October 1, 2017. Beloved husband of Eleanor. Dear father of Laine (David) Monks, Sandy (Ken) Haraburda, Daniel (Patti), Laura (Tim) O'Connell and Jennifer (John) Ness. Grandfather of Devin, Drew, Kelsey, Emily, Ali, Kristin, Katherine, Connin Cuinn, Matthew, Michael, Meghan, Alyson, Rylee, Molly, Erin, Haley, Katrina and Ethan. Great grandfather of Preston, Brayden, Mackenzie, Tessa and Jaxson. Brother of Everett (Joan) Mullins and the late Evelyn Mullins. Funeral Services were held. Family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church. [www.santieufuneralhome.com](http://www.santieufuneralhome.com)

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# FAST AND FURIOUS

Novi senior Mudel hopes to crack 15-minute 5K barrier for Wildcats

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Gabe Mudel has the sport of cross country running broken down to a science.

The senior from Novi has already captured three races this season, but the one he did not win was probably his most impressive performance so far as he took runner-up honors Sept. 15 at the MSU Spartan Invitational with a personal best time of 15:29.2 (for 5,000 meters).

Only Coldwater's Shuaib Alijabaly recorded a faster time (15:28.1) in the Elite Division on a muggy afternoon at MSU's Forest Akers Golf Course.

"It was super-hot and my coach (Brad Moore) told all our guys to not tax ourselves on the first mile, because the heat definitely makes an impact on your race," Mudel said. "And you have to plan around that. I kind of took it easy the first mile and I knew Shuaib, who ended up winning, he took it out super-fast and was about eight seconds ahead of the next pack, which I was leading. Basically, I kind of took it easy the first mile and gradually moved up. He had a 15-second lead at one point."

Mudel's strong finish came as no surprise to new Novi coach Brad Moore, who took over the Wildcats' highly successful cross country program this fall from longtime coach Robert Smith, who retired.

"Gabe is very dedicated," Moore said. "He's very smart and he thinks through everything quite a bit. He's analytical, cerebral. We have some real good discussions about the training, racing and all that stuff. He'll challenge you mentally, which is great."

Mudel's ultimate goal is to crack the 15-minute barrier, which would put him in the same company with former Novi all-state runner Tim Moore, the 2001 MHSAA Divi-

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Novi senior Gabe Mudel was runner-up in the Elite Division at the MSU Spartan Invitational. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

GIRLS GOLF

## Stevenson's Vento scoring big as athlete, student

Spartans senior earning medals, academic accolades

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When Anna Vento puts her mind to something, she pursues it with vigor.

That goes for a variety of pursuits, including Livonia Stevenson varsity golf — where as captain, she is helping lead younger girls just getting started in the sport — or acing a mid-term exam.

"With my team being comprised of all first-year varsity players, I have really enjoyed using my experience to help them progress, not only this year, but also for the years so come," said Vento, 17. "The team is full of a lot of potential and, hopefully, it can come together at regionals and we can qualify as a team for states."

"It was such a great experience last year to qualify as a team and, hopefully, I can share that experience with them this year."

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Livonia Stevenson girls golf captain Anna Vento is all smiles about how her senior year is going. STEVENSON ATHLETICS

## What a Troup-er!



Versatile Canton senior Colin Troup catches quarterback Connor Engel's pass and then takes it to the end zone for an 82-yard touchdown during the Chiefs' 40-28 victory Friday over Livonia Stevenson. For more on the KLAA Black Division match-up, turn to page B2.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Northville libero Grant in league of her own

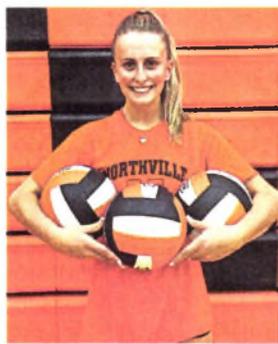
Michigan State commit proving to be a defensive stalwart

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There's more than one reason Northville's Hannah Grant stands out among the crowd when she's on the volleyball court.

The 5-foot-7 junior not only wears the different colored jersey as the Mustangs' starting libero, but she has also quietly distinguished herself as one of the top defensive players in the state.

The Michigan State commit continues to thrive in



Michigan State commit Hannah Grant, a libero for Northville, has been a defensive standout this season. BRAD EMONS

only her second year of playing the position while leading

the state-ranked Mustangs to a 25-5 start.

Grant didn't take up volleyball until she was a seventh-grader at Meads Mill Middle School. She started out as a setter and outside hitter, but moved to libero with her club team (Team Detroit) just prior to her sophomore season at Northville.

"It actually wasn't that hard because, when I was setting, my favorite thing was playing defense," Grant said. "Everyone was kind of confused when I wasn't setting, but it was really an easy transition because you need to be able to have good hands when you're back there. Especially out of system, it makes it easier for

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Canton mixes up attack, rolls to 40-28 victory

Chiefs knock off Stevenson, just one win away from playoffs

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It's tough enough to slow down Canton's multi-pronged running attack, but host Livonia Stevenson found out Friday what the Chiefs can do when they throw the football.

Canton senior quarterback Connor Engel threw three touchdown passes in the second quarter, including two to senior Colin Troup. That sparked a 26-point surge, opening up a 33-14 half-time advantage. The Chiefs never looked back, winning 40-28 to spoil Stevenson's senior night.

Troup had another stellar game, with 235 all-purpose yards (100 rushing, 135 receiving), while junior tailback Steven Walker tallied 153 yards rushing in 19 carries and two TDs as Canton moved to the cusp of another state playoff berth at 5-1 overall.

"The key to this game was the offensive line, they really stepped up," Troup said. "They helped me, Steve, Luke (Jouppi), they just helped us really follow through the holes and score touchdowns. Really it's all thanks to them, the big guys."

Canton outgained Stevenson by a 484-339 margin and allowed just 15 first-down conversions by the Spartans.

The KLA A Black Division showdown was 7-7 after the first quarter



Shaking off Livonia Stevenson defenders Roman Klensk (right) and Scott Rushlow is Canton running back Colin Troup. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and the Spartans were driving deep into Canton territory to open the second. But Stevenson quarterback Parker Graham just missed hitting Devin Dunn in the end zone on a fourth-down play, turning over the ball to the Chiefs.

On Canton's next offensive play, Engel threw Troup and he took it to the house for an 82-yard touchdown. That put the Chiefs ahead to stay, although the Spartans did show some life in the second half, when they scored the game's final two touchdowns.

Graham and Dunn (three receptions, 93 yards) hooked up for a second TD, a 17-yarder, late in the third quarter. Canton penalties helped the Spartans complete a 95-yard drive in the fourth, but the Spartans also showed some big-

play capability.

After Graham found Dunn for a 47-yard pass play, the quarterback burst through the middle for a 30-yard touchdown run. Stevenson tacked on a two-point conversation to make it 40-28 with five minutes left, but that was all the scoring.

"They just played tough the entire game, they brought it to us," Graham said. "We started figuring it out and get our game plan going in the second half. Just wish we would have gotten it going sooner."

Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef, whose team dropped to 4-2, gave the Chiefs credit for throwing some wrinkles into their usual game.

"They're a good football team," Micallef said. "They did some things defensively, a couple different alignments and

moving guys around, that gave us some trouble at times.

"We adjusted and ran some plays that I think we were successful on, but it was just a matter of making sure we were in the right spots."

Following are several takeaways from the contest:

**MIX AND MATCH**

Canton's outstanding offense usually is powered by the running game, but against Stevenson, quarterback Engel showed there is another side to the attack. In the second quarter, during a 26-yard surge by the Chiefs, Engel threw three TDs, including two to Troup (82, 31 yards) and a 12-yard strike to Walker.

Engel only completed 4-of-6 passes for the night, but he made them



Livonia Stevenson's Joshua Page (right) catches a pass in the first quarter and then scores on a 70-yard play. Trailing Page is Canton's Noah Brown. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

count. "Their defense wasn't really set up for it and our guys made some plays and I got it to them," Engel said.

**WHO THREW THAT?**

The Spartans stopped the Chiefs in the game's first drive, but when the offense came onto the field it was senior George Ferguson behind center (instead of at wide receiver).

The left-handed Ferguson connected over the middle on a pass to senior Joshua Page for a nifty 70-yard catch-and-run into the end zone, to briefly put the Spartans up, 7-0. The usual starting QB, Graham, came out for the next series, however.

**ILL-ADVISED**

After Canton upped its lead to 27-14 on a 31-yard pass from Engel to Troup, with a minute remaining in the first half, the Spartans tried to force things. Graham's pass into the left flat was picked off by Canton's Nick Polydoros, who returned the ball to the 1-yard line.

