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## Meet Shelley Holt, new superintendent for district

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools district Superintendent Shelley Holt didn't start out intending to be a teacher or work in education — she was a pre-med student and planning to become a doctor.

"I had graduated college, but I wasn't ready for medical school. My roommate

— we had graduated together — she was going to teach," Holt said. "My mom said I should call and I got hired. I've been teaching ever since."

Teaching with her friend in a self-contained seventh- and eighth-grade classroom, Holt said they were left to figure out much on their own.

"I loved to learn. To see that spark in (students') eyes, that light bulb go on. That drives me," she said. "It was something I would see, especially with eighth-

graders. A lot of them had not been successful in school."

The move into administration was sort of accidental, Holt said. "I was a grade-level lead. I'm bilingual and they needed someone at a school site who spoke Spanish," she said. "I loved being an administrator."

Born in West Covina, Calif., Holt has a doctor of education in urban education

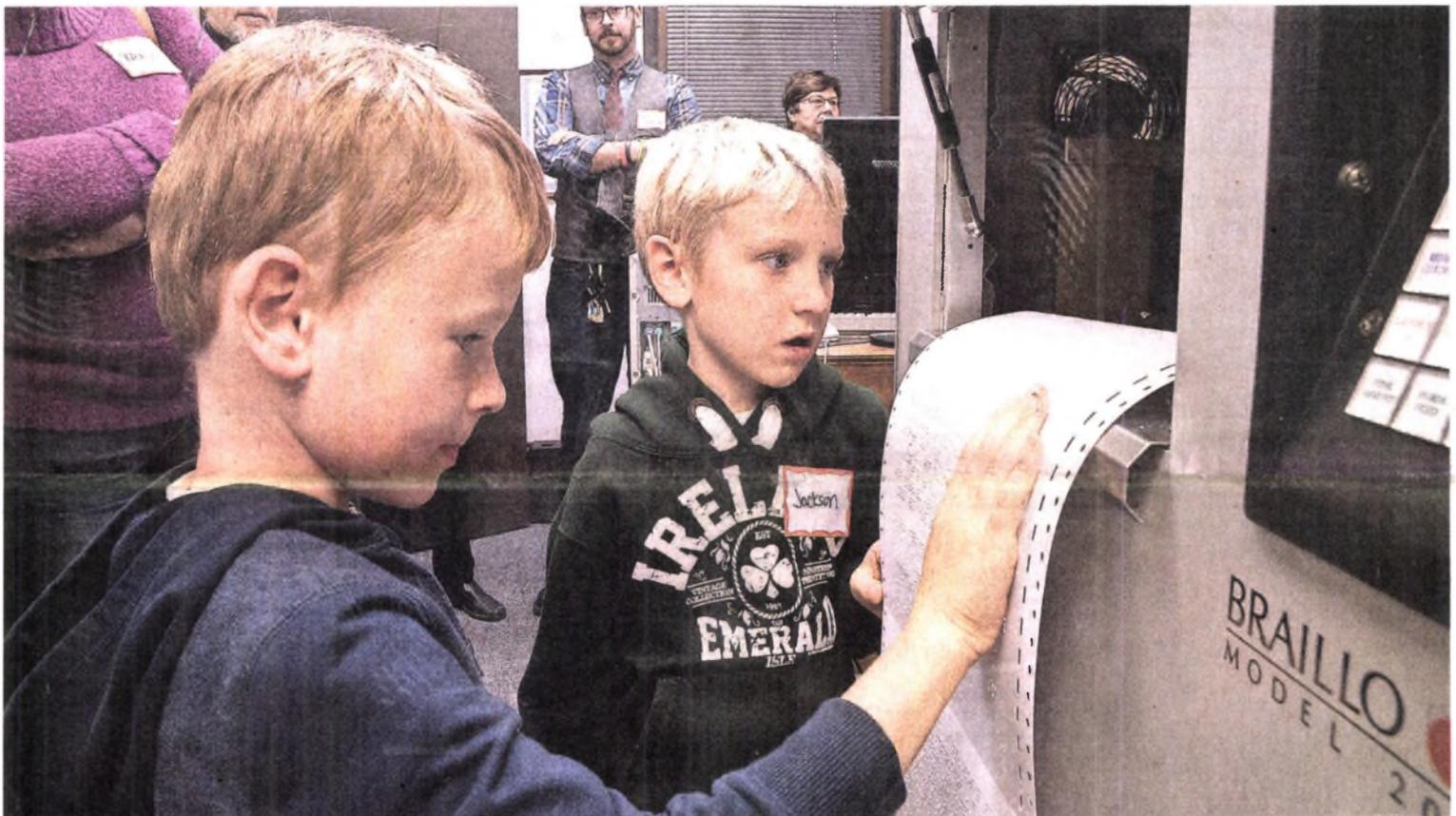


Wayne-Westland Superintendent Shelley Holt. LEANNE ROGERS

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*"I feel like it's a good thing to do. ... It makes me feel good that I'm doing things that help blind children."*

CHERI MUCHOW, retired teacher and Seedlings volunteer



Brothers Jameson and Jackson Drzewski feel the bumps on the pages of braille, printed by the high-speed Braillo printer. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## SEEDLINGS OPENS READING TO VISUALLY-IMPAIRED

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Livonia resident John Hillman has heard his wife Barb rave about Seedlings Braille Books for Children for years, but he'd never seen the book-maker in action.

Barb has always been a big supporter of the Livonia-based nonprofit, which specializes in providing braille

Hundreds attend open house to celebrate founding of Livonia nonprofit that supplies braille books

books to children so, when Seedlings hosted an open house this week, John decided it was time he saw for himself what all Barb's raving was about.

After hearing the story of founder Deb Bonde and seeing books actually being created, John Hillman did some

raving of his own.

"I think it's fabulous," he said. "What they do with the funds they have is amazing. It's everything my wife said it was."

Hundreds of people streamed through Seedlings on Oct. 25, eager to

get a look at the nonprofit Bonde started in her basement 33 years ago. Bonde had noticed a dearth of books for blind children, plus the ones that did exist were incredibly expensive.

With a desire "to help people" burning inside her and with some help from her dad, Bonde started Seedlings in 1984 with a catalog of 12 books.

"We sent the catalog out to various

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## Gathering celebrates Norwayne community, volunteers

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It was a gathering to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Norwayne community, volunteers past and present.

"For those who think Norwayne has seen its best days, the best is yet to come," said Henry Johnson, president of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council.

Speaking with former Westland Mayor

Gene McKinney, Johnson said the suggestion was made to maybe market houses in

Norwayne, some just 827 square feet, to take advantage of the tiny house trend. In recent years, the city has put a lot of focus on clearing abandoned homes,



Johnson

Trudell

Rogers

Smith

eliminating blighted homes and reducing density.

"We're here to bury Shacktown and Shack

Rats," Johnson said, adding Westland Mayor William Wild committed to improving Norwayne in his first State of the City address and kept that promise.

Originally built to house World War II defense workers, Norwayne was particularly hard hit by the recession and housing crash after years of neglect. Jefferson and Lincoln schools, both in Norwayne, were closed.

"This is Westland's first established neighborhood. It was a stepping stone for many in the dream of home ownership and a good education for kids," said Wild, who spent some years growing up in

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Norwayne.

The elementary schools may have closed in Norwayne, but Wild noted Jefferson school is now the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center. The demolished Lincoln school is now an athletic field.

"One of the first projects in Norwayne was a new house on Oscoda Court. It was a mom with four girls — two in college, two at Wayne Memorial," Wild said. "She plans to buy the lot next door. We're adding green space."

Held at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, the founders and volunteer recognition dinner also included induction of the inaugural inductions into the Norwayne Hall of Fame.

Two of the inductees — Westland's first mayor and

former state Rep. Thomas Brown and Dr. C. Kenneth Dryer, who came to provide medical care for defense workers in 1942 and practiced in Norwayne and Wayne for 43 years — are deceased. Brown, who was active in the Lions, Knights of Columbus, Amvets and VFW, died in 2002 at age 85. Former chief of staff at Annapolis Hospital and a Wayne Rotarian, Dryer died at 96 in 2011.

Other inductees included Ken and Carol Sharp, who moved into a rental unit on Muskegon Court in 1965. The following year, they bought a duplex on Calhoun Court and rented half until 1969, when they converted the building into a single-family home for themselves and their four children.

Ken Sharp retired in 1992 after 25 years as a firefighter, ending his career as a battalion chief. He chairs the Westland Planning Commission, is a member of the Lions Club and serves on the Norwayne Community Citizens Council.

Also a member of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, Carol Sharp is active with Girl Scouts and is

founder of Warms Hearts, nonprofit that supports expectant mothers through annual baby showers.

The final inductee, Marguerite Wojewski, moved onto Hillsdale Court in 1952 with husband Tom and, in 1954, moved to Ogemaw Court, where she raised six children. She lives there still. She was active in the Jefferson Elementary School PTA, helped with Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts, was a member of the Women of Norwayne and helped provide holiday baskets for the needy.

Other awards presented included: the Norwayne Good Neighbor Award to Westland police officers Tom Rogers and Kevin Smith; Volunteer of the Year Karen Trudell; and the Community Service Award to Westland City Councilman and UAW Local 900 official Bill Johnson, who organizes holiday dinners for the needy and the Westland Rotary Club, which provides donations and sponsors community events in Norwayne.

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# HOLT

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and leadership from the University of Southern California; a master of arts in urban education and leadership from California State University-Sacramento; and a bachelor of arts in psychology from University of California-Berkeley.

To Holt's parents, she said success was defined by becoming a doctor. So she said she earned her doctoral degree in education.

For the last two years, Holt had worked as executive director of student services for the Fontana Unified School District in California. A couple of things impacted her, Holt said, including the death of her father.

"Once my dad died, it gave me a different perspective on life and work. I asked myself where was I needed and where could I make a legacy," she said. "That was back east."

Also mentioned by Holt was her participation in the Footsteps to Freedom tour, a trip following the journey of an enslaved person seeking freedom. It's a trip that goes through the central, lesser-known route through Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, upstate New York and western Ontario, Canada.

"It helps you understand the historical perspective so you can increase learning opportunities for kids," she said. "I learned so much about the Underground Railroad, but also myself. I love to help people. When I came back (from the tour), I told my boss that it would probably be my last year (in that job). A one-year transition turned



Wayne-Westland Superintendent Shelley Holt (standing, right rear), with a class at P.D. Graham Elementary School

into one and a half months."

After riding through Detroit and looking at data trends, Holt said she thought she could make a difference, particularly with a school district like Wayne-Westland that has undergone a tremendous socio-economic shift in recent years. It's a shift that happened in less than 20 years, she said, some might say 10 years, during which the economic crash left people not able to afford their homes.

