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## Fans mourn loss of landmark house

Historic Kellogg House demolished for development

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Preservationists are mourning the loss of the Kellogg House, a 155-year-old Plymouth landmark that was torn down last month, likely to make way for single-family housing.

The two-story red house at

1107 W. Ann Arbor Trail, just west of Harvey, was built by Cassius Kellogg, a son of John Kellogg, an early settler in the area who laid out a plan for the village of Plymouth and donated to the community the land now known as Kellogg Park. A number of trees on the property, several more than 100 years old, were removed along with

the house.

Patty Malcolm, who is deeply involved in historic preservation efforts in the city and owns, with husband Mark, the 1935 post office building on Penniman that now houses a Westborn Market, said the demolition was "the straw that broke the camel's back for me." Malcolm said she plans to campaign for more stringent preservation regulations.

"I would love somehow that

the rules change ... and it stops the developers from just stripping Plymouth from all its history and trees," she said Tuesday.

"It feels like we're losing our whole city," said Elaine Attridge, who lives near the Kellogg House site.

"This is a house with history," Attridge said, "and our town let it be torn down. It's criminal, it's just criminal."

The Kellogg House was

located outside the city's historic district, meaning city officials had no leverage to insist that it be preserved.

Both Roger Anderson, who owned Kellogg House for 39 years, lived in it with his wife and ran a photography studio there, and home-builder Matt Thurber, who purchased the site, said they also feel the loss, but that preserving the struc-

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## Ghost hunters search for spirits

**Maria Taylor**  
Correspondent

Nine people gather in a darkened parlor. From a cabinet hinge hang six green jingle bells, tied together on a ribbon. A flashlight is set up on the old organ, and outside, the occasional headlights flash in its round mirror, casting spooky patterns on the curtains. Two iPads glow from opposite corners of the room, scanning for energy — voices — spirits.

At the Westland Historic Village Park, the Motor City Ghost Hunters — and a handful of brave visitors — are trying to connect with the great beyond.

Heather Anderson sat on the floor and spoke into a digital recorder. "October 28, Westland Historical Society, Felton farmhouse: 7:51 p.m."

Then she tossed it into the middle of the faded red oriental rug on the chilly farmhouse floor.

"Hello George?" she queried into the dimly lit room. "Are you home?"

Anderson is a researcher with the Motor City Ghost Hunters. She and her co-hunters, Melissa Boudewyris and Erin Doering, were trying to get in touch with George Hubble, who lived in the house and died as a young man at the Civil War battle of Spotsylvania.

Hubble's body was never brought home, but it's believed that his spirit remains in the area. "My explanation is, people go back to where they were happiest, and that's here," said Brenda Ozog of the Motor City Ghost Hunters.