Punching it in on the next snap was junior running back Luke Jouppi (eight carries, 40 yards) and, just like that, it was a 33-14 contest with 34 seconds left until intermission.

"We had a rough last couple minutes of the first half there, we gave up a touchdown and then threw the pick-six and it ended up being the difference in the game when you look at the final score," Micallef said. "In the second half, we played better, we executed better, we got a couple stops defensively and a turnover. So that helped."

**IN THE PINK**

It was Stevenson's fifth annual Pink Out game to raise awareness about breast cancer. Spartans players wore pink socks and wristbands to salute the worthy cause. A moment of silence was held at half-time to honor those who have lost their lives to the disease.

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PREP FOOTBALL

## Western's defense comes up big in win vs. Lakeland

Late defensive stand gives Warriors 13-11 victory

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Walled Lake Western wanted to eliminate the long ball in its Lakes Valley Conference football showdown Sept. 28 against White Lake Lakeland.

The Warriors gave up some singles and doubles, but their defense kept the Eagles' vaunted wing-T offense from hitting the grand slam as they held on for 13-11 win in what could be considered an old pitcher's duel.

Western (5-1, 4-1) gave up 176 yards on the ground, but only one touchdown against a Lakeland team that came into the game averaging nearly 30 points per outing.

"No home runs," Western coach Mike Zdebski said. "They have 21 50-plus touchdown plays and that's what we eliminated tonight. And we were a few tackles away from not even allowing that to get on the board. Our kids did a great job of preparation and understanding what a wing-T offense is and understanding the strengths of their team and what they're trying to accomplish with everything that they do."

The Warriors managed just 123 yards total offense, but managed to jump out to a 13-0 first-quarter lead.

Western took just three plays to score its only TD with 10:27 remaining in the opening quarter, as Sam Johnson hit Justin Thomas on a 43-yard TD pass.

A 48-yard punt return



Lakeland's Robbie Tracy (left) turns the corner against the Western defense. JERRY REA

by Randall Harris set up a 31-yard field goal by Aidan Jennings, who then followed with another field goal of 39 yards less than two minutes later to give Western a 13-point cushion.

"He's good," Zdebski said of his place kicker. "He's another in the lineage of kickers we've had here. We've had great kickers. He's going to be an all-state dude, too. He kicked two field goals tonight and won the game. He's perfect on extra points this season."

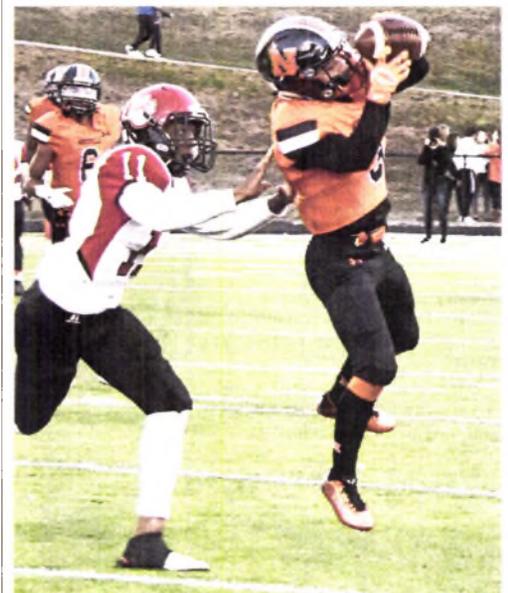
Lakeland (4-2, 4-2) got on the board with 9:20 left in the second quarter, when the snap from center on a Western punt sailed over the head of



Lakeland's C.J. Davis (left) and Matt Fus team for the tackle on Western running back Jakkel Moore-Wells. JERRY REA

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PREP FOOTBALL



Northville's Nicholas Prystash (right) makes a leaping grab over Grand Blanc's Jace Parrish. MARTHA MICHALAK

## Northville falls 38-30 despite record boot

Mustangs' Moody kicks school-record 58-yard field goal in 38-30 loss

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Just when you think he couldn't top himself, Northville's Jake Moody put on another kicking exhibition for the ages on Friday at Tom Holzer Ford Field.

Moody topped his own school record with a 58-yarder - now tied for the second longest in MHSAA football history - but it still wasn't enough to overcome Grand Blanc's 546 yards total offense as the Bobcats stayed unbeaten with a 38-30 win.



Moody

"Our kids played hard, they gave great effort, they just came up short," Northville

coach Matt Ladach said. "There were a lot of times where we had them in third-and-long and we let them out. We had them stopped and had them off the field, missed tackles or let the quarterback escape. It wasn't for a lack of effort. You have to give their kids credit. They made plays and, those instances, we didn't."

Grand Blanc, which improved to 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the KLA A Gold Division, also won in Clint Alexander's return

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## MUDEL

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sion 1 state champion (15:11.3) who later went on to excel at Notre Dame.

Tim Moore was also the 2002 Foot Locker National Champion who ran a 14:50.0.

"I do think it's possible on a great day," Brad Moore said of the 15-



Mudel

minute barrier. "Gabe's having a great season and he had a real strong summer. So

far, so good. Everything is falling into place really well. Our goal for him was top five a couple of Saturdays ago at that big (MSU) Spartan race. He was a second away from winning it and almost caught that guy the end."

Mudel has made consistent strides throughout his running career at Novi.

As a junior, he was regional runner-up and fourth at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet, but slipped to 93rd at the Division 1 state finals after suffering a case of vertigo, when he fell twice before hitting the finish line.

As a sophomore, he began to show his immense promise, earning all-state (top 30) honors at the D1 finals with 27th (15:53.6) after placing third in the Kensington Conference and seventh at the regional.

Mudel intensified his



Gabe Mudel (middle) chats with his Novi teammates after a recent practice at Cass Benton Park. BRAD EMONS

training regimen heading into the fall cross country season and the early-season returns are encouraging.

"Throughout the whole summer, I ran just about every day, only taking a day off only once every three weeks, so it was pretty high mileage," Mudel said. "Also, this is the first summer in which I didn't

only do base mileage, but also two workouts every week. It's definitely taxing, but so far I'm pretty happy with where I'm at and that keeps me going throughout the season."

As a youngster, Mudel started out as a swimmer, but also played basketball his freshman and sophomore years at Novi.

"My running career, I guess, started with a fun

SK with my dad (Roman) in third grade," Mudel said. "I think he actually pushed me across the last mile or so. I ended up running around 30 minutes. He was dragging me."

Mudel got the running bug as a seventh-grader at Novi Middle School.

"I don't know if I fell in love right away, but once I started seeing how

much I improved and how much potential I had, I started to like it more," he said. "I'm enjoying it now, for sure."

The 6-foot-2 Mudel, who is of Polish descent, has all the credentials to become a collegiate runner. He carries a 4.0 (unweighted) grade-point average and has had conversations with the coaches from Michigan,

Michigan State and MIT.

"Not sure quite where I want to go yet, but I've narrowed it down a little bit," Mudel said. "I'm really interested in computer science."

During his spare time, Mudel can be found on the website projectolier.net trying to solve programming math problems, but he also dabbles in another unusual hobby.

"I do that a lot in my free time and actually yo-yo in my free time," he said. "I have \$40 yo-yo, it's pretty fun. I started when I was in the fifth grade. I saw a guy come to school my fifth-grade year and did a yo-yo routine, which was pretty cool and that's how I got into it myself."

Mudel's next big race is the Oakland County meet Saturday, Oct. 7, at Kensington Metropark. He placed fourth in that race a year ago.

"He's dangerous," Moore said. "In any way you can get out-smarted, he'll try and do it. He's a contender. We're excited."

The Division 1 state finals will be Saturday, Nov. 2, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. And that could be the meet where Mudel attains his ultimate cross country goal.

"I think to run under 15, it's going to take just a really good taper and consistent training throughout," he said, "and pretty much what I've been doing."

And for Mudel, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

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## WESTERN

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Jennings and through the end zone for a two-point safety to trim the deficit to 13-2.

"He's a tall kid, so if the snap isn't too bad, he can get it," Zdebski said. "That one ... could have made it to the middle school on that safety."

With just 1:32 left in the first half, Lakeland scored its lone TD on a 1-yard keeper by quarterback Mitchell Boles. The Eagles went for the two-pointer, but got stopped, leaving it a five-point deficit.

The momentum began to change in the third quarter as Lakeland ate up 7:47 of the clock, driving down to the Western 11, but had to settle for a 34-yard field goal by Leo Skupin with 3:13 to go in the quarter.

Earlier in the drive, a

36-yard halfback pass by Robbie Tracy for the go-ahead TD to Cullen was nullified by a holding call.