"I know what is needed for that transition when you have a demographic shift. It needs to be OK to say you don't know," Holt said. "We train on informed care and restorative practices that have to be inside the school. We have to implement them so we don't make people feel bad — that's not necessary."

At the same time of this demo-

graphic shift in the district, Holt said the educational expectations were also high with programs like No Child Left Behind.

With a blended family of seven children ages 1 to 23 — five still at home — Holt and husband Arthur quickly purchased a home in Westland and moved in. The first thing the family noticed, she said, was the improved air quality.

"Before we moved, I asked my 16-year-old, if he could move anywhere, where would he move? Out of the blue, he said Michigan," Holt said. "He said Michigan has the most beautiful lakes in the world — he had never seen a lake. It kind of confirmed for me that this is really good for us."

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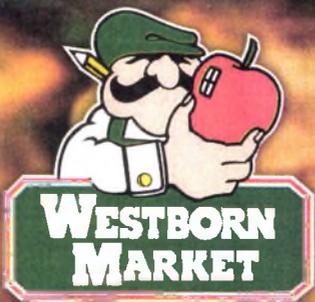
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Seedlings founder Debra Bonde talks about the birth of Seedlings, in the basement of her home. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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places and the orders started rolling in," Bonde said. Last year, Seedlings put out more than one million pages of braille for kids.

Bonde gets the job done with a dedicated combination of volunteers and staff, many of whom have backgrounds in education.

Carol Irvine's daughter was classmates with Bonde's daughter, so the two have known each other. Irvine, who has worked with Seedlings for a decade, said she knew Seedlings was where she'd end up when she left school.

"I'm a teacher and, to me, reading is important," Irvine said. "Adults, children ... everyone needs the chance to read."

Cheri Muchow retired from her job as a teacher in Livonia Public Schools about four years ago, following a 20-year career.

He was a para-professional working with visually impaired students and knew Seedlings was a place where she could be helpful.

"I feel like it's a good thing to do ... it's very rewarding," Muchow said. "It makes me feel good that I'm doing things that help blind children."

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein paid the open house a visit and drew a crowd of folks wanting to meet him and talk with him. Bernstein, the court's first blind justice, said the blind community has been "working with Seedlings for years."

Bernstein said Bonde's story is classic Americana. "(Bonde) represents the idea that one person with a vision can change the world," he said. "She's trans-



Seedlings employee Molly Galate explains her job to (from left) Susan Rosiek, Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein and Linda Rigdon. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

formed (Seedlings) into something that has made a difference around the globe."

Bernstein recalled an event at which Seedlings appeared at Livonia's Laurel Park Place several years ago. He said the nonprofit's ability to deliver books to visually-impaired children "is a huge deal."

"When you provide people with the little things, that's always the greatest joy," Bernstein said. "You come here (to Seedlings) and it's so life-affirming. How many people get to the end of their days and can say that? It really renews your sense of spirit."

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## Steelers QB's gift goes to local police dogs ahead of game

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Maybe Big Ben's act of local kindness was a way of softening up the Detroit Lions before Sunday night's game at Ford Field. But he does it each week for opponents when the Pittsburgh Steelers are on road.

On Oct. 26, Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger announced the seventh and eighth K-9 grant awards of the 2017 season from his foundation at The Giving Back Fund.

The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation will be distributing grants, aimed at supporting police dogs, to the Macomb County Sheriff's Office and the Livonia Police Department.

The Macomb sheriff will use the grant funds to add another dog to their unit, while the Livonia department will use the funds to purchase safety and training equipment.

Throughout this season, the foundation will be distributing grants to K-9 units of police and fire departments in the cities of each regular season away game for the Steelers.

This marks the 11th season that Roethlisberger's foundation has distributed grants to K-9 units.

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# Livonia man charged with burglary, stealing bikes and as habitual offender

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Livonia police have arrested a man with a lengthy criminal history after officials say he burglarized a pair of garages and stole two bicycles.

Jeffrey Frank Couch, 58, of Livonia was arrested Oct. 22 after police were called to the 2300 block of Purlingbrook on the report of a man on a bicycle looking into vehicles and trying to open doors. When officers arrived, they saw Couch on a bicycle that they believed was taken during the burglary of a garage in the 29600 block of Bretton that happened in September.

Police say that burglary wasn't the first one to take place in the neighborhood. Another burglary took place Aug. 10-11 at a home in the 19300 block of Lathers. There, someone entered the side door to the home's garage and took another bicycle. The Bretton burglary took place a month later and the



Couch

suspect in that case left that first bicycle at the scene before taking the second one.

In addition to the bicycle being stolen in the second burglary, a leaf blower and some change from a vehicle inside the garage were also taken.

Police observed Couch riding the second stolen bicycle Sept. 27 near Seven Mile and Angling and stopped him. He was released when there was not enough evidence to arrest him. Police later found evidence that connected Couch with the original burglary on Lathers.

When police picked up Couch as a suspect for trying to enter vehicles, officers discovered he was riding the same bicycle taken in the burglary. Police took the bicycle to the victim, who confirmed it belonged to him. Couch was arrested and later charged with breaking and entering a building with intent, a felony. He was also charged with receiving and concealing stolen property more than \$200 but

less than \$1,000, a misdemeanor.

He was also charged as a habitual offender fourth offense, which carries enhanced sentencing if Couch is found guilty. Couch has a criminal history that dates back to 1992, all in Wayne County. He's faced multiple breaking and entering charges since then, as well as an unarmed robbery charge in 2001. He is on probation for a receiving and concealing stolen property of more than \$20,000 charge from 2012. He was scheduled for release from supervision on that charge in 2019.

If convicted, Couch faces up to life in prison because of the habitual offender enhancements. As of Monday morning, he remained locked up in the Wayne County Jail on a \$100,000 cash or surety bond.

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## Police seek help finding suspect in bicycle theft

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Westland police have released footage of a man they say stole a bicycle and hope for the public's assistance in finding him.

Police say the man went to a home in the 33000 block of Avondale back on Oct. 15 and took the bicycle from the driveway of the residence.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Westland police at 734-467-3159.



Westland police are looking for this man, accused of stealing a bicycle from a home Oct. 15. WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

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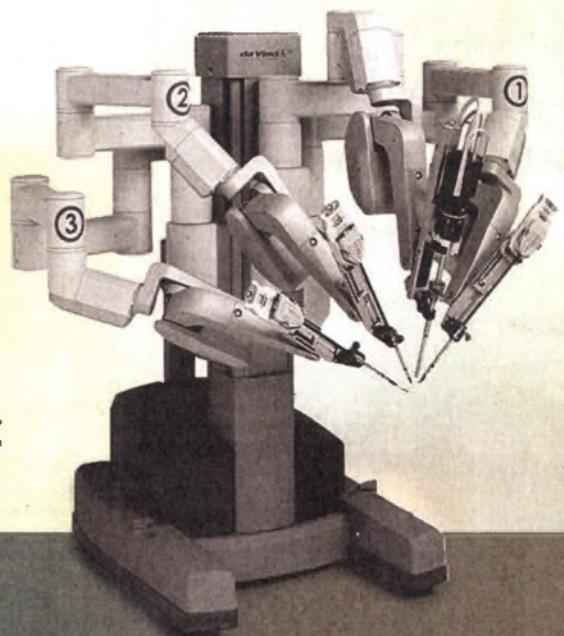
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# Livonia woman charged in son's death waives exam

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A Livonia woman will continue to face a manslaughter charge in downtown Detroit after her preliminary examination was waived Oct. 26 in 16th District Court.

Leslie Neuman, 33, appeared before Judge Kathleen McCann for her preliminary examination in the Livonia courthouse. She opted to waive the exam and have the case heard in Wayne County Circuit Court.

She will be arraigned at 9 a.m. Nov. 9 in the Detroit courthouse.

Neuman is charged with involuntary manslaughter and second-degree child abuse after an incident that took place Dec. 29, 2016, at her home in the 9300 block of Iowa. Police say Neuman consumed some alcohol before falling asleep in a bed with her 5-month-old son. When she woke up the next morning, police say she found him unresponsive and be-

tween the mattress and the wall. He was taken by the Livonia Fire Department to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.



Neuman

Neuman was charged in September after a review process by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. If convicted, she faces up to 15 years in prison.

Her attorney, Royal Oak lawyer Mitchell Ribitwer, said they'll head downtown and continue to make their case after waiving the preliminary exam.

"We'll see where we'll go from there," he said.

Neuman remains free on bond, which was set at \$100,000/10 percent at her arraignment in September.

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# Rash of larcenies from vehicles reported

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Livonia police are warning residents to keep their car doors locked after they received several reports of cars being broken into south of Wonderland Village.

Police say they took about eight police reports this past week after several unlocked vehicles were entered in the neighborhood.

Most of the reports were filed the morning of Oct. 25 and were taken residents who live in the neighborhood near West Chicago and Middlebelt. Vehicles that were broken into and items stolen were located in the following areas of the city that night:

- » 29800 block of Hathaway
- » 29900 block of Hathaway
- » 31300 block of Hathaway
- » 29100 block of Grandon
- » 30200 block of West Chicago
- » 28800 block of Minton
- » 29100 block of Minton
- » 28900 block of Westfield

Other vehicle owners told police their vehicles had been rummaged through, but several did not want to file reports.

Police say all the vehicles that were

entered were reported as being unlocked or the owners were unsure if they were locked. Items taken from the cars included a yoga mat, some tennis balls, some wallets, loose change, a slow cooker, a cellphone charger and a box of banners.

Capt. Robert Nenciarini of the Livonia Police Department advised residents be careful when parking vehicles on the street or in their driveways overnight. He advised residents be mindful of what they leave in the car, especially if it's left unlocked.

"Don't leave valuables in your car," he said.

Because the incidents took place in the same general area of the city and were all reported around the same time, Nenciarini said police believe they are all connected.

"They all happened in the same time frame," he said. "That would lead us to believe it is one or more suspects."

The investigation into the incidents remain ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

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Higher Hopes! founder Bill Birndorf would like to distribute more than 65,000 pounds of food for the Thanksgiving holiday. SUBMITTED

# Higher Hopes! raising funds to provide holiday meals

Higher Hopes! is gearing up to again raise money and donations to prepare 1,000 complete Thanksgiving meal kits containing everything from snacks, a turkey, all the sides and delicious desserts, as well as plates, roasting pans and cutlery, for families with children enrolled in the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Programs, which encompass the Early Head Start, Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs in Detroit.

Higher Hopes! is a registered 501(c)3 started by Bill Birndorf, owner of Commerce-based Apple Marketing Co. Birndorf came up with the idea for Higher Hopes! the night of Thanksgiving 2013, after seeing a news story about people in the city who were struggling to buy food for the holidays to feed their families.