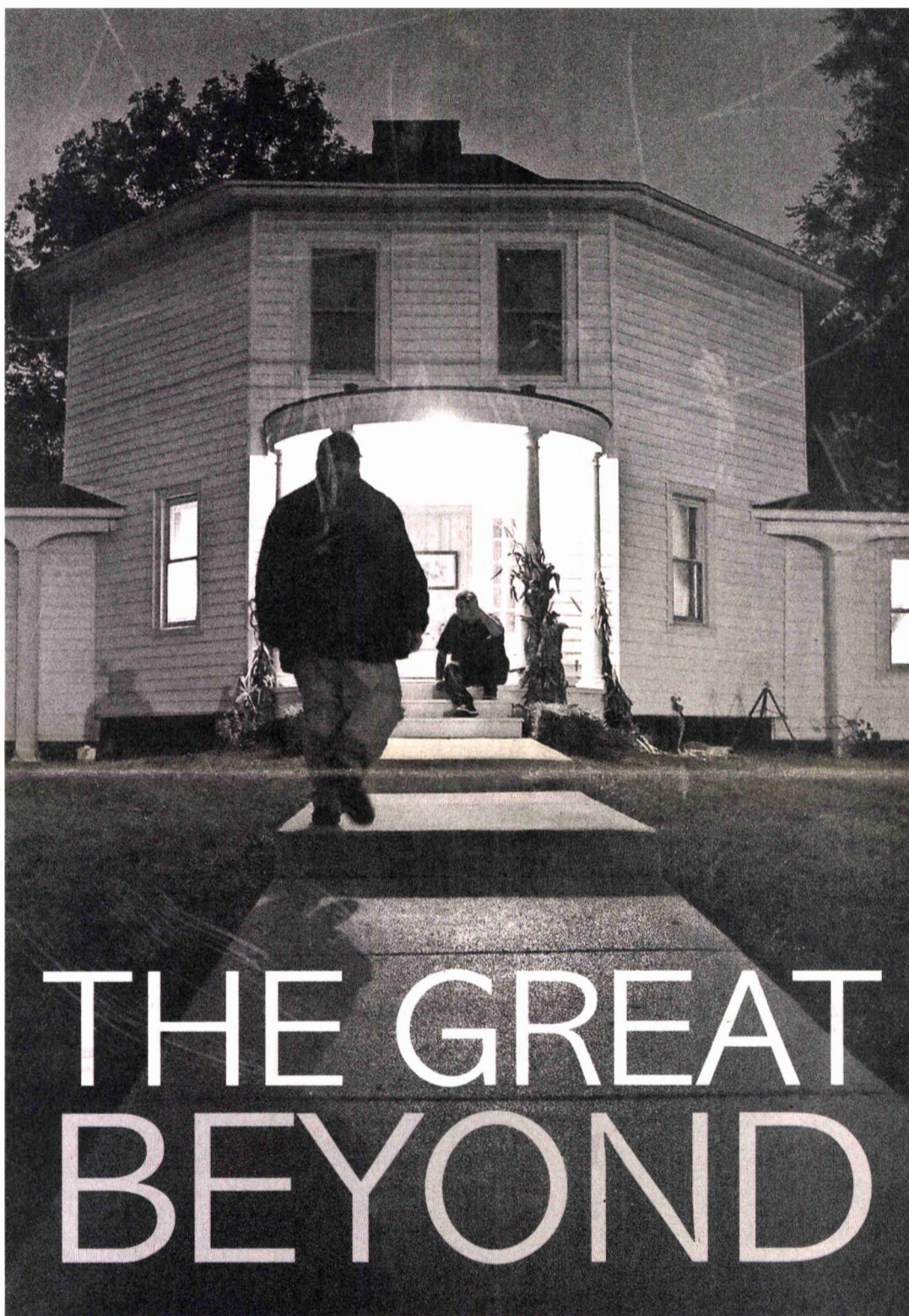
Anderson pulled out her iPhone and brought up "Battle Hymn of the Republic" on YouTube. It's an appropriate tune for the house, dating as it does from the mid-1800s.

As the tune ended, a dim creak came from the back room — like any old house settling. Or not.

"I'm a very big believer in, there's not a lot of coincidence in the world," Anderson said. "Things that seem random, probably when you look back at them ... they're probably not."

Most of the ghost hunters have had personal experience with the paranormal. Anderson once got a message from her father, who'd been deceased for several years. Ozog got poked at Fort George, by

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Westland Historical Society hosted a search for the paranormal with the members of the Motor City Ghost Hunters at the Westland Historic Village Park. The Octagon House is one of the stops on the tour.



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Motor City Ghost Hunter Heather Anderson sets up her gear for the evening.



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Dawn Gomall and Victoria Simoneau listen to fragments of words coming from an app.

## ELECTION 2016

### After primary losses, incumbents are write-in hopefuls

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Plymouth Township's incumbent clerk and treasurer, who lost their re-election bids by decisive margins in the August Republican primary, are trying to hold onto their jobs.

Treasurer Ron Edwards and Clerk Nancy Conzelman last week filed declarations of intent to seek re-election as write-in candidates, and records on the website of Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett's office indicate both are write-ins. The general election is Tuesday and the township winners take office Sunday, Nov. 20.

Edwards, a five-term treasurer, was defeated in the primary by Mark Clinton, a regional executive with Cisco Systems, by a margin of more than 30 percent, while Conzelman, who is completing her first term, lost to Jerry Vorva, a semi-retired real estate agent and former state legislator, by a 13-percent margin.

Edwards had little to say about his write-in campaign when reached Monday. "I'm not commenting for anybody," he said.

Asked if his goal is to be a spoiler for Clinton, who faces Democrat Mary Siefert in the general election, Edwards said, "I want to be a spoiler for both."

Responded Clinton on Tuesday: "Hopefully people can see through this and don't take it seriously and continue to support the candidates that are viable in this election."

Responded Siefert, via

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ture was not economically viable.

Anderson had the demolition work done before Thurber, who owns Evergreen Development, purchased the property, both men said.