"They could have called a hold on any one they wanted to, but they decided to get us on that one," Lakeland coach Joe Woodruff said. "It is what it is. We got three points off the deal, but we should have been up. It was a great pass, a great executed play. We set it up. We'd been waiting for it. The kids did everything they were supposed to do."

Western, meanwhile, ran just nine offensive plays during the second half, but held on when Harris, the senior cornerback headed to Central Michigan University, broke up Boles' intended pass to Cullen on fourth-and-seven with only 1:09 left to seal the win.

"My coach said they'd be running it right at me, they hadn't the whole

game, but they were going to run it right at me next play with a pass," Harris said. "I saw the receiver go on a curl route. I saw the quarterback look at him. I broke down on it. I pounced on it real quick and a ripped it out of him for the play."

Lakeland tried seven passes on the night and only completed one for 10 yards.

"Our defensive coordinator put us in the right position to make plays for us," Harris said. "We watched film every single day, hours upon hours. Everybody was at home watching film, so we came into this game really prepared for a defensive stand and we knew it would be a defensive battle with them tonight. And that's what we did — make big plays."

Four other takeaways:

**PIVOTAL MOMENT**  
The Warriors burned

their final timeout to let their defense mull over and prepare what Lakeland might throw at them on a critical fourth-and-seven play from the Western 48 with just over a minute to go.

And their defense guessed right.

"We were looking for a curl route because our inside (line)backers were coming up hard," Zdebski said. "So our corner (Harris) did a great job sitting on it and making a great play. Randall made a hell of a play there. The ball hit (Cullen) in the hands and (Harris) took it out of his hands. But you've got to make a play to win a game. Couple of weeks ago, when we weren't as fortunate (in a 47-37 loss to Waterford Mott), we couldn't make a play when he had to make one more play. But we got that play tonight."

**EAGLES DEFENSE SOARS**  
Western managed just

in 123 total yards as Johnson was 5-of-12 passing for 111 yards, while running back Jakkell Moore-Wells added 29 yards rushing in nine attempts.

Western had just 12 yards net rushing and six tackles for loss.

"Our defense was phenomenal the way we played," Woodruff said. "We spotted them 13 points out of the gate and it was a shutout from there. Our kids had guts. We played with our guts."

**INJURY UPDATE**

The Eagles lost junior starting quarterback Brady Woodruff, son the head coach, to an injury during the opening quarter.

"Brady is doing OK," Joe Woodruff posted on Facebook. "He had a dislocated hip after a hit in the first quarter; they were able to put it back in place. There is no ligation damage. There is a fracture in the hip. We

will know more tomorrow, but we are optimistic. He has the heart of a lion. All he kept asking was who won."

Boles and Joe Rzeppa alternated at quarterback to finish the game.

"When we lost Brady, we lost 75 percent of our offense," Joe Woodruff said. "So that tells you where we had to adjust and overcome on offense."

**SHARING THE LOAD**

Seven different Lakeland players had at least one rushing attempt.

Lakeland's leading ball carriers were Cullen (11 carries, 62 yards) and Tracy (20 carries, 40 yards).

Another starter in the backfield, Dylan Kutzleb, did not dress after tweaking his knee the week before in a 51-21 win over South Lyon East.

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## NORTHVILLE

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to Northville, where he spent three seasons as Mustangs head coach from 2002-04.

Alexander, in his first season as Bobcats varsity coach, watched Moody put on a first-half clinic.

Northville (2-4, 1-4) jumped out to a 7-0 lead with a 10-play, 85-yard drive, capped by Abe Khoury's 6-yard touchdown run with 4:40 left in the first quarter.

But Grand Blanc got two points on the board with 10:21 left in the first half, when a high snap from center over the head of Moody, who is also Northville's punter, went for a safety.

On the ensuing free kick, Moody boomed the ball off the tee more than 80 yards and into the end zone for the touchback. And with just 7:18 left in the half, he drilled the 58-yarder, topping his own school record of 57 set in the season opener against Dearborn.

Moody is now tied with former Michigan State kicker John Langeloh, who had a 58-yarder for Utica in 1985. (Warren

Woods Tower's Doug Kochanski holds the state record with a 59-yarder in 1994.)

"It's so hard because (Moody) is phenomenal," Ladach said after the loss. "It's hard to believe he kicks the ball through the end zone from the 20-yard line. It's a 58-yard field goal and he kicks the ball 90 yards. It's unbelievable. He's a weapon."

After Grand Blanc tied it on Kettrell Ware Jr.'s 1-yard TD run with 5:33 left in half, followed by the two-point conversion to knot the game at 10-10, Moody answered with a 42-yard field goal with 3:43 remaining to put the Mustangs back on top, 13-10.

Grand Blanc, meanwhile, committed four first-half turnovers with three fumbles and one interception, but trailed by only three.

The Bobcats went in at halftime to regroup.

"We said, 'Look, we had about everything go wrong the first half that could,'" Alexander said. "You got a guy (Moody) that's automatic from 40 in and that's tough. I said we had some big wins holding them to three (points) instead of seven.

I bet they felt like they should have been up 21. I said, 'Let's just be four points better in the second half.'"

Moody, however, proved he was human, missing a 53-yard attempt wide left on Northville's first possession of the third quarter. The Bobcats countered with 55-yard TD pass from Ryder Brotebeck to Cameron Cyborowski to make it 16-13 with 5:20 to go.

Northville then marched 74 yards in seven plays scoring with 1:46 left in the third on Khoury's 1-yard TD run to go up 20-16 following Moody's point after.

After Grand Blanc missed a 23-yard field goal attempt 58 seconds into the fourth, the Bobcats went ahead for keeps, 31-20, getting TD runs of 9 and 1 yard from Ware, who led all rushers with 133 yards on 25 carries.

Moody answered with a 36-yard field goal with 4:53 remaining to make it a one-score game again, 31-23, but Colton Alexander's 29-yard pass to Nicholas Erlenbeck with just over two minutes left put the Bobcats in the driver's seat, 38-23.

Northville got a 39-

yard TD pass by Christian Williams to Nicholas Prystash with 1:43 remaining.

Moody then tried the inside kick for the second time in the game, but the ball couldn't be corralled by the Mustangs before going out of bounds.

Here are four other takeaways:

**GAME-CHANGER**

With Northville trailing, 24-20, Grand Blanc's 6-foot-2, 276-pound lineman Tre'Vion Liston came up with a fumble recovery after Mustangs quarterback Jon Michalak was stripped at the goal line at the 1, leading to Ware's TD run.

"We had to have a turnover," Alexander said. "We keep score by turnovers and at halftime and we said we were down 4-0. I said we've got to turn it around and (Liston) made a great play."

**ROTATING QUARTERBACKS**

Grand Blanc's duo of Colton Alexander and Brotebeck were a combined 17-of-22 passing for 261 yards.

Northville also used two signal-callers as Michalak was 12-of-23 for

204 yards, while the sophomore Williams, coming on in the final quarter, hit 8-of-12 for 118 yards.

"We've got two because they're both first-year starters," said Alexander, whose team notched a Division 1 playoff berth with the win.

"And we've only got two. And if we don't play two and something goes wrong, we're stuck in a situation where a kid is not prepared. At Woodbury (Va.) Forest, we played three and they all went to college. We had three good kids. We had a senior, junior and a freshman and it worked."

**COMING BACK**

Alexander went 11-17 with one playoff appearance during his three-year head coaching stint with the Mustangs. He went on to coach at Woodbury (Va.) Forest before getting the varsity job this season at Grand Blanc.

"It was exciting," Alexander said. "Actually, I had some parents of former players show up and talk to me beforehand. My history department leader came to see me, so it was fun."

The Bobcats are off to a 6-0 start with a young

squad.

"We have seven seniors that haven't played since their freshman year that start for us, so we're a pretty young team as far as experience," Alexander said.

**MORE MOODY**

Up 23-20 with 7:01 left in the final quarter after scoring a TD, Alexander decided to gamble and go for two as Brotebeck ran in for the two-pointer to give the Bobcats a four-point cushion.

Alexander wanted to take another potential three-point kick by Moody out of the equation.

"We had to," Alexanders said. "We wanted to put a little more pressure on them. If they get any one big play like a screen (pass) again and they've got an automatic three (points)."

he could only marvel while watching Moody all night.

"And we've got a pretty good kicker, but obviously (Moody) is sixth in the nation," he said. "We knew coming in that he was going to tip the field. We have a pretty good return game and he just neutralizes it."

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## BOYS SOCCER

# Fourney's hat trick lifts Canton past Northville

Chiefs take advantage after Northville red card

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Canton's Jordan Fourney proved to be the tallest player on the soccer field Sept. 26 in more ways than one.