"This project has really helped a lot of families who struggle with food insecurities in the city of Detroit. We're here to help and let people in the city know we've got their backs," Birndorf said. "We do this so families can enjoy healthy and nutritious dinners in their own homes without having to visit shelters to feed their families. This creates independence and family togetherness, which is so important in shaping children's lives and futures. We want to help them. We receive a lot of great support from places like Gleaners and Project Healthy Community, a Detroit-based charity which helps organizing volunteers for packing and delivering."

Families are chosen on a financial need basis and those who are the neediest will receive a complete meal

kit with all of the supplies needed to make a delicious Thanksgiving feast, in their own homes with their own families and friends.

Higher Hopes! has provided more than 260,000 pounds of food for Thanksgiving and 199,500 pounds of food for summer meal programs — more than one-quarter million meals — to underserved families in Detroit throughout the year.

As a partner agency of Gleaners Community Food Bank, Higher Hopes! will use Gleaners to help with the program. It will store all food donations, handle delivery logistics and allow Higher Hopes! to use its facility for packing meal kits. Pack-Up Day will be held Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Gleaners Warren location, 24162 Mound Road, and Distribution Day will take place with the use of Gleaners four semi-tractor trailers Monday, Nov. 20, at four Head Start sites in the city of Detroit. Around 350 volunteers will assist in packing and distributing more than 65,000 pounds of food for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The new 2017 Higher Hopes! website has a button for donations directly through PayPal using credit or debit cards. Monetary donations can also be made via checks made out to Higher Hopes! and sent to 8898 Commerce Road, Suite 5C, Commerce, MI 48382.

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**Westland Veterans Day event**

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

**Lagers for Lunches event**

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

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

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [www.lagersforlunches.eventbrite.com](http://www.lagersforlunches.eventbrite.com). To learn more about the Livonia Jaycees, go to [www.livoniajaycees.org](http://www.livoniajaycees.org) or email [Livoniajaycees@gmail.com](mailto:Livoniajaycees@gmail.com).

**Livonia Turkey Trot**

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

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

For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to [www.livoniaparks.org](http://www.livoniaparks.org).

**Our Saviour Lutheran health clinic**

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 33333 Warren Road, Westland, will host a health and wellness Fair from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. The Wayne-Westland Fire Authority will be on hand, with a fire engine for children to explore and fire safety information for children and parents. A registered nurse will provide free blood pressure and blood sugar tests, with information on nutrition and health. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representatives will provide information about how to improve your physical, financial, and spiritual health.

Beginning at 1 p.m., the American Red Cross will offer a CPR training class, which will provide a two-year CPR certification. There is a \$100 charge for the CPR class.

All other activities are free. For more information, contact the Rev. Guy Purdue at 734-834-0139 or email [revguypurdue@yahoo.com](mailto:revguypurdue@yahoo.com).

**Tail Waggers' 1990 benefit**

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

The entry fee includes three games of bowling, lunch or dinner with dessert, commemorative gift and entry into mystery game to win donated prizes from local businesses. Grand prizes are awarded to those that raise the most money in each squad. Strolling raffle with a chance to win prizes from the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Red Wings, Michigan State, dining establishments and hotels will add to the excitement, along with 50/50 drawings at all three squads.

For more information on Tail Waggers' 1990 or to register for the event, go to [www.tailwaggers1990.org](http://www.tailwaggers1990.org). If you have questions, contact Laura Zain at 734-855-4077 or [tailwaggers.1990@yahoo.com](mailto:tailwaggers.1990@yahoo.com).

**Zonta Club movie screening**

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

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

**St. Mary Mercy to host Hernia Night**

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a Hernia Night program 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, in the hospital's South

Auditorium. Guests should enter from the South Entrance, 14555 Levan Road.

Dr. Jacob Roberts will answer questions, discuss hernia-related symptoms and provide education about the latest hernia treatments, including minimally invasive surgery. Screenings will also be performed following the presentation and individuals will have an opportunity to participate in a hands-on demonstration with the da-Vinci Surgical System.

Attendees will be entered to win Red Wings tickets and refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, call 734-655-8486.

**3D Photography Club meeting**

The 3D Photography Club will host its next meeting 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road.

The program will be a presentation of the best stereo images from the recent Detroit International Stereo Exhibition and a tutorial on making modern stereoview cards. Everyone is invited to come see the award-winning 3D images. 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.

For more information, go to [www.Detroit3D.org](http://www.Detroit3D.org) or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

**Unity of Livonia movie screening**

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

**Moondusters Ballroom Organization events**

Moondusters Ballroom Organization, a nonprofit dance group located in Livonia, has been holding ballroom-style dances to live music each Saturday in the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, for more than 42 years. Doors open at 7 p.m. and dancing runs 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10 per person, which includes coffee, tea and snacks, as well as cake and other refreshments during admission at 9 p.m. Pizza parties are held periodically and pizza and salad is included in the cost of admission. At every dance, there is a 50/50 raffle.

The Moondusters will hold their Christmas Dinner Dance on Friday, Dec. 8, at Burton Manor Banquet Hall, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Music by Tommy James and His Orchestra. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., hors d'oeuvres until dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing 7:30-11:30 p.m. Admission \$40 by ticket only. Door prizes, cash bar. Tables of 10. Reserved singles section. Reserve your table by Nov. 10; afterward, tickets at the door with seating as available.

For more information and tickets, call 586-873-3353 or go to [www.moondusters.org](http://www.moondusters.org).

**World War I program at Livonia library**

The Friends of the Livonia Library will host Richard VandenBrul, a Livonia resident, who will speak on how "World War I Still Impacts U.S." at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Robert and Janet Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. VandenBrul is a history major and graduated from Miami (Ohio) University in and earned a J.D. degree from Golden Gate University.

This is a free program. For more information, call 248-466-2495.

**St. Mary School open house**

St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne, will host an open house and pancake breakfast from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. Tour the grade school, meet teachers, see the newest technology updates in action as students perform in-class demonstrations.

The middle school drama class will be performing a skit and the pancake breakfast free. Come for one of the Masses at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. or the Spanish Mass at 2 p.m.

**Veterans Mass at St. Michael**

St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia will host its annual Veterans Day Mass to at the 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at the church, 11441 Hubbard Road. A free pancake breakfast for all veterans and military personnel will follow in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to join in this special thanks to our military and their families.

For more information, call the parish office at 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

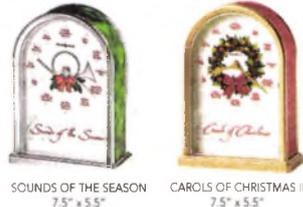
**Citizens for Peace anniversary**

The Citizens for Peace will celebrate its 14th anniversary Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with pizza and an anniversary cake. Entertainment will start at 7:15 p.m. with performances by Kevin (Mr. Peace) Szawala, Joe Kidd and Sheila Burke, Darrin Breil, David Nefesh, 'Nique Love Rhodes and Ryan Castelli.

All attendees will receive a free peace bracelet. Donations are appreciated. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to [www.citizens4peace.com](http://www.citizens4peace.com).

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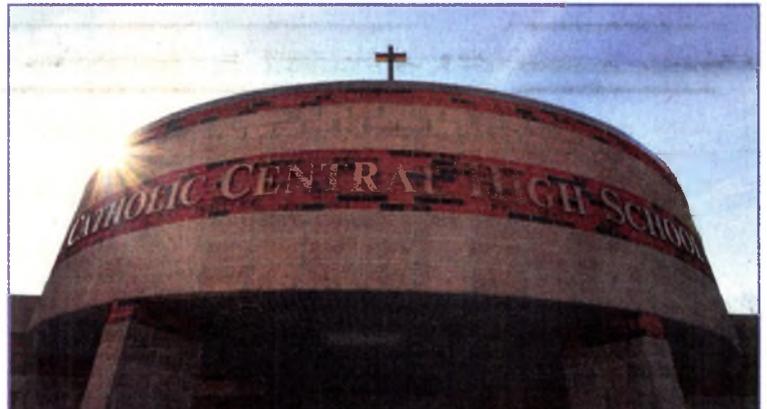
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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Plymouth impresses at Division 1 regional

Novi runner-up, Salem slides into third after Northville disqualified

**Brad Emons**  
hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz knew this could be a special boys cross country season and Saturday his team did not disappoint.

Placing six of the top nine runners, the Wildcats made school history by winning their first MHSAA Division 1 regional championship at Willow Metropark.

Plymouth took first with 21 points, while Novi was runner-up with 81.

Meanwhile, Salem (98) moved up to the third qualify-

ing spot after Northville was disqualified after being flagged by race officials for an MHSAA rules violation regarding different colored undergarments.

Rounding out the regional field were Livonia Stevenson (104), host Ann Arbor Huron (117), Novi Detroit Catholic Central (135), Livonia Churchill (200), Canton (209), University of Detroit-Jesuit (249), Livonia Franklin (254), Berkeley (316), Oak Park (324) and Garden City (420).

Novi's Gabe Mudel was the individual winner, as he covered the 5,000-meter Chestnut Grove course under windy and cold conditions in a personal-best 15 minutes, 21.6 seconds.

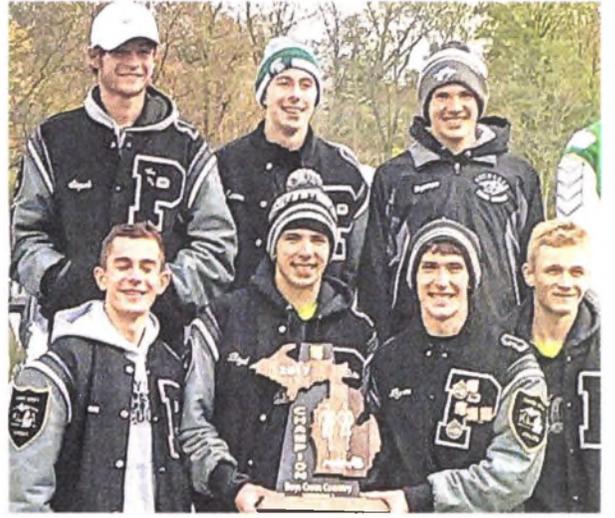
Plymouth garnered the next three places: sophomore Carter Solomon (15:29.2), senior Ethan Byrnes (15:55.5) and

freshman Patrick Byrnes (16:02.6).

The Wildcats' other two scorers were juniors Jarrett Weaver (fifth, 16:09.0) and Brandon Boyd (seventh, 16:12.2), while sophomore Tyler Mussen was ninth (16:18.7).

"Awesome man, they killed it," Mikosz said. "They went out from the start and finish and it was awesome. They stepped up and Jarrett (Warner) was huge and he ran awesome. It's the first regional championship for us, so it's huge."

Plymouth, ranked second behind only Ann Arbor Pioneer in the statewide Division 1 coaches poll, has been building toward this stage all season and appears to be a serious title contender.



The Plymouth boys cross country team celebrates its first regional title in school history. SUBMITTED

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

# OVERTIME STUNNER



Franklin's Isaac Moore scampers for Franklin's second TD, breaking a tackle by Western's Tim Stallworth Jr. along the way. DAN DEAN



Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert celebrates his team's 35-28 OT victory. DAN DEAN

Moore rushes for 206 yards as Livonia Franklin ousts W.L. Western to move into district final

**Brad Emons**  
hometownlife.com

Nobody seemed to mind afterward that Livonia Franklin has another week of football practice.

In fact, the players welcome it.

In the rain and cold, the Patriots warmed their fans' hearts Friday with a stunning 35-28 overtime victory over favored Walled Lake Western, last year's MHSAA Division 2 finalist.

Franklin's Julius Simmons ran for the game-winning touchdown from 10 yards out on the second play of overtime and the Patriots' defense held from the 9 on fourth down, when Brad Gibson knocked

down Sam Johnson's pass in the end zone.

"We just knew we needed to go out and get a stop," Franklin's 5-foot-5, 150-pound senior defensive back John DiPonio said. "We played great defensively all year. It was exciting. We knew it was coming. We prepared well all week. We knew they were going to try and go back side out there and Brad (Gibson) was all over it. So exciting."

The win puts Franklin (8-2) into the district final this Friday against an all-too-familiar opponent in Livonia Churchill (8-2), which also advanced with a 24-23 win over Pinckney.

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REGIONAL FINAL

# Shamrocks withstand Plymouth comeback

CC builds 4-0 halftime lead to win; faces East Kentwood in D1 semifinals

**Brad Emons**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The Detroit Catholic Central boys soccer team is final four-bound for the second time in three years.

But it didn't come without some anxious moments during Friday's MHSAA Division 1 regional final at slick Novi Meadows Stadium, as the Shamrocks (18-2-4) built a 4-0 halftime lead and then held on for dear life to oust Plymouth, 4-3.

Despite soggy conditions due to a steady rain from the start, Catholic Central came out of the gate fast, as John Willemsen scored on a free kick from Ryan Pierson to make it 1-0.

Jeswin David then made it 2-0 off an assist from Pierson and the Shamrocks gave themselves a three-goal cushion on Henry Koelling's goal, assisted by David.

Pierson, a senior, then notched his 29th goal of the year, assisted by Drake Midgley, to put the Shamrocks up, 4-0.

Meanwhile, CC starting goalkeeper Kevin Blossfeld

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Plymouth's Ryan Wu (left) tries to shield off CC's Jeswin David. MICHAEL VASILNEK

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

# Four takeaways from CC's triumph over Stevenson

Shamrocks will face White Lake Lakeland in district final

**Mike Rosenbaum**  
Correspondent

In a game that was closer than the final score indicated, Detroit Catholic Central out-slugged host Livonia Stevenson in the rain Friday, taking a 24-7 MHSAA Division 1 football first-round district playoff victory.

The Shamrocks (6-4) will remain on the road beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, to face White Lake Lakeland & -2) in a district final. The Eagles advanced with a 53-12 win over Walled Lake Central.

Four takeaways from Friday's game:

**CAM-BAM!**

Running back Cameron Ryan was Catholic Central's key weapon, running 24 times for 166 yards and scoring all three CC touchdowns.

The 6-foot, 210-pound Ryan earned many of those yards after contact.

On his first score — which gave the Shamrocks a 10-0 lead in the third quarter — Ryan appeared to be stopped at the line of scrimmage on a draw play, but he fought free and then broke several more tackles during a 25-yard scoring run.

"Ryan's ability to break tackles was amazing," first-year CC coach Dan Anderson said. "Cam Ryan ran the hardest I've seen him run all year. He carried us on his back today."

The playoff atmosphere clearly inspired Ryan, who noted that it was "win or go home."

"And it's my senior year — I've got to lead the boys," Ryan said.

He also praised his offensive line, saying, "They blocked. All I had to do was read the holes and run."

**SLIPPERY WHEN WET**  
Because of the steady rain that fell throughout the game, both teams mainly kept the ball on the ground. CC gained 218 yards on 37 rushes, while Stevenson had 214 on 45 attempts.

The weather "changed how both offenses approached the game today," Anderson said. "You didn't see a whole lot of throwing."

Indeed, the Spartans didn't throw the ball until the last play of the first half, when Parker Gra-



Catholic Central's Cameron Ryan (front) eludes Stevenson tacklers Carter Ackman (bottom), Roman Klenk (right) and Sean Miastkowski during Friday's district opener. DENNIS BARNES



Catholic Central's Jack Downs (right) races after the ball after Griffin Matick's field-goal try is blocked. DENNIS BARNES

ham tossed up a Hail Mary with two seconds on the clock.

Graham was just 2-of-8 passing for 17 yards on the day, but was strong on the ground, running 26 times for 143 yards.

CC quarterback Marco Genrich only attempted nine passes, but he completed six for 50 yards, including a key 21-yard pass to tight end Nicholas Rood that set up the Shamrocks' first TD.

**BLOCK THAT KICK**

The game took a big swing late in the first half.

After gaining a fourth-down stop on defense, Stevenson marched 62 yards to the CC 12.

With less than a minute remaining in the scoreless half, Griffin Matick's field-goal try was blocked by Parker Bohland, a junior who then scooped up and ball and ran to the Spartans' 22.

The Shamrocks couldn't manage a first down, but Ethan Pattinson booted a 32-yard field goal to send Catholic Central into the locker room with a 3-0 edge.

"With the weather being what it was, any points were going to be valuable points, especially in that first half," said Stevenson coach Randy Micallef, whose team finished 5-5. "So for them to come out with a field goal there at the end and

to take that lead going into halftime was huge."

**FOURTH-DOWN SUCCESS**

The Spartans converted a trio of fourth-down attempts on their lone scoring drive. Stevenson took possession at its 23 and quickly faced a fourth-and-two situation from the 31.

Trailing 10-0, Micallef rolled the dice and came up a winner when fullback Joshua Page ran a dive up the middle for 4 yards.

After gaining another first down, Stevenson called Graham's number on fourth-and-three and the quarterback responded with an 11-yard run to the CC 33.

Graham also converted a fourth-and-two play with a 4-yard carry to Catholic Central's 21. Three plays later, he threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Devin Dunn.

Overall, Stevenson went 77 yards on 16 plays. The drive, which began late in the third quarter and ended early in the fourth, took 7:18 off the clock.

CC turned the tables on its next possession, however, when Ryan ran 9 yards on fourth-and-four. Three plays later, Ryan ran 7 yards for his second touchdown.

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



Canton's Noah Brown (left) is in the end zone for the touchdown, with Saline's Cam Richardson unable to make the stop. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Canton dominates Saline in opener, 42-14

Chiefs strong on both sides of ball in lopsided pre-district win

**Tim Smith**  
hometownlife.com

This time it was different. Much different.

Friday's Division 1 pre-district football game at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park was all Canton, pretty much from the opening kickoff, as the Chiefs won 42-14.

The game was by far the most lopsided of the recent string of playoff meetings between Canton and Saline, opponents for the fourth consecutive postseason.

On the second snap of the rainy night, Canton junior running back Steven Walker burst up the middle and kept on going for a 76-yard touchdown. He finished with 172 yards rushing in 17 carries.

The Chiefs (9-1) then went up 13-0 on senior linebacker Lou Baechler's 45-yard interception return. He anticipated where Saline quarterback Cole Daniels might throw the ball, picked it off and took it to the house.

"I knew that play was coming. I watched a ton of film," said Baechler, still wearing a cast on his arm after fracturing it earlier in the season. "I got out there and just made a play."

Veteran Canton head coach Tim Baechler said the two early touchdowns set the tone against the Hornets, who finished 7-2.

"It was a huge momentum builder to score on the first play and then come back and score on that (interception)," Tim Baechler said. "It was just a great play by a great player."

**Relentless**

There was little let-up from that point on, either. The Chiefs were relentless in all departments, enjoying a 432-186 edge in offensive yardage.

The talent and tenacity of senior tight end Noah Brown enabled Canton to carry a 20-7 lead into the intermission.

Brown scored on a 20-yard pass from senior quarterback Connor Engel (3-of-3 passing, 89 yards). He caught Engel's pass near the 10-yard line and bulldozed his way through Saline tacklers en route to the end zone.

"We've been looking forward to this point of the season all year," Brown said. "We feel we

got a good team that can do something special this year. And we're just working hard and taking them one at a time.

"We had a really great week of practice, probably one of the better weeks of practice we had all year. And we just pound, pound, pound all game. We broke 'em, put up 42 points on one of the great defenses in the state. We're pretty proud of that."

Canton broke the game open in the third quarter, scoring two quick touchdowns to build a 34-7 advantage.

Recovering a fumble in the first minute was junior James Deese and the Chiefs took advantage on senior running back Colin Troup's 16-yard TD run.

Troup gained 111 yards in 20 rushes and scored twice. He also tallied a 61-yard reception.

Then came an onside kick by senior Chase Meredith, which was recovered on a heads-up play by sophomore Tim Pennington.

Canton needed just six plays to find the end zone again, this time on a 1-yard plunge by Troup.

"We finally got some breaks and got those two things," coach Baechler said. "They weren't planned, obviously. You hope to get those, but they actually worked out. We got that kick, that was big."

"But then the offense came out and took advantage of both of those and kind of opened the game up from there."

Here other takeaways from the match-up:

**FAMILIAR FOES**

It wouldn't be high school football playoff season without Saline and Canton hooking up. Friday's postseason meeting between the teams was the fourth in a row, with the Hornets winning two of the previous three match-ups.

The 2014-16 games were all in the district or regional finals. Last year, Saline won 37-31 in a district final; Canton prevailed 27-7 in the 2015 regional final.

**STOPPING 'EM COLD**

Canton is known for having a prolific offense, but the Chiefs wreaked havoc on defense with big plays by Lou Baechler, Troup and Brown helping Canton take a 20-7 halftime lead.

Baechler picked off a Saline pass and scored on a 45-yard return. Both Troup and Brown broke up dangerous passing attempts by left-handed quarterback Cole Daniels (10-of-23 passing, 128 yards).

**WEATHER REPORT**

Although it was raining virtually the entire game, neither team appeared to be slowed by the wet weather. The only fumble of the first half was in the final minute of play and it had no impact on the score-board.

The Hornets, though, coughed the ball up on the first play of the second half.

**STUDY HALL**

Saline had an extra week to prepare for the game with a Week 9 bye, but the Chiefs did a good job cramming for the playoff test.

"We watched a lot of film this week and really got prepared and focused for them and we all did our job," Engel said. "We were 100 percent on our reads."