The 6-foot-3 senior forward and captain was the difference-maker as he scored a natural hat trick in the second half as the Chiefs defeated host Northville, 4-1, in a key Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover.

"He's our guy that plays up top, but we have some guys who certainly help him," Canton coach Mark Zemanski said the team's goal and assist leader. "But Jordan is big, strong and fast. He's a beast to handle and he works hard."

Canton trailed 1-0 early in the second half, but the game quickly changed in the Chiefs' favor after Northville sophomore goalkeeper Robert Damron was sent off with a red card after venturing outside his box to stop a breakaway attempt by Nick Yono.

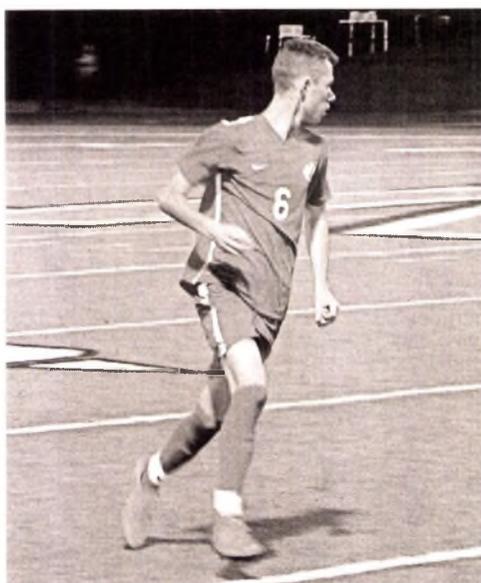
Damron was called for a deliberate handball foul.

On the ensuing free kick from 30 yards out with 35:38 remaining, Fourney scored off a blast that was threaded through a sea of players on a redirected shot eluding Northville's backup keeper Reggie Spencer, who had just entered the match.

"It was deflected off the other team, but I'll take it for my own," Fourney said. "The goal really reinvigorated the team and we started playing our game. It was tough, but it was a long time coming. I thought in the first half, I thought we really controlled the game. Then once we got that first one in, I guess they started rolling in."

Fourney followed by scoring twice within a span of 2:21, making it 3-1, with assists credited to Tyler Turko and Brett McGue, respectively.

Canton's Jake McGue put the game out of reach on a laser-like shot that hugged the Tom Holzer



Canton's Luke Lloyd goes on the transition against Northville. JOEL LLOYD

Ford Field turf and past Spencer with 28:07 to go to give the Chiefs a four-goal cushion.

The Chiefs scored all four unanswered goals in just 7:31.

"(Zemanski) said keep going," said Fourney, who plans to do track and field in the spring with hopes of attending Michigan State next fall. "We had most of the possession in the first half. Missed a few key finishing opportunities, then put them in second half."

Northville played the final 36 minutes a man down because of the red card to Damron, who was consoled afterward and given words of encouragement by the Canton coach.

"Without a doubt, it really put them in a tough situation," Zemanski said. "He's a really good keeper, but it was the right call. He was the last man, he handed the ball and it was a red card."

Northville had a goal disallowed in the first 1:36, but came back and scored just 51 seconds later when Andrew Mitchell made a hard drive down the right flank and sent a cross that fooled Canton keeper David Sadanowicz resulting in a rebound goal by Shane McHugh.

But the momentum slowed shifted back Canton's way as the first half unfolded and into the early stages of the sec-

ond half.

"I thought after the first 10 (minutes) we settled down, played well and created some chances," Zemanski said. "Then we did nice job of burying the ball when we had to."

The loss dropped Gold Division leader Northville, ranked fourth in Division 1, to 8-3-1 overall and 6-1-1 in all KLAA crossover matches.

"Canton outplayed us; they deserved to win," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "We have core players on our team that didn't play to their core level — or what they think they are. So if our better players don't play their best game, we're not going to win games."

Canton, which is 2-0-1 in the KLAA Black and ranked No. 16 in Division 1, improved to 7-2-5 overall and 5-0-4 in the KLAA.

"I still think we have a ways to go as a team, for sure," Zemanski said. "We need to play 80 minutes and we haven't done that yet in a game but, hopefully, we will. We'll need to because we're playing a lot of good teams. Northville is a very good team. If we played again, this score wouldn't be the same, for sure."

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## VENTO

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Vento's golfing and leadership is paying dividends in a hurry.

### In the clutch

At the recent dual match against Livonia Churchill, Vento was medalist with 35. Her 1-under-par showing helped the Spartans clinch the KLAA South Division championship.



Vento

hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week honors.

She is following up a very successful 2016 season, in which her averages were 39 for nine holes and 78 for 18.

"I owe a lot of thanks to my second-year high school coach Curtis Hay," Vento said. "He has been phenomenal these last couple of years and I really enjoy playing for him."

Yet her most-cherished statistic has nothing to do with golf. It's 4.56, her weighted grade-point average.

Golf and education

are very important motivators for Vento. They intersected last winter, when she had to decide whether or not to go after a college scholarship to continue playing the sport she only took up seriously in eighth grade.

Valparaiso University came calling, wanting Vento to play Division I golf next year.

"I decided last winter that I wanted to focus solely on academics," Vento said. "It was a really tough decision."

"My focus right now is to finish the season strong and cap off a memorable four-year career."

### Her first tee

For the daughter of Gerry (Plymouth boys hockey varsity coach) and Colleen Vento, the golf aspect of her life began in earnest when she started taking lessons at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth Township.

Fox Hills PGA professionals Brian Cairns and Jordan Young showed her the ropes.

"I really fell in love with the game and spend a good amount of my free time on the course, whether it's practicing or caddying at Meadowbrook Country Club," Vento said. "I really love the mental side of the sport and how every shot

and hole creates a new challenge."

At Stevenson, she continued to hone her golfing skills.

Since her sophomore year, she has earned a spot on the all-KLAA team. In 2016, she was named Stevenson's MVP.

At the Livonia City Golf Tournament, which the Spartans have won the past three years, Vento collected medals each time.

"My team also won regionals last year and I was second with a 75 at it," Vento said.

Even though her big junior season so far has carried over to her senior year, Vento perhaps is most proud of all her various accomplishments away from the golf course.

For the past three years, Vento was a KLAA scholar-athlete. Last year's Stevenson girls golf team earned academic all-state accolades.

And don't forget Vento is captain of Stevenson's Quiz Bowl and debate teams, not to mention president of the National Honor Society.

No matter how one slices it, Vento is finding the bottom of the cup as a golfer, student leader and young woman.

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Following through on a shot during a recent Livonia Stevenson girls golf match is Anna Vento.

## GRANT

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the hitters. One of my coaches were, like, 'You need to be a libero.' It worked out pretty well and I've loved it ever since."

In 30 matches this season, Grant has already racked up 350 digs has shown an innate ability to see the play before it happens.

"She reads the ball well," Northville coach Julie Fisette said. "She's quick, but she's really unassuming. She moves really well and she sees things ... I don't even see the ball and it's off before you know it. She can totally read where the ball is going off the hitters' hands, even off the blocker's hands."

Grant performs a lot like former Red Wings Hall of Fame defenseman Nick Lidstrom — steady and consistent, while playing on the back line efficiently without much fanfare.

"I told her the other day and I said, 'Hannah, you make phenomenal plays and we don't even say, 'Great job Hannah' anymore because we

expect you to make those,'" Fisette said. "And it's almost sad because we expect her to make all these great plays, so when she makes one we're not always like, 'Yeah, nice job!' and we're all screaming and yelling because it's just common."

Pardon the pun, but Fisette admits she often takes things for granted. She calls Grant "the best libero I've coached in 25 years."

"I've had some good liberos and Hannah is just that kid," Fisette said. "And really, she's very calm. She doesn't get really excited, really depressed or down. She's a great role model to follow. She hits really well, she's very smart in a lot of different aspects in her game."

Grant also has proven to be an offensive weapon from the service line, accumulating a team-best 49 aces this season.

"She can serve any zone I ask her to serve," Fisette said. "She's very aggressive when she serves and she's very competitive when she serves. She gets very frustrated if she doesn't hit a zone or misses a serve. It's the same with

her hits. She'll take that third ball and hit it over the net and five out of 10 times she'll score with it. Even just standing and hitting the ball she knows where to put. She's got a lot of ball control. She's a great hitter."

And when she's patrolling in the back row, things tend to click.

"I love passing," Grant said. "It's like a game to me. You can't let the ball drop anywhere it goes."

Grant dabbled in a number of sports growing up, playing soccer, softball and baseball. Her dad Steve, a Northville High grad, played basketball at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Mother Andrea (Creighton), a Livonia Ladywood grad, played softball at Madonna University.