Coach Baechler added that facing the Hornets in the postseason opener was a bit surprising.

"(Saline) is a game you expect in round two or three," said Baechler, referring to the Division 1 bracket. "We didn't sit around fretting about it, we went to work and I'm just so proud of our kids."

**NEXT UP**

Canton will move on to face undefeated Belleville (10-0) at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. The Tigers knocked off Salem, 17-7.

"They are a really good team with a lot of talent," Engel said. "We just got to focus up, we got to be 100 percent on our reads just like this week. It should be a good game."

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# Rocks on the run



Salem senior running back Cody Tapp (middle) finds a hole in the Belleville defense during Friday's Division 1 football pre-district game. The Rocks, playing their first playoff game since 1991, lost to the Tigers, 17-7.

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

# Five takeaways from Churchill-Pinckney game

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Livonia Churchill defeated Pinckney in a first-round football playoff game Friday, 24-23. Here are five takeaways:

**TAKING ONE FOR THE TEAM**

Churchill senior Martell Dooley made the play of the night, rushing untouched from the left side to block a 19-yard field-goal attempt by Pinckney's Zack DeRoek with 2:24 left in the game.

When Dooley landed on the ground after blocking the potential go-ahead kick, he inflicted more damage on a right shoulder that was originally injured in the second game of the season.

Dooley's right arm was in a sling and an ice pack was on his right shoulder when he headed for the bus ride home, but it was a small price to pay to help his team advance to the second round of the state playoffs.

"They asked me if it was all right when I hurt it plays before," Dooley said. "It was hurting then. They asked, 'Are you sure you want to go?' Yeah, it's my senior year, I'm not trying to lose."

Dooley had to leave the field with 9:47 left in the game, when he landed on the shoulder while diving



Livonia Churchill's Michael Parrish tackles Pinckney's Nick Cain, who had two touchdown catches. Cain finished with eight catches for 126 yards. His scoring plays went for 35 and 48 yards. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

for a deep pass.

"Martell Dooley with a very hurt shoulder, really bad, came up clutch with a huge block," Churchill quarterback Drew Alsobrooks said. "I'm so proud of him."

Pinckney had to settle for the field goal attempt after having first-and-goal at the 5-yard line.

**SPECIAL TEAMS EDGE**

A lot of attention is paid to the match-up between opposing offenses and defenses heading into a game, but special teams inevitably play a huge role.

Such was the case in this one.

It began on the opening kickoff, with Churchill

recovering a fumble on a return by Alex Wasyl. Three plays and 20 yards later, the Chargers had a touchdown just 1:25 into the game. Pinckney responded with two straight touchdown drives to take a 14-7 lead.

Pinckney tried to catch Churchill napping to start the second half, attempting an onside kick, but Jacob Robertson recovered it for the Chargers. The Pirates' defense came through by forcing a three-and-out.

After Nick Cain's 48-yard touchdown catch with 28 seconds left in the third quarter cut Churchill's lead to 24-23, the Pirates were unable to get the conversion because of a bad snap.

Holder Mikey Antal improvised, attempting a pass toward Jared Hess that was broken up by Jaren Carble. That one point turned out to be the difference.

"Honestly, it's playoff football," Pinckney coach Rod Beaton said. "Everything is so magnified in a playoff game. You can't play the what-if, you can't play the second-guess or you'll eat yourself alive doing that."

**ONE LAST BIG GAME**

As he had done all season, Pinckney senior Cain made explosive plays.

Cain got open behind the Churchill defense for touchdown catches of 35

and 48 yards from Jack Wurzer. He finished with eight catches for 126 yards.

The game ended with the ball in Cain's hands. Unfortunately for the Pirates, Cain was unable to get out of bounds to stop the clock after catching a 7-yard pass in the left flat. After Cain was tackled by Tyrese Williams, the clock ran out.

Cain put Pinckney in a position to get a solid crack at the end zone when he returned a punt 26 yards and was hit out of bounds for an additional 15 yards with 11 seconds left in the game. That gave the Pirates the ball at Churchill's 39.

Cain finished with 13 touchdown catches, nine more than any other player in Livingston County.

"He's a special player," Beaton said.

**PINCKNEY DOMINATES STATS**

Pinckney had a decisive advantage in the final statistics — except the final score, of course.

The Pirates outgained the Chargers, 438-256, running 65 plays to Churchill's 44. Pinckney had a 25-12 advantage in first downs.

The short field Churchill got after the opening fumble and two big running plays turned out to be enough for the Chargers' offense to get the job done.

A 51-yard run by Avery Grenier tied the game,

and 14-14, on the first play of the second quarter. A 16-yard run by Darrell Mason with 4:53 left in the second quarter put the Chargers up, 21-14.

Churchill was held to just a field goal in the second half, but the offense made a big play when Alsobrooks ran 20 yards for a first down on third-and-five with 2:06 remaining. Instead of punting to Pinckney with nearly two minutes on the clock, there were only 11 seconds left when the Pirates regained possession.

Alsobrooks threw for only 32 yards, but ran 10 times for 106 yards.

"We didn't play our greatest game tonight," Churchill coach Bill DeFilippo said. "I give Pinckney a lot of credit."

**CLEAN SHEET FOR WURZER**

There were a couple of close calls, but Wurzer finished the season with a remarkable stat line: zero interceptions in 162 pass attempts.

Wurzer was 115-of-162 passing for 1,749 yards and 18 touchdowns.

The perfect record under the interception column was at risk when a pass by Wurzer was deflected into the air early in the second quarter. Of course, the ball wound up in the hands of Cain, who caught it for a 1-yard gain.

## FRANKLIN

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"I really don't know how to put this in words ... I mean they played so hard, they played so aggressive, they played so physical," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "That's a great football team we just beat. They're one of the best teams in the state and we went toe-to-toe with them and pulled it off at the end."

Western (8-2) sent the game into overtime at 28-28, scoring with only 1:48 left when Jakkel Moore-Wells ran up the middle from 3 yards out after a circus 30-yard catch by teammate Kevin Jackson set up the TD.

After Franklin went three-and-out, Western used its three allotted timeouts to get the ball back and Johnson hit two passes to set up a 47-yard field-goal attempt by Aidan Jennings, who missed wide left with only 23.8 seconds left sending the game into OT.

"We got to make sure we play through those moments," Kelbert said. "And that's something we've been preaching all year. They're going to make plays, we just got to not melt down. We took the timeout when the momentum went their way and we got the pick on it, so it worked out for us."

With the score tied 21-21 early in the fourth quarter, Franklin's Isaac Moore, who led all rushers with 206 yards on 26 carries, made an electrifying 86-yard run to break the deadlock with 10:37 left in regulation.

"I saw the middle linebacker ... he went for the 'jet' and there was just this huge hole and Isaac just took off. And he ran like Isaac and he just ran through three tackles," Franklin sophomore quarterback Jacob Kelbert said.

While trailing 21-14 in the third, the Patriots came up with another key play when Jacob Kelbert, on fourth-and-four, hit Moore out of the backfield on a middle screen for a 10-yard TD pass with 3:53 to go in the quarter.

"I saw the safety ... he had no clue (Moore) was releasing out of the backfield," Jacob Kelbert said. "He went with the corner on the smash route and, as I was getting hit, I threw the ball to Isaac. I didn't know what happened until I heard crowd cheer."

The Franklin quarterback, who landed on his back while making the TD throw, never saw Moore run into the end zone.

"He got destroyed after he let that ball go," Chris Kelbert said of his son. "That's been something we've been working on the past few weeks. We called that and it worked out perfectly for us."

Here are some other takeaways:

**KEEP PLUGGING**

Franklin was stopped on its opening drive on fourth-and-goal from the Western 1. But after the Patriots were denied, they blocked a Warriors punt and Simmons scored on a 27-yard TD run to make it 6-0. (The extra point was no good).

Simmons then scored the game-winning TD in OT.

"It was a huge play and we had our sophomore, James Carpenter, in playing wing and he got a big block there," Chris Kelbert said. "We kind of knew Julius had the speed to get the edge and that was one of the decisions we made there, too."

**MORE MOORE**

Franklin's 6-foot, 210-pound senior also added a 19-yard TD run in the second quarter to pull the Patriots to within one, 14-13.

"He really makes them go," Western coach Mike Zdebski said. "He's a big, physical running back. He's a very good high school back. He's the best high school back we've seen on our schedule."

And when Moore busted loose on the 86-yard TD to start the fourth quarter, it was a thing of beauty.

"That's just Isaac," DiPonio said. "He's got the ability to make big plays when you need them the most. It's great."

**OT MENTALITY**

Despite giving up a late score in regulation,

the Patriots were prepared for the OT.

After Franklin scored to go up 35-28, they held Western's Jackson to a 2-yard gain followed by a sack of Johnson, who then threw two incomplete passes to end the game.

"You've got to stay positive," DiPonio said. "I love this team, because they have that never-say-die mentality. We always go out and we're scrappy. Doubt us ... because we'll bite you in the butt."

Western's defense, meanwhile, got caught out of position on the Simmons TD run.

"They hit the edge on that buck sweep and we didn't play it the way we played it the whole game," Zdebski said. "(Simmons) made a good run. He's a fast kid of theirs. We figured he'd end up getting the ball because (Moore) was out in the overtime period."

**WESTERN'S RUN ENDS**

After making the state finals last year before losing to Detroit King, the state-ranked Warriors' season came to a close in the opening round.

C.J. Brown had a 42-yard pick-six in the second quarter to give Western a 14-6 lead and Malcomb Baker added a 62-yard TD run, also in the second.

The Warriors went up 21-13 at halftime when Johnson hit Justin Thomas on a 53-yard TD pass with only 37 seconds left.

But it wasn't enough. "We had momentum at times and a couple of untimely penalties," Zdebski said. "The kids played hard. The coaches coached hard and (Franklin) were the better team tonight."

**NEXT ROUND**

The Patriots will face Churchill, which won an earlier season meeting, 24-10, a game that Moore did not play in.

Game time will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 at Churchill.

"I know we shocked the state and I know it's going to be a fun week of practice playing our crosstown rivals," Jacob Kelbert said.

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Plymouth's Evan Bowser (left) heads the ball in front of CC's Ryan Pierson. MICHAEL VASILNEK

## SHAMROCKS

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made three saves to keep the Wildcats (16-5-3) off the board.

"(Plymouth) came out pretty well, but we ended up dominating the first half," CC coach Gene Pulice said. "And then they really came out strong the second half. And they played well. They came back and they scored three goals. Their coach had them reorganized. We came out and I think we had never experienced that."

After the two teams changed sides at halftime, the script then flipped as Plymouth roared back on three unanswered goals by Tommy Sullivan, Bennett Brooks (penalty kick) and Alex Bowser.

"I think we kind of said, 'Hey, it's over, we arrived,'" Pulice said of his team's 4-0 halftime advantage. "(Plymouth) scored one goal, got a PK and they were back in it. The last 20 minutes, we kind of got our organization back. And then we managed the last 20 minutes pretty well."

Plymouth's third goal came with 22 minutes left, but CC goalkeeper

Andrew Nichol森 withstood the rally with four saves in the second half.

"We kind of had a 20-minute breakdown," Pulice said, "but (Nichol森) had to make some good saves and then were some where you had a guy slip here or a guy slip there."

The Shamrocks advance to the state semifinal scheduled for Wednesday, to face East Kentwood (19-4).

"Just happy to get through it at this point," Pulice said.

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## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Leaders of Plymouth pack not to be denied

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Some might say being a championship cross country team requires supreme mental focus, to deal with all kinds of adversity.

There might be rain, brisk wind in a runner's face, a muddy course to navigate. And, of course, there are elite opponents to deal with each time out.

But sophomore Carter Solomon, senior Ethan Byrnes and the rest of Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team neatly scaled any potential pitfalls Saturday in winning the Division 1 regional championship at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

With 21 points and six runners in the top nine — spearheaded by second and third finishers Solomon and Byrnes — the Wildcats rolled to their first regional title. They will now compete Saturday, Nov. 4, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn in a bid for a state championship.

Outstanding team depth was crucial to the regional victory, with Solomon's 15:29.2 not far behind the pace set by medalist Gabriel Mudel of Novi (15:21.6).



Three of Plymouth's top finishers at regionals were (from left) Brandon Boyd, Ethan Byrnes and Carter Solomon. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"Our coach (Jon Mikosz) tells us not to expect anything in any race in the sense that anything can happen," said Byrnes, who finished third (15:55.5). "And that's what we did. We went in and ran like it was our last race."

Also part of the Plymouth juggernaut were freshman Patrick Byrnes (Ethan's brother), in

fourth place with a time of 16:02.6; junior Jarrett Warner (fifth, 16:09.0); junior Brandon Boyd (seventh, 16:12.2) and freshman Tyler Mussen

(ninth, 16:18.1).

"Jarrett ran his heart out and got fifth place, getting us those needed points," Byrnes added.

Plymouth won with room to spare, well in front of other team state qualifiers Novi (81) and Salem (98). But Solomon emphasized the race wasn't exactly a cakewalk.

"Surprisingly, the course was dry given the rain the previous night," Solomon said. "The wind was very strong, which made racing more difficult."

Meanwhile, Solomon pointed to the Coaching Legends Invitational in September as a turning point in the team's season.

"We just came off a loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer at Holly, but bounced back the next invitational (Coaching Legends) by having six of our top seven run their fastest times," Solomon said. "That was a good indication of what our team is capable of."

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## PREP CROSS COUNTRY

## Eagles boys, girls teams soar into Division 4 finals

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Plymouth Christian Academy is flying into the Division 4 cross country state finals.

Both PCA's boys and girls teams earned state qualifying berths thanks to Saturday's showing at the D4 regional held at Jackson's Ella Sharp Park. Rod Windle is coach of both teams.

Sparking the Eagles to second place overall in the boys race with 76 points was junior Luke Pohl, medalist with his time of 16:36.50 and ranked as the No. 4 D4 runner in the state. In fourth place was senior Seth Windle (17:07.90).

Other PCA finishers were Hunter Torolski (21st, 18:27.4), Quinn McLaren (24th, 18:39.8), Nathan Sutrick (26th, 18:41.4), Eric Moore (33rd, 19:05.5) and Caleb Godin (54th, 20:22.9).

Pottersville won the boys regional with 47



Plymouth Christian Academy cross country qualified for the Division 4 finals. SUBMITTED PHOTO

points, taking first on the girls side was Lansing Christian (35 points).

PCA's girls team qualified with a third-place tally of 75 points.

For the Lady Eagles, junior Sienna Ruitter placed sixth with a time of 21:11.

Other finishers were Emily Cameron (10th,

21:30.8), Nicole Reinhart (11th, 21:38.9), Sarah Reinhart (20th, 22:19.8), Isabel Mossel (28th, 24:50.6), Joy Chamberlain (31st, 25:21.3) and Eva Warmbier (32nd, 25:21.7).

The top 15 finishers in each of the boys and girls races earned all-region honors.

State finals is Saturday, Nov. 4, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. The girls will race at 9:30 a.m., with the boys racing at 10:50 a.m.

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## PLYMOUTH

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The Wildcats will go after their first state championship at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"We came in knowing we had opportunities to do it," said Mikosz, who got emotional about his team's success this season. "Our goal has been the same goal as it's been all season, so we're right there. It's awesome. It's going to be exciting. We know what we need to do after today. We'll see. It's going to be good."

Here are some other takeaways:

### MUDEL STANDS ALONE

The Novi senior held off all challengers to capture his first regional title after finishing sec-

ond last year in 15:54.4.

"It was a crazy race. I think the fastest I had gone out until today was, like, 10:02 and today the two-mile split was, like, 9:45, so it was a very different race, definitely very fast," Mudel said. "Carter (Solomon) from Plymouth led the way for the first mile. It was pretty helpful, because I usually lead most of the time. It was nice."

Mudel was almost 33 seconds faster than a year ago.

"The challenge of this course is the uphill you run on twice," he said. "That's where the separation occurs, I think, but if you play it the right way, I really think you can use it to your advantage."

Mudel is committed to run at the University of Michigan next year after considering Michigan State and MIT.

"Michigan just seemed like the best fit," he said. "Just the balance Michigan has because it's a great academic school and great program for running. I have a few friends from the state going there. I'm going to room with Nick Trevisan from Farmington. It's just a lot of things that excited me about it."

### NOVI EARNS SPOT

The Wildcats, under first-year coach Brad Moore, earned their fourth straight state finals trip, thanks to the first-place finish of Mudel.

Novi's other four other scorers were sophomore Matt Whyte, 13th (16:29.5); junior Trey Mullins, 15th (16:35.2); senior Nate Wood, 16th (16:41.0); junior Prateek Bhole, 36th (16:59.6).

"This is a big day for us and we ran our best on

a big day," Moore said. "We're excited about how it went. We could have been easily fifth or sixth and run really well. We ran great today and that's the main thing."

Wood's time was a season best. "The way he's been practicing and the day he had, it didn't surprise us a lot," Moore said. "You never know until you see it, but Nate ran really well."

### SALEM GETS THROUGH

The Rocks earned their first state finals berth since 2012 as senior Ryan Exell led the way in eighth with a time of 16:14.1, followed by senior Andrew Beyer (17th, 16:42.7), junior Christo Jeffers (18th, 16:43.1), senior Nolan Teodori (16:52.2) and junior Shane McKimmy (16:52.5).

Four of Salem's to six ran lifetime bests and the

## MEN'S SOCCER

## Schoolcraft one win from nationals

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Ancilla College knew last year what it tasted like to make it to the final four championship "buffet," but there was no way Schoolcraft College was going to lose the 2017 invitation.

On Sunday afternoon at Schoolcraft, the Ocelots defeated Ancilla, 3-0, to remain undefeated and win the 2017 NJCAA Region XII men's soccer championship.

All that remains for coach Rick Larson's team to reach the NJCAA nationals in Prescott, Ariz., is a victory Saturday, Nov. 4, at Schoolcraft in the district championship match-up against a to-be-decided opponent.

"That team (Chargers) went to the final four last year, so it's tough to end their run," Larson said. "Maybe they thought that they were going to go to nationals and make a deep run again."

"But they went to nationals for a cup of coffee. We have dinner and we do all kinds of things at nationals. This year, we're really looking to make a deep run."

Putting a damper on Sunday's win, however, was an on-field skirmish that broke out at the horn. An Ancilla player was fragrantly fouled by a Schoolcraft player (Aldi Mehmetaj) and several punches were subsequently thrown as the incident escalated. Mehmetaj was assessed a red card and Larson said he likely will miss the district title game.

### Emotions run high

"It's really a shame that it ends that way," Larson said. "But at this level, when people's careers are ending in an elimination game, unfortunately, we've seen it before."

Schoolcraft broke out to a 2-0 halftime lead and batted down the hatches for the final 45 minutes, with freshman goalkeeper Juan Gomez and his defense throwing up an impenetrable wall.

"We were really stingy in front of our own goal," Larson said. "Yeah, Juan is a fantastic goalkeeper, but we have an excellent back line. Our team is very deep and they're really coachable. Our game plan was carried out."

Getting Schoolcraft off to an all-important 1-0 lead was sophomore forward David Tetaj, a

former prep player at Farmington Hills Harrison.

"It was a play through from our right back (Eimil Hennes), from, like, half the field and I scored a header," Tetaj said. "When you score the first, you have more opportunities and everything. You open the field."

Before intermission, the Ocelots doubled their lead when freshman forward Michael Machila (West Bloomfield) found the back of the Ancilla goal.

"David Tetaj is fantastic, he was a big reason we went to nationals (in 2015)," Larson said. "We're just really happy he was able to come back this year. He's an explosive player, he's exciting to watch. He's fun when he gets on the ball."

### They're all in

Tournament MVP was sophomore midfielder Hakeem Sadler, who hails from Jamaica.

"We communicated as a team and I think that was the thing that made us be successful," Sadler said. "It is my first year at Schoolcraft, but I had two years at Owens Community College until they canceled the program."

Sadler said he and his teammates are going to favor the regional championship and then get ready for the next challenge: "We're going for the win, definitely. We're all in."

"Hakeem's come a long way ... he's turned the corner in terms of leading this team," Larson said. "You saw in the celebration when he was named tournament MVP, you just know that everybody really respects what he brings to the table."

"The expectations of him are extremely high. He met those expectations and exceeded them."

Other all-tourney players from Schoolcraft included Tetaj, Gomez and forward August Hunter.

Schoolcraft players from area schools include Jordan Whitt (Livonia Franklin), Alex Spratte (Plymouth), Nyle Ellis (Westland John Glenn), Tetaj, Mehmetaj and Hennes (Harrison).

Meanwhile, Larson said winning the regional title on Schoolcraft's home field was like a dream come true.

"For me, it's a 12-year wait, to be on our campus for regionals," Larson said, speaking with the new St. Joe's Sports Dome as a backdrop. "And I couldn't be more pleased with the way that the guys performed."

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### ADDITIONAL QUALIFIERS

Among those runners also headed to the state finals as individual qualifiers who finished top 15 at the regional are sophomore Luke Perelli (Detroit CC), sixth, 16:09.5; senior Owen Rowader (Stevenson), 10th, 16:26.6; and Ben Griffith (Stevenson), 12th, 16:29.1.