"I think I like volleyball a little more," Hannah said. "I want to play college volleyball and I think I can play at a higher level in college volleyball. I told my varsity (basketball) coach (Todd Gudith) and it was hard because my dad was my basketball coach my whole life. It was hard, but now it worked out for the best of us and everyone is happy and proud."

But if I really wanted to play at the next level, it would be volleyball. I always tell my dad I might play (basketball) here my senior year."

After receiving numerous recruiting emails and letters, Grant began to realize she could play at the next level.

She visited South Carolina and had offers from several Division I schools, including Stanford and North Carolina. She had interest from another Big Ten school before settling on Michigan State, a top 25-ranked program nationally.

Grant made her verbal commitment while Northville was playing at MSU's team camp.

"First of all, I love the coaches," said Grant, who likes math and science while carrying a 3.9 grade-point average. "When I went there to visit, it just felt like home. And it is close to home, which is nice, so I'm not that far. Big Ten — it's the best conference, I believe, in college volleyball, so I really want to play with the best in continuing my career."

Fisette believes Grant has all the attributes to be a Spartan.

"(MSU coach) Cathy (George) and I talked and I said what a great kid she was and how well she'll fit in at Michigan State," she said.

Grant's versatility and mindset also bode well for her at the collegiate level, according to Fisette.

"Even when the setter is setting the ball, she's there with beautiful hands putting up a great set for our outsides," Fisette said. "She has all aspects of the game covered with little stature. She loves to play up front. She's just a competitive kid. She's a lot of fun, but I think sometimes she's hard on herself. But she wants to get better and she knows when she gets to Michigan State, she knows she'll have to work for her position, so she's constantly trying to better herself in all areas."

Grant not only has high expectations of herself, but also for the team as the Mustangs have moved into the No. 10 spot in the latest Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association Division 1 poll.

"I'm really excited this year," Grant said. "This year there's a lot of

new players. There were seven seniors starting last year. So it was a little harder to come into it this year with all new players and having to learn systems because last year it was just going there and play. We kind of knew everyone. It was normal, but this year we had to do more fundamentals and working as a team ... getting to know each other and know how each other plays to play around each other."

Two of Northville's five losses this season have come against arch-rival and two-time defending Division 1 state champion Novi, which is coached by Jennifer and Rick Cottrill. Ironically, the Cottrills will coach Grant during the off-season for the Legacy Under-18 club team.

Novi is ranked No. 4 in the Class A poll and has had Northville's number during Grant's three years on the varsity. But Grant remains optimistic the tables can be turned.

"We're going to get Novi some day," she said with a smile.

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Churchill rolls in homecoming win vs. Plymouth

Chargers one victory away from players after 41-14 triumph

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When it comes to football, one of the greatest attributes a team can have is a roster full of versatile players.

Being able to rotate players in and out across multiple positions has the ability to add the elements of both danger and surprise to any system.

In a game where the end result is based on inches, being able to field a cast of versatile players can be the difference-maker in going from a pretender to a contender.

Livonia Churchill's seemingly never-ending supply of flexible resources was on full display Friday, as the Chargers (5-1 overall, 4-0 KLAAs Gold) pieced together five touchdowns in the second half on their way to a 41-14 homecoming win over Ply-

mouth. "Roster-wise we're down, but I think that depth-wise we have a lot of pretty solid players," Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo said. "We have a lot of good players that aren't starters and sometimes that can be frustrating, but when those guys get their opportunity, they come and they play hard and do a good job for us."

Quarterback Drew Alsobrooks played a pivotal part in putting up points for Churchill, using both his hands and feet to get the job done.

By the time the final whistle blew, Alsobrooks found himself all over the stat sheet. Among his scoring escapades, the junior booted two field goals (30 and 28 yards), scored on a two-point conversion and connected with classmate Avery Grenier on an 8-yard touchdown to finish with 143 yards on 5-of-16 passing and 11 rushes for 73 yards.

"We started a little slow and didn't have a great first half, kind of like last week," Alsobrooks said. "We didn't really finish any drives in the first half and then once we got into the lock-

er room, our thing was 'finish, finish, finish.' The first three drives of the second half we scored and finished every one with a touchdown and I'm proud of our guys."

A wide receiver, Grenier (three catches for 59 yards, three rushes for 113 yards) also showcased his range of talents outside of his normal position, reaching pay dirt on an 84-yard run with 1:32 remaining and sneaking in reps at quarterback.

The Chargers' momentous flurry of offense didn't stop there however, as they had nine different ball carriers on their way to 373 yards rushing.

"The key thing was our offensive line - we struggled a little bit last week, so they had a pretty long week of practice," DeFillippo said. "We challenged them and they played incredible tonight, so that was great to see."

Among the other Churchill players to score a touchdown were running backs Darrell Mason Jr. (13 rushes for 85 yards) and Tyrese Williams (eight rushes for 33 yards) in the third quarter, followed by senior quarterback Martin Dooley's 5-yarder with 2:08 to go.

"Our kids responded and we have done that all year," DeFillippo said.

"We have a really good character group and, at times when they let us get after them, they always respond. I'm proud of those guys for the way they came out in the third quarter and finished drives and continued to play well on defense. We had contributions from a lot of guys."

The game was delayed for about 20 minutes

early in the fourth quarter after a horrific leg injury sustained by Plymouth senior quarterback Zach Beadle. He was carted off by ambulance after suffering a compound fracture.

Finishing the contest at quarterback for the Wildcats was junior Blake Nowicki.

Here are four other takeaways:

**BORN TO RUN**

The Wildcats (2-4, 2-2) relied on their running game as their primary strategy to move the ball down the field, throwing only six passes.

Junior running back Carson Miller notched a game-high 183 yards on 30 carries, including a 2-yard burst into the end

zone to give Plymouth a 7-6 lead just before halftime.

The longest run for Miller came on the first play of the final quarter, as he cut through the inside and evaded tacklers on third down to the tune of 49 yards before being brought down at the Churchill 32.

Plymouth's only other TD came with 1:50 in the fourth on a 61-yard scurry down the right side by running back Logan Walkley.

"It's turned into a rivalry from 2012 on and it's always a good matchup," Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk said.

"We're very young this year and I thought we played exceptionally well with our young kids in the first half. We played with emotion, we played smart and then we came out in the second half flat against a good time with a bunch of athletes."

**GOING THE DISTANCE**

Wildcats wide receiver Mike Mathias proved to be a hot commodity on special teams by pulling off a pair of lengthy kick returns.

Following an Alsobrooks field goal that made it 3-0, Mathias test-

ed the Chargers' coverage unit by pulling off a 54-yard kickoff return to advance Plymouth just past midfield.

Mathias (four rushes, 29 yards) didn't have to wait long to show off his wheels again, as he went 53 yards in the second quarter following another Alsobrooks make.

**A LITTLE EXTRA**

In addition to his two field goals, Alsobrooks also connected on his three extra-point attempts before Katherine Ristola took over in the fourth.

A senior, Ristola booted home the point-after following Dooley's touchdown, but had her other attempt partially blocked in the waning moments of the game.

**WIN BIG OR GO HOME**

With the victory, Churchill matched its win total from last season.

This marks the fourth straight year that the Chargers have notched at least five victories and have now reached that quota in six of the past seven.

Of those years, Churchill went to the playoffs on four occasions.

PREP ROUNDUP

## Northville girls, Plymouth boys rule Legends Invite

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**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY LEGENDS INVITATIONAL**

**AL:** Senior Ana Barrott posted a personal best 18:07.18 for 5,000 meters as Northville (76 points) upended top-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer (85) and Troy (95) to win the Ann Arbor Running Company's Legends Invitational Gold Varsity team title Sept. 30 at Huron Meadows Metropark.

Barrott placed fourth overall in the 5,000-meter race followed by teammates Yasmine Yanski, sixth (personal best 18:14.96); Olivia Harp, 11th (season best 18:52.62); Emily Gordon, 18th (personal best 19:11.95); and Kiera Courtney, 37th (19:47.03).

Pioneer's Ann Forsyth was the individual winner in 17:36.61.

In the Blue Varsity race, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (58) took first over East Lansing (102) and Holly (123). Novi was sixth with 168 as Katherine Ray took eighth individually in 19:52.42.

• Plymouth placed 12th and had two runners eclipse the coveted 20-minute mark: Arwa Hararwala (33rd with career best 19:43) and Londyn Swenson (38th with career best 19:58).

• Livonia Franklin finished 13th overall, paced by Erin Seibert (23rd, 19:26.3).