Other area runners in the top 25 were Brendan McCoy (Churchill), 19th, 16:44.1; Alexander Dugas (Detroit CC), 20th, 16:45.0; Grant Rudd (Franklin), 21st, 16:45.8; Eric Pensari (Churchill), 22nd, 16:46.1; Shane Beers (Stevenson), 23rd, 16:46.5; Mitchel Horn (Detroit CC), 24th, 16:48.0; and Daniel Jimenez (Canton), 25th, 16:48.3.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# Northville dominates regional field

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The future is now and the future looks bright once again for the Northville girls cross country team.

The Mustangs, featuring six underclassmen and only one senior, gave notice Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston that they could

be the team to beat in this weekend's MHSAA Division 1 state finals after winning their eighth straight regional championship.

Northville ran away with the title with 24 points, while runner-up Salem (84) and third-place Berkley (116) also earned automatic qualifying spots to Michigan International Speedway on Saturday, Nov. 4, in Brooklyn.

The Mustangs' lone senior, Ana Barrott, maneuvered around the challenging 5,000-meter Chestnut Grove course in windy and brisk conditions to take first place in 18 minutes, 14.5 seconds.

"I felt good, but it was cold, but it's not like it's something we're not used to," said Barrott, who recently committed to Indiana University. "We



The Northville girls cross country team won the Division 1 regional for the eighth straight year at Willow Metropark. BRAD EMONS

live in Michigan, so we run in this weather all the time. Coach (Nancy Smith) told us to get out from the start, to get out the way and not trip, so we all did that. We got out strong. We stayed together, a lot of us packed in together, so it was pretty crucial and then we ended up winning, so that was awesome."

Right behind Barrott was freshman Yasmine Yansi (18:18.4), who has been strong all season long.

"I don't think she knows how good she is or how good she's going to be," Barrott said of her ninth-grade teammate. "Really one of the most talented runners that I've trained with. She's really great and I think she's

really going to be a great runner."

Meanwhile, third-place finisher Nicole Cybul (18:37.7) is now back in form after suffering through a foot injury, which kept her out until the KLAA meet only a week earlier.

"She was in my top five last year, so having her back is a huge, huge plus for us," Northville coach Nancy Smith said.

Northville's other two scorers were freshman Emily Gordon (eighth, 19:03.2) and junior Olivia Harp (10th, 19:10.2). Freshman Keira Courtney (19:12.4) and sophomore Olivia Masse (19:14.5) also impressed by placing 12th and 14th, respectively.

"Very pleased," Smith said. "Our goal was to get

all seven in the top 15. And for my six and seven runners to get a P.R. ... both of those girls stepped up. It's a huge, huge improvement by the girls today."

Could this be shades of 2013, when Smith's team won the coveted Division 1 state title?

Second-ranked Northville appears to have all the pieces be in place, as it will be challenged by No. 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer and No. 3 Troy.

"Three of them have run at the state meet before - Nicole (Cybul), Olivia (Harp) and Ana (Barrott)," Smith said. "The other five have not. I think being inexperienced ... they don't know what they're looking for, so I think that will help them because they don't know what to predict.

And my leaders, Olivia, Ana and Nicole, can guide them through hopefully and we can possibly bring home another state title. That's our goal."

Salem was led senior Shea Wilson (ninth, 19:09.7) and freshman Reagan Justice (13th, 19:13.9).

"Shea Wilson finally bounced back," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "She's been struggling with ankle injuries as well as some other health issues, but really stepped up to lead our team right

around 19:10. Reagan Justice ran terrific. She's been one of our top kids all year long and a true leader as a freshman."

Salem's other three scorers included junior Bridget Nelson (18th, 19:36.3), freshman Olivia Millen (20th, 19:41.1) and junior Hallie Younglas (24th, 19:50.2).

"I thought we ran great," Gerlach said. "It truly is, trying to get to the state finals, a team race. Overcoming a tough start ... we had a team coming from our left that cut us off and so our girls had to battle through the first half mile just to get back up to position. Happy the way they came through the mile and they really battled the second half of the race."

It will be Salem's sixth straight year headed to the team finals at MIS.

"Very proud, very excited," Gerlach said. "To go up against a team like Northville that is ranked second in Division 1 right now ... obviously, they're untouchable. But to go out here and get to go to the state finals is great for our program again."

Rounding out the regional field were Plymouth (125), Ann Arbor Huron (176), Livonia Franklin (181), Livonia Stevenson (196), Novi (205), Canton (215), Livonia

Churchill (215), Oak Park (235), Garden City (317), Detroit Renaissance (388) and Detroit King (434).

Other individual area state qualifiers (top 15) included junior Katherine Ray (Novi), fourth (personal best 18:43.3); senior Erin Seibert (Franklin), sixth (19:00.8); senior Gabrielle Swider (Churchill), seventh (19:01.4); freshman Londyn Swenson (Plymouth), 15th (19:16.0).

Other area top 25 finishers were Arwa Hararwala (Plymouth), 16th (19:23.2); Anna Nagelhout (Canton), 19th (19:36.8); and Cassie McDougall (Stevenson), 23rd (19:46.6).

But the day belonged individually to Barrott, who repeated as regional champion.

She'll be headed next year to IU where she'll join her older sister Lexa, who is the Hoosiers' fifth runner and will be competing in the Big Ten Championships this weekend.

The Northville senior said her decision to head to Bloomington next fall was made easy.

"I knew and when I went on my visit I absolutely loved it," she said. "And soon as I got back I knew."

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COLLEGE WRESTLING

## Catholic Central gymnasium to host Michigan-Arizona State dual meet

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Area wrestling followers will be in for a quite treat Friday, Nov. 10, when Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School will open its doors and host two of the NCAA's top 10 wrestling programs as No. 3 Michigan opens its dual meet season against No. 6 Arizona State.

Not only will fans see several former area high school stand-outs on the mat that night, but the event is free to the public.

Michigan coach Joe McFarland's team features three former Shamrocks grapplers in NCAA All-Americans Myles Amine and Kevin Beazley, along with Malik Amine.

Entering his 19th season, McFarland reached out over the summer to have CC host the event.

"What an opportunity for us," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "And just the ability to showcase wrestling at its highest level at a high school is incredible. Not many high schools get that opportunity. We jumped on it and accepted and we're only 15 days away from go time."

Myles Amine (174 pounds), a junior, is coming off a stellar 2016-17 season, as he went 32-7 and placed third the Big Ten Championships and fourth the NCAA Tournament.

Beazley (197), is a fifth-year graduate transfer from Old Dominion University, where he graduated with a degree in sports management. The red-shirt senior is a two-time NCAA qualifier who is 103-52 during his career. He placed eighth in last year's NCAA finals.

Malik Amine (149), a red-shirt junior, finished 11-5 last year and is 28-7 during his career, while cousin Jordan Amine (157), a red-shirt senior from Brighton High, is 20-20 during his career with the Wolverines.

"Obviously, with the possibility of having three Shamrocks in that lineup on that night is incredible," Hancock said. "Very few programs will ever send a wrestler to a Division I university. And to have three individuals at the same university competing on the same night on the same team is very rare. So it compliments, obviously, their athleticism, their work ethic and just their ability to perform at a high level."

Meanwhile, Canton grad Alec Pantaleo (149-157) took a red-shirt season in 2016-17 and finished



Myles Amine, Kevin Beazley, Alec Pantaleo

fifth in last spring's U.S. Open. He returns to the U-M lineup sporting a 49-17 career record.

Pantaleo was an NCAA qualifier as a freshman in 2015 and took fourth in the Big Ten, followed by a sixth-place finish at the 2016 NCAA finals after placing third in the conference. And yet another local product on U-M's roster is red-shirt sophomore Mike Volyanuk (125) from Farmington Hills Harrison.

"Then you throw guys like Pantaleo in there," Hancock said. "He wrestled in our gym on many of occasions, along with a guy like Adam Coon (heavyweight) from Fowlerville, who wrestled at the CC Invitational. He won that three times. So just so many story lines ... it's pretty cool. All those guys have performed in our gym many times, so it should be pretty regular for them, pretty business as usual for them."

Meanwhile, it will be a homecoming for ASU head coach and Ann Arbor native Zeke Jones, a three-time Sun Devils All-American who went on to earn a freestyle silver medal at the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympic Games. Jones was also the 2004 U.S. Olympic freestyle team head coach.

Like Michigan, the Sun Devils feature a highly talented lineup, led by Zaid Valencia (174), who earned a silver medal in freestyle this summer at the World Junior Championships following a 38-1 season and a third-place NCAA finish in 2016-17.

Zaid Valencia is ranked No. 3 pre-season by TrackWrestling.com, while his brother Anthony (165) is No. 7.

In addition to the Valencia brothers, heavyweight Tanner Hall is third-ranked coming off a third-place finish in the NCAA finals. Other top-ranked wrestlers for ASU include Josh Maruca (149), No. 3; Josh Shields (157), No. 19 and Ryan Millhoff (125), No. 6.

"We going to promote it hard and make it into an entertaining night," Hancock said.

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USA HOCKEY

## Hughes, Caufield key torrid start for Team USA

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The bubble had to burst eventually for the dynamic USA Hockey National Team Development Program U-17 team.

Despite two more goals by right wing Cole Caufield (who has 13 for the season) and a goal and two assists by center Jack Hughes, the younger U.S. development squad lost Saturday to Cedar Rapids, 4-3. The defeat at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth was the first blemish on the team's record after starting with eight victories in a row.

The team (8-1-0-0) will now travel to British Columbia, Canada, for the World Under-17 Challenge, set for Nov. 3-12.

"Normally, it's very difficult for the U-17 team to have any bit of success against United States Hockey League teams," coach John Wroblewski said. "So it's been an interesting ride with these guys in this first month and a half to kind of see a team that can play and compete in that league."

"It's such a difficult league. But I think tonight we got a little dose of what we're going to be seeing from here on out. Some of those teams take a little time to jell."

The U.S. came within a whisker of at least forcing overtime Saturday. The team outshot Cedar Rapids 18-4 in the third period and on a furious power play missed a couple of wide-open one-timers or were denied by goalie Blake Pietila (35 saves).

"As sure-handed as some of these guys are, late in the game we got to make sure we're converting when we have those opportunities," Wroblewski said. "I thought they were there. Hughes was unbelievable again tonight and (Caufield) was solid. But we could have really used that one at the end."

Although the U-17 squad did not bank the two points for the first time this season, fans once again were entertained by a team that moves in relentless unison on the ice. And Hughes and Caufield are two of the key catalysts for the early season



Cole Caufield has had plenty to smile about so far this season for the U-17 team. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

success. "Their day-to-day approach is unbelievable," Wroblewski said. "They already carry themselves like pros in regard to their work ethic and their demand for excellence."

**More than ready**

Both Hughes and Caufield said it is exciting to be part of a team that is off to such an excellent start.