**DEWITT INVITATIONAL**

**AL:** Salem captured the DeWitt Invitational on Saturday with 49 points, topping the 10-team field.

Top performers for the Rocks were medal winners Shae Wilson (fourth, 18:57.7), Reagan Justice (ninth, 19:07.6), Hallie Younglas (11th, 19:14.7), Olivia Millen (12th, 19:34.8), Bridget Nelson (13th, 19:38.4), Hannah Jeffress (14th, 19:42.1), Sophie Jeffers (16th, 19:50.2), Mamie Waggoner (17th, 19:50.6), Lizzy Lu (19th, 20:03.1), Madison Grant (20th, 20:04.8), Gabrielle Mancini

(21st, 20:10.3), Jessica Hughes (22nd, 20:13.0), Claudia Shuler (26th, 20:28.7) and Kiersten McBride (30th, 20:48.2).

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY LEGENDS INVITATIONAL**

**AL:** Plymouth sophomore Carter Solomon placed second overall Sept. 30 with a school record time of 15:32 to lead the Wildcats to the team title at the Ann Arbor Running Company's Legends Invitational Gold Varsity team at Huron Meadows Metropark.

Right on Solomon's heels was Plymouth teammate Ethan Byrnes, who was third with a 15:33 time. Other top performers for the Wildcats (all PRs) included Brandon Boyd (seventh, 16:16), Patrick Byrnes (ninth, 16:24), Tyler Musen (11th, 16:25), Jarrett Warner (23rd, 16:42) and Adam Stepek (43rd, 17:11).

Livonia Franklin came in 11th out of 17 teams. Top Patriot finishers included Grant Rudd (34th, 17:00), Logan Evan-chuk (44th, 17:12), Jackson Nordbeck (56th, 17:31) and Russell Rusnell (60th, 17:33).

Brendan McCoy ran a 39th place time of 17:04.86 for 14th-place Livonia Churchill.

**HANSON'S INVITATIONAL:** Canton tallied 93 points Sept. 30 to finish fifth at the Hanson's Invitational, at Stony Creek.

A number of Canton runners enjoyed milestone performances, led by Shane Andrews (season best 16:27, best-ever at Hanson's by a Chief).

Other Chiefs included Grant Hoffmeyer (16:44), Garrett Nagelhout (17:16), Daniel Jimenez (career best 17:20) and Braden Heimbaugh (career best 17:31).

**MARAUDER INVITATIONAL:** Salem edged No. 2-ranked Saline (38 points to 39) Sept. 30 at Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown Twp.

The Rocks had seven finishers in the top-20, paced by Ryan Exell (third, 16:05.3). He was followed by teammates Luke Haran (sixth, 16:23.1), Andrew Beyer (10th, 16:39.5), Christo Jeffers (12th, 16:43.4), Talha Syed (14th, 16:49.0),

Shane McKimmy (16th, 16:54.9) and Nolan Teodori (19th, 16:59.0).

**GIRLS SWIMMING NORTHVILLE 121, STEVENSON 65**

Lauren Heaven, Lulu Mans and Katelyn McCullough each figured in four first-place finishes as the Mustangs (4-1, 3-1) rolled to the KLAAs Gold Division dual meet victory Sept. 28 at Livonia Stevenson.

Heaven captured firsts in the 200-yard individual medley (2:16.75) and 100 butterfly (1:00.69), while Mans swept the 200- and 500 freestyles in 2:02.78 and 5:25.28, respectively. McCullough won the 50 freestyle (24.88) and 100 backstroke (1:02.09).

Paige Jensen also captured the 1-meter diving (143.62 points) for the Mustangs

Northville swept all three relays including the 200 medley with McCullough, Jennifer Ostrowski, Heaven and Meghna Ancha combining for a time of 1:56.85. The 200 freestyle relay team of Heaven, Mia Testani, Ancha and Mans added a first in 1:44.66. The quartet of Mans, Lexi Barritt, Emilie Chen and McCullough took the 400 freestyle relay (3:51.09).

Stevenson's individual winners included Sara Thurston (100 freestyle, 58.62) and Scout Froney (100 breaststroke (1:15.23).

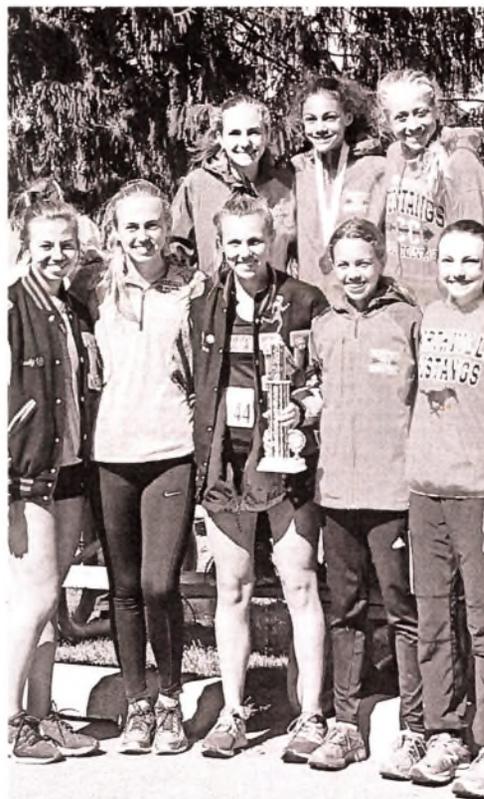
**VOLLEYBALL NORTHVILLE 3, BRIGHTON 1**

Christina Valentini (12), Clare McNamara (11) and Brianna Maccoux (10) reached double figures in kills on Sept. 28 as the Mustangs (25-5) outlasted the host Bulldogs in four sets, 27-25, 19-25, 25-16, 25-13 in a KLAAs Gold Division match.

Setters Rachel Holmes and Gabi Fisetite added 29 and 12 assists, respectively, while Hannah Grant finished with 26 digs followed by Ally Zayan (13) and Jenna Boksha (10).

**NORTHVILLE SWEEPS:**

The Mustangs (24-5) rolled to a trio of three-set KLAAs wins Sept. 26 over host Livonia Churchill (25-16, 25-17, 25-15), Franklin (25-14, 25-8, 25-15) and Stevenson



The Northville girls cross country team captured the Gold Varsity team title at the Legends Invitational.

(25-12, 25-17, 25-20).

Northville kills leaders on the night included Clare McNamara (18), Izzy Guleff (16), Brianna Maccoux (14) and Christina Valentini (12). Setters Rachel Holmes and Gabi Fisetite added 46 and 35, assists, respectively.

Hannah Grant recorded a team-best 30 digs and seven service aces. Other digs leaders included Ally Zayan and Maccoux, 16 each; Holmes, 12; McNamara and Fisetite, 11 each.

**PLYMOUTH 3, JOHN GLENN 0:** On Sept. 26, Kayla Courtney returned from an injury to notch 11 kills as the Wildcats swept host Westland John Glenn.

Other solid performers for Plymouth included Annie Tustian (six kills), Kenna White (11 kills, six digs), Lauren Wheeler (35 assists, eight digs), Gabby Diamante (seven digs) and Annie Tustian (six kills).

**GIRLS GOLF CANTON 318, NOVI 318:**

On Sept. 27 at Walnut Creek Country Club,

Brighton's Annie Pietila and Heather Fortushniak.

Other Northville scorers included Mariella Simoncini (78), Sufna Gill (87) and Paige Molloy (93).

Novi's other three scorers included Leah Kiura (86), Hrishika Gogineni (96) and Despina Alexander (97).

**BOYS SOCCER NOVI 2, CANTON 0:**

On Sept. 27 at Canton, the Chiefs were unable to mount much of an offensive attack against Novi.

**PLYMOUTH 2, BRIGHTON 1:** Benjamin Tetlow and Justin Wojcik scored as the Wildcats won again on Sept. 27.

**PLYMOUTH 2, STEVENSON 0:** On Sept. 26, Benjamin Tetlow and Justin Wojcik scored goals for the Wildcats.

**BOYS TENNIS BRIGHTON 7, STEVENSON 2:**

Livonia Stevenson faced a tough opponent Sept. 26, emerging victorious only at No. 1 doubles.

The Spartans' wins were posted by Erik Schmidt at 4 singles (a tough, three-setter over Drake Harbrecht) and by the 1 doubles tandem of Kevin Dunne and Josh Maj, winning 7-5, 6-1 over Jack Simpson and Jack Gray.

**NORTHVILLE 9, SALEM 0:**

The fourth-ranked Mustangs were in control Sept. 25 in this lopsided victory over the Rocks.

Northville was sparked by 1 singles player Janak Mukherji, who won 6-1, 6-0 over Eric Liu (only his second loss of the season). Other Mustang singles winners included Arvind Kalyana (No. 2), Ryan Gallagher (No. 3) and Samir Rajani (No. 4).