"It's really exciting, knowing we have a good team," said the 5-foot-10 Hughes, whose older brother Quinn formerly played defense for the NTDP and is now at Michigan. "Every game's something to look forward to because we know we have a really good chance of winning."

"Me and Cole got it going right now a little bit. He scores and I pass. It's worked out well right now." According to Caufield, playing on a line with Hughes is "awesome, with him you get the best. He does most of the work and I just sit there and try to finish. He's a great player and I'm just lucky to play with him."

Wroblewski, however, said the two players do not permanently play on the same line. He rotates his 13 forwards so that each can become interchangeable parts.

"It's a beautiful thing about the program," he said. "Guys have to find ways to manufacture within a team structure. Everybody trying to play a similar style, everybody on the quest to be the best they can possibly be and putting different guys in different spots for opportunities."

**Not afraid to work**

The 16-year-olds are still growing into their bodies

and into their roles. To that end, they are not concerned that other USHL teams feature players who are older, bigger and stronger.

"I don't think it will be a big problem," Hughes said. "We're just as skilled as these guys and we're trained to be just as strong as them. I played against older guys before and I don't think it will be a problem."

Hughes added that it helped to get a primer on the USHL from his brother. "He's supported me so much, he's told me about the league, told me how to succeed in it," he said.

Working hard on and off the ice is automatic for both players, too.

"I think just the training's very important this year," Caufield said. "Just trying to get bigger and stronger with the big USHL guys. I think it's just adapting to the new game we're going to play."

"I think we're all skilled and we know what we're going to do out there, but I think it's just the strong muscle you got to have to compete with the other teams."

"To be honest with you, the work is what makes the skill work. It's more fun when you're working hard. The skill comes with hard work. And the more you work hard in practice the more it's going to pay off in a game."

And through nine games, at least, that is an understatement. Both players are among the top 10 in the USHL in points with 16 each (Caufield, 13-3-16; Hughes, 5-11-16).

**U-18 TEAM 3, CEDAR RAPIDS 2:** On Friday at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, the National Team Development Program U-18 TTeam broke out to a 3-0 lead in the first period and hung on for the USHL victory.

Scoring for the U.S. were Jonathan Gruden (Rochester), Mattias Samuelsson and Oliver Wahlstrom. Gruden also had two assists, while Samuelsson and Wahlstrom each collected one helper.

U.S. goalie Drew DeRidder (Fenton) made 20 saves for the win.

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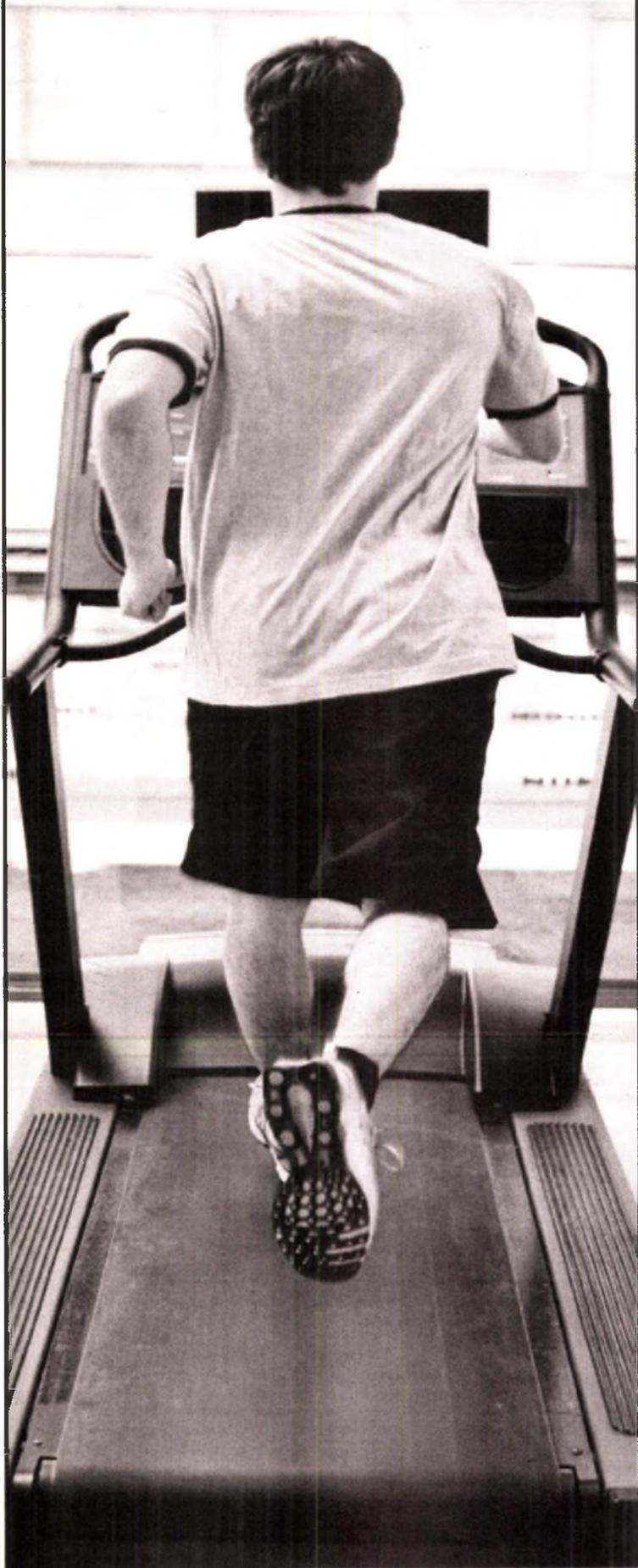
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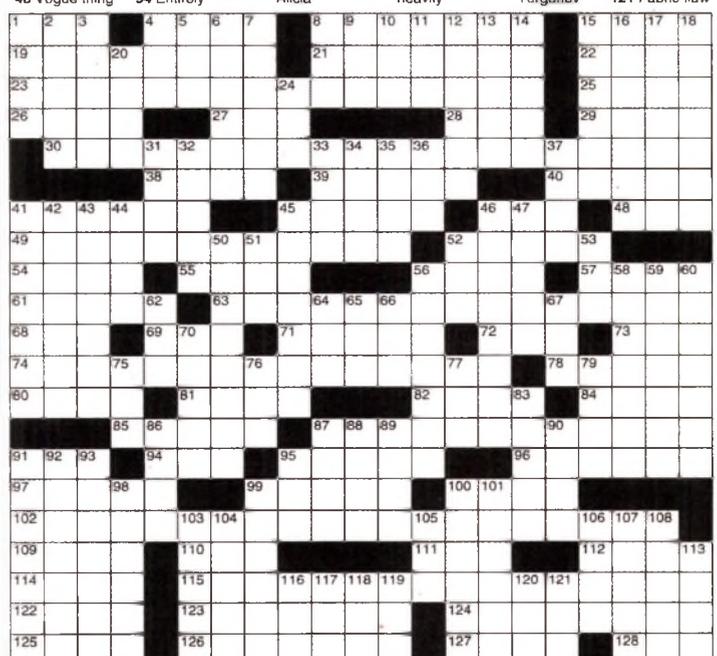
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

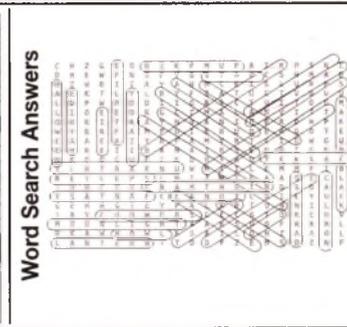
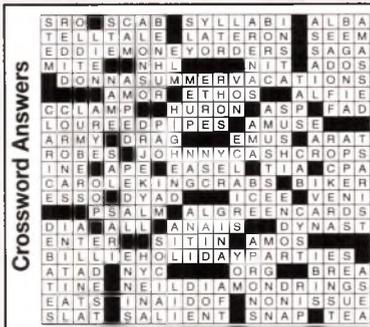
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5	2	3	8	1	7	4	9	6
6	4	7	9	8	3	5	2	1
3	1	8	2	5	6	9	4	7
4	8	5	3	7	1	2	8	6
7	8	3	1	2	6	5	4	9
2	1	5	8	4	9	3	7	6
1	6	2	7	4	5	8	3	9
8	3	7	9	6	8	5	4	1
6	9	7	3	1	8	9	7	5

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C H Z G E O N I K P M U P A T K P S N C  
D H E W F N S F Y B S T A C C S H M A D  
H Z W B I I A Y A H M C K I S L U R P S  
A E K T L Y L B Y F Z A T U C T V D U U  
L D P W R R D I I G R S C T U I T O G M  
L I O E E D R G C Z M A L A N V I T T A  
O R R I T R A Y N O A N I G B R D H P K  
W Y B R F A M P O I K R U D E R G O T E  
E A A E A Z Y R P A M V R T C I E W O U  
E H K E I I B A N A I R S E N B I G S P  
N K E O C W F I K D R Y A D T E K S A C  
Y L H T R A E N U W M I I L E M M F I B  
R E T C E P S L H I Z M T F A A S E C L  
T N H C T V E R A M T H G I A N D S D A L  
Y S A T N A F C C A N D Y L O I E Y U C  
G E H H G T E Y P A L K B T U N N I L K  
I B Y C O B W E B S C E C G T U N K E D V  
M O O N L I G H T A A K S O O F R R R L  
R K A W H O W L K S A I L O H Z A O L  
L A N T E R N Y T O D P Z E M S D Z N F

- WORDS**
- AFRAID
  - AFTERLIFE
  - ALARMING
  - APPARITION
  - AUTUMN
  - BEAST
  - BIZARRE
  - BLACK
  - BOO
  - BROOMSTICK
  - CACKLE
  - CANDY
  - CARVING
  - CASKET
  - CATS
  - CAULDRON
  - COBWEBS
  - DARKNESS
  - DISGUISE
  - FERIE
  - FANTASY
  - HALLOWEEN
  - HAYRIDE
  - HOWL
  - LANTERN
  - MACABRE
  - MAKEUP
  - MIDNIGHT
  - MOONLIGHT
  - MYSTERIOUS
  - NIGHTMARE
  - PUMPKIN
  - SHOCK
  - SPECTER
  - UNEARTHLY
  - WIZARDRY

## CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE



**CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN  
LAP POOL FILTER SAND REPLACEMENT**

Sealed bids will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until **2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at which time the RFB's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info)

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Faxed bids in response to this request will not be accepted.

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN LAP POOL FILTER SAND REPLACEMENT, name of vendor** and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No vendor may withdraw their bid within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

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Dennis K. Wright  
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All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Bids must be submitted on the Forms section found on the MITN website. Each response to the bid must be provided to the City of Livonia in triplicate and electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed bids in response to this request will not be accepted.

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