The Mustangs also got doubles victories from Matt Freeman and Cameron Mailley (No. 1); Trevor Kelterborn and Nishant Chava (No. 2); Michael Ying and Pranav Doppalapudi (No. 3); Joe Vig and Ilija Jaksic (No. 4); Michail Boksha and Srikar Kesamneni (No. 5).

**GRAND BLANC 8, PLYMOUTH 1:**

The Wildcats finished their regular season Sept. 25 with this loss to the Bobcats.

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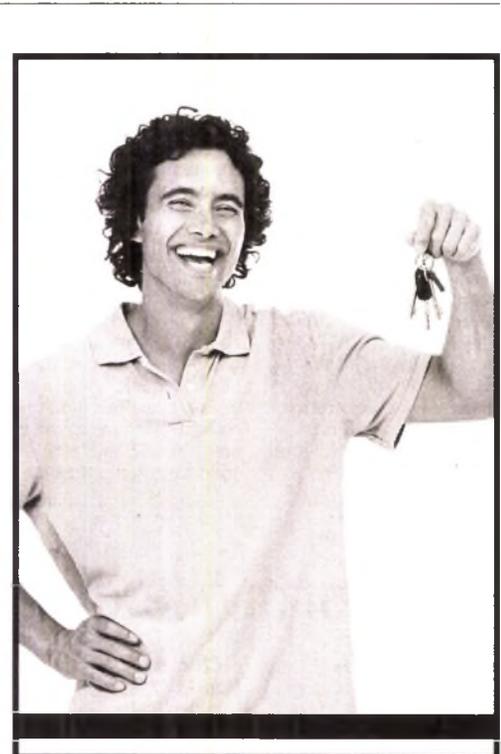
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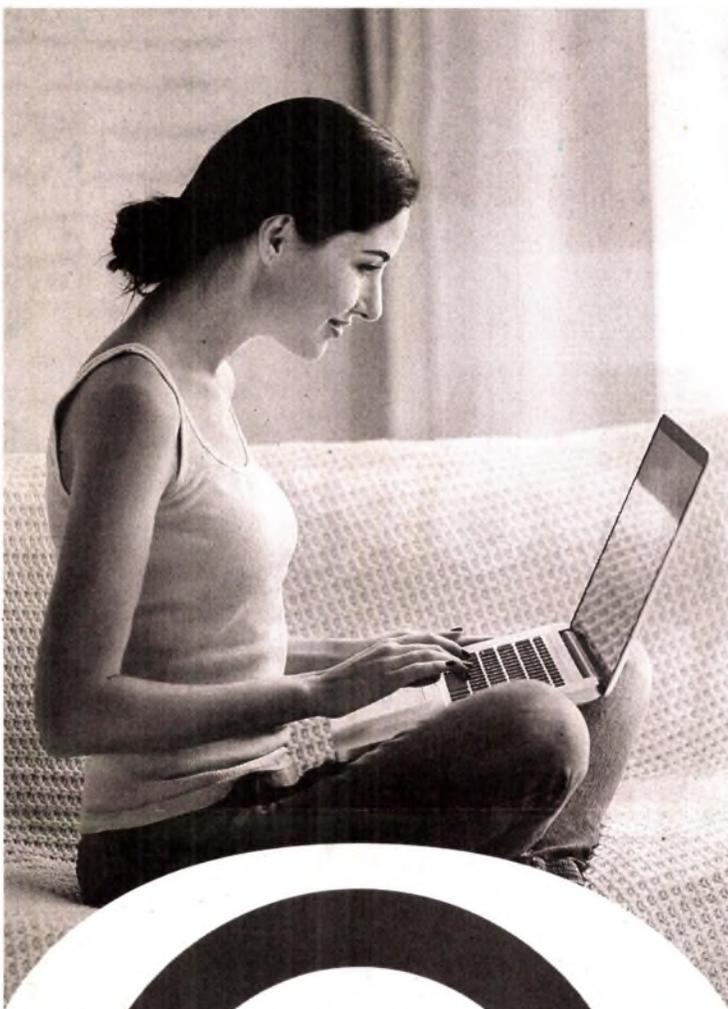
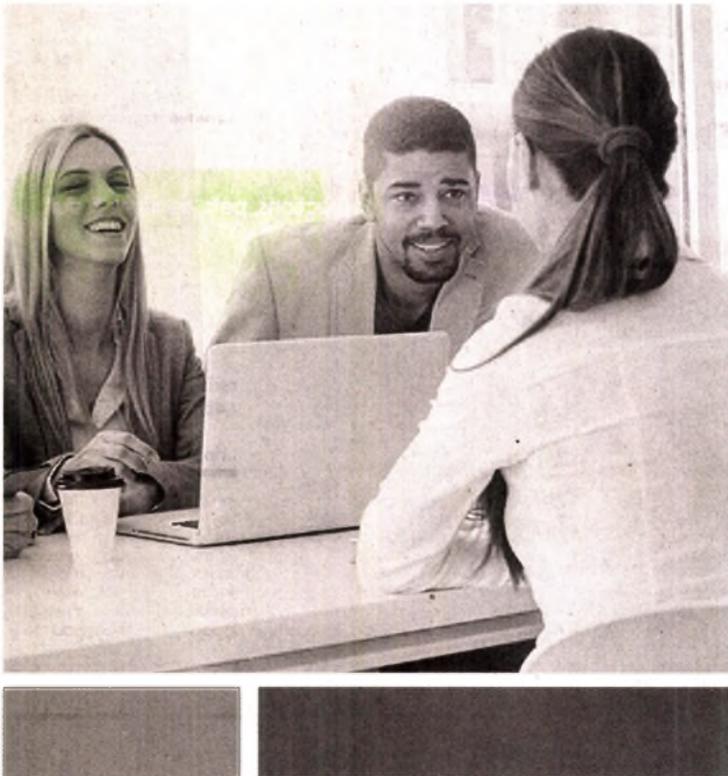
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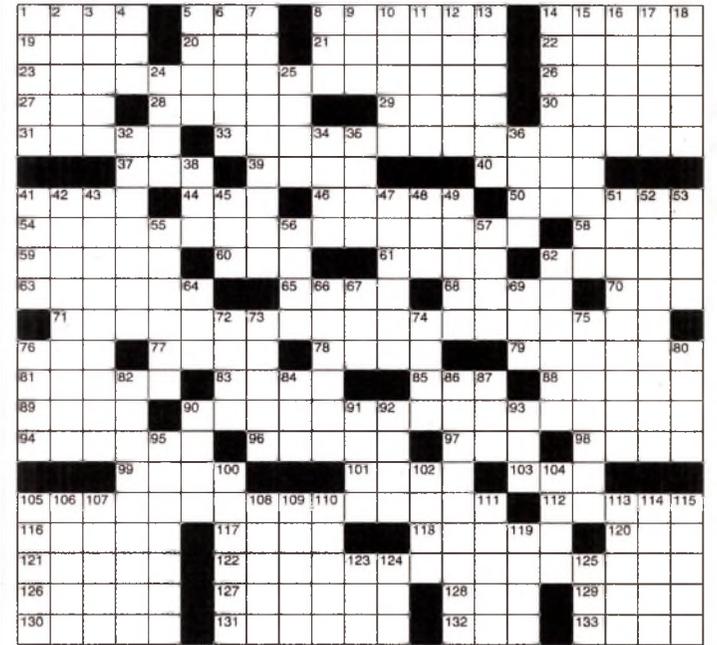
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Like history
  - 5 Apt. divisions
  - 8 — Lorraine, France
  - 14 Flatten, informally
  - 19 Long (for)
  - 20 Have an onstage role
  - 21 Coal miners
  - 22 Succinct and meaningful
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 26 Victorious
  - 27 Here-there link
  - 28 Skilled forger
  - 29 Largest city in Norway
  - 30 "That's a new — me!"
  - 31 Party mixers
  - 33 Riddle, part 2
  - 37 I-5, e.g.
  - 39 Hat material
  - 40 Adz relatives
  - 41 Big name in razors
  - 44 JVC or Hitachi rival
  - 46 Collection of maps
  - 50 Trailers, e.g.
  - 54 Riddle, part 3
  - 58 Hit the bottle
  - 59 Giant
  - 60 Pink legend
  - 61 Six-sided state
  - 62 Do the dishes?
  - 63 Relating to a heart part
  - 65 Got 100% on, as a test
  - 68 "Eso —" (Paul Anka hit)
  - 70 Eye, to a bard
  - 71 Riddle, part 4
  - 76 One may cry "Foul!"
  - 77 Tiki or Baal
  - 78 "I came," to Caesar
  - 79 Gives the most votes
  - 81 Celestial hunter
  - 83 Wish
  - 85 Crunches tone them
  - 88 Very angry
  - 89 Island of Alaska
  - 90 Riddle, part 5
  - 94 Cosa — (Mafia affiliate)
  - 96 Coats with element #30
  - 97 Nation north of Mex.
  - 98 "Porgy and —"
  - 99 Shop draw
  - 101 Hamster holder
  - 103 Follower of chi
  - 105 End of the riddle
  - 112 Pastry bag filler
  - 116 Painter
  - 117 Nastase of the court
  - 118 Saudi and Iraqi
  - 120 By means of
  - 121 Bowed
  - 122 Riddle's answer
  - 126 Ordinary
  - 127 Sulky
  - 128 Short history
  - 129 Ex-Dodger
  - 130 Insolvent
  - 131 "Knocked Up" director
  - 133 Funeral heap
  - 8 Boorish sort
  - 9 Driving req.
  - 10 Got to one's feet
  - 11 Something not to be missed
  - 12 Viola's kin
  - 13 Witch on "Bewitched"
  - 14 One doing a parody
  - 15 St. Paul site
  - 16 Give voice to
  - 17 Bamboo unit
  - 18 Sleep: Prefix
  - 24 Hushed
  - head-turner
  - 25 Elizabeth of "CSI"
  - 32 Semitic language
  - 34 Smelting refuse
  - 35 Relative of — less
  - 38 Large public show
  - 38 Display fallibility
  - 41 — way to go!
  - 42 Up until that time
  - 43 Puts new parts on, in a way
  - 45 — Magnon
  - 47 Increase in volume
  - 48 Toward a ship's rear
  - 49 Pokes a hole in
  - 51 Procession of cars
  - 52 Works such as "H.M.S. Pinafore"
  - 53 Ivanica inhabitant
  - 55 One of the Skywalkers
  - 56 — Sea (Asian lake)
  - 57 "Close call!"
  - 62 "It Takes a Thief" rapper
  - 64 Pioneered
  - 66 Large grotto
  - 67 Lens locale
  - 69 That lass
  - 72 Start of a pirate chant
  - 73 Faint from surprise, in slang
  - 74 Omani money
  - 75 Like exercise that gets the heart going
  - 76 Horse coat pattern
  - 80 Court units
  - 82 Fully extended, as arms
  - 84 Preceder of chi
  - 86 Chesapeake Bay crustaceans
  - 87 Scheme: Abbr.
  - 90 Island near Java
  - 91 — "homol" as "H.M.S. Pinafore"
  - 93 Breach
  - 95 With speed
  - 100 Paradox
  - 102 U.S. territory since 1898
  - 104 "Aye aye," in Iberia
  - 105 Cassidy of old pop
  - 106 Succinct
  - 107 How actors should enter
  - 108 Augustus — ("Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" character)
  - 109 Bejeweled headwear
  - 110 Spartan serf
  - 111 Holmes or Courier
  - 113 Elephant tusk stuff
  - 114 NFLer of San Fran
  - 115 Crystal of country
  - 119 Arch above the eye
  - 123 Abbr. in a personal ad
  - 124 "Yuck!"
  - 125 Swiffer product



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	6		5			8	7	
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1	5	8	7	4	3	1	5	3
4	7	8	7	9	2	6	5	3
3	5	1	4	7	2	5	3	6
6	9	3	5	8	1	6	9	7
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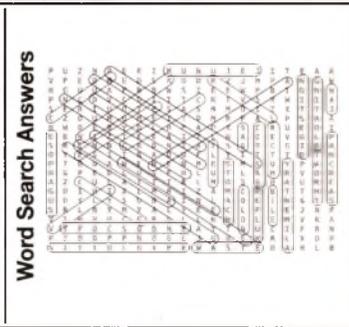
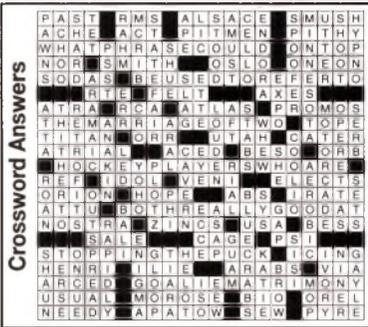
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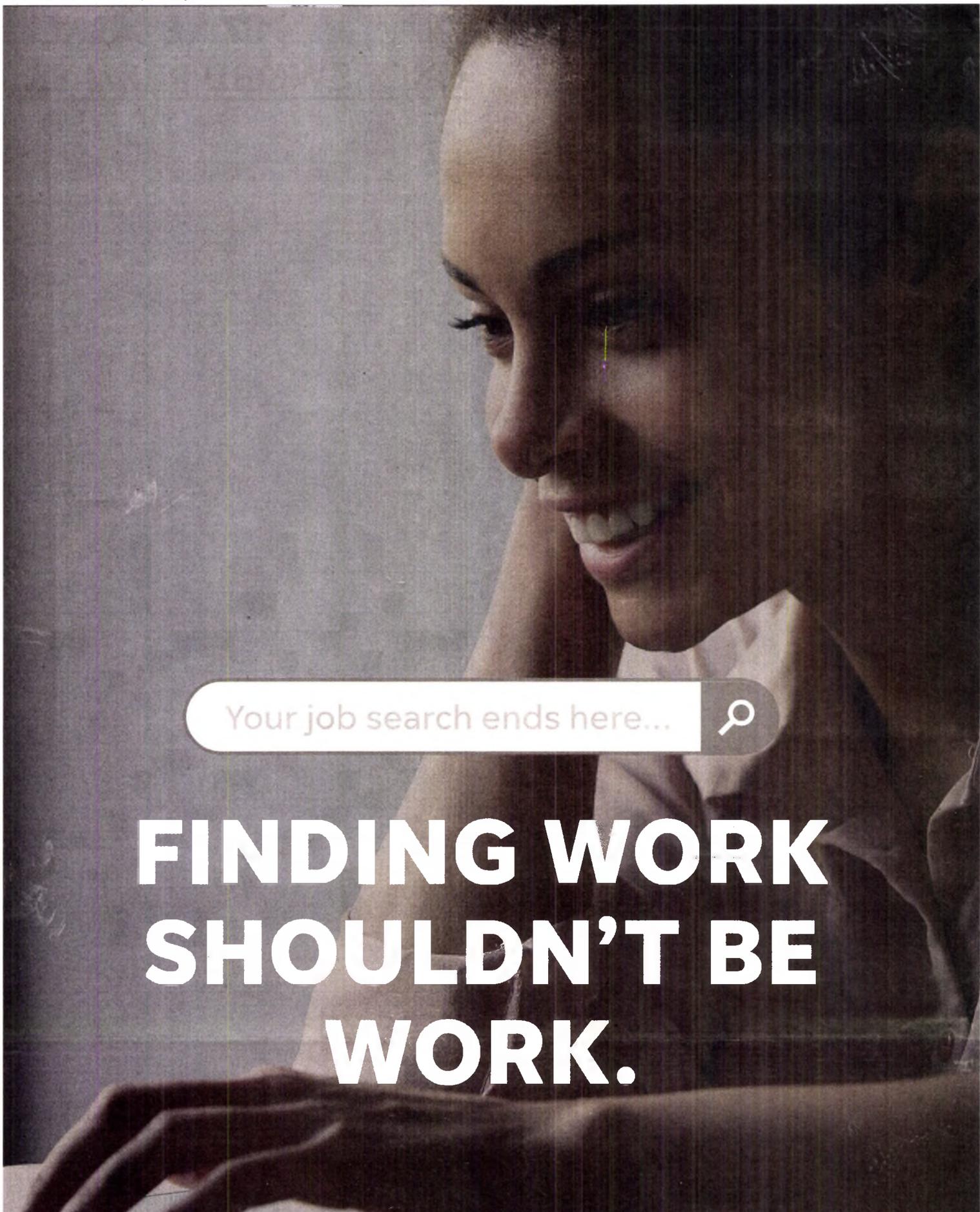
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- ABDOMEN
- ABSORPTION
- ALIMENTARY
- AMYLASE
- BACTERIA
- BILE
- BLOATING
- CECUM
- CELIAC
- CHYME
- COLON
- DIGESTION
- DUODENUM
- ENDOSCOPY
- ENZyme
- EPIGLOTTIS
- ESOPHAGUS
- GALLBLADDER
- GAS
- GASTRIC
- HEARTBURN
- ILEUM
- INTESTINE
- JAW
- JEJUNUM
- LIVER
- NUTRIENTS
- PANCREAS
- PERISTALSIS
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