"I'm as sad as anyone about the house. We tried working with the great preservationist in Plymouth," Anderson said, declining to name that person. "It's a no-in situation for me."

Anderson, who has a written explanation of his position on the house's demolition on a

website, [www.plymouth1107.com](http://www.plymouth1107.com), said he and his wife had put "the better part of our free capital" into Kellogg House over nearly 40 years and "renovated an old house in Plymouth before it was the cool thing to do."

"We put our life savings into making that house what it was, so no one can tell me that I didn't care about the house," he said.

It looked good from the street, he said, but inside had many deficiencies; the property was on the market for a year and a half.

"The fact of the matter is, nobody was going to help us, including the



JAMES SALAMAY

Plymouth's Kellogg House, on Ann Arbor Trail just west of Harvey, was torn down last month.



PATTY MALCOLM

Rubble is left after the razing of the 155-year-old Kellogg House on Ann Arbor Trail. Mature trees were removed from the property as well.

people who were most concerned about it," Anderson said.

Thurber said his company, Evergreen, is likely to redevelop the property for residential use "fairly soon" and that the house's demolition has stirred interest in it.

"I felt fortunate to get it," Thurber said. City

officials have approved a lot split for the site.

Thurber said he's been involved in some aspect of building 13 or 14 houses in the city over last two years.

"I'm very, very conscious of the neighborhood," Thurber said. "I've got very happy homeowners who are

enthusiastic and energizing the neighborhoods."

Malcolm said she's been bothered by the recent trend of replacing quaint smaller houses near downtown with much larger ones, but that the razing of the Kellogg House has her even more upset.

"If you're coming downtown, you should appreciate the history and the character the downtown has to offer," she said.

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email: "There's not much that surprises me any more. Obviously, Mr. Edwards has the right to file as a write-in candidate if he so chooses. I would like to think that voters will make an informed decision on Nov. 8."

### Conzelman: Keep momentum

Conzelman listed several reasons for her write-in candidacy, including wanting to remain in township government to oppose what she said could be tax increases to fund programs many Republican primary winners have said they support, to give

legitimacy to the votes of people who've told her they plan to write her name on their ballots and to support continued improvements to Township Park and protect Hilltop Golf Course as a township-owned course. Some township candidates have talked about the possibility of selling Hilltop.

Republican primary winner Kurt Heise, now a state legislator, is opposed in the general election in the supervisor's race, while Vorva has no opposition on the ballot for the clerk's job. In the race for four trustee spots, four Republicans, incumbents Bob Doroshewitz and Chuck Curmi and newcomers Gary Heitman and John "Jack" Dempsey, and a Libertarian, Joseph Le-

Blanc, are on the ballot vying for four spots.

Conzelman said she hasn't talked to anybody who's unhappy with the direction being taken by township government.

"Plymouth Township is just a wonderful place to live and I would like to keep that momentum going," she said.

Taxes, she said, will go up if the Republican primary winners end up on the Board of Trustees and support the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, or PARC, in a partnership with the city of Plymouth and if they keep campaign promises to reopen Fire Station No. 2 on Wilcox Road, which was closed in 2012 in a cost-cutting move.

"I want to remain on the board as a voice against the inevitable tax

increases this new board has campaigned in support of," she said.

Conzelman also said she wants to keep pursuing the legacy costs owed by the city of Plymouth that stem from the fire department the city and the township shared from 1995 through 2011. The city's share of pension and retiree health care is estimated by township officials at about \$4 million and the city has paid some \$330,000 toward that.

"Mayor (Dan) Dwyer's endorsement did not come cheap for Kurt and I fear that \$4 million may not ever get collected," she said, referring to Dwyer's backing of Heise, who was a write-in winner in the primary race against Supervisor Shannon Price.

Conzelman said she faces "definitely an uphill battle" as a write-in and is too busy preparing for next week's election to campaign, but added, "I'm not going to miss an opportunity to continue to represent Plymouth Township."

The township primary, she added, "wasn't a true party primary" and turnout was dominated by special-interest voters, such people who favor a PARC partnership. "People got voted in that wouldn't have gotten voted in," she said, suggesting that dynamic led to her defeat.

### Vorva: Public has spoken

Vorva, reached late Tuesday, said a write-in candidacy is "her right to do," but added Conzelman hasn't laid the groundwork for it to be successful. Heise had seven weeks to campaign as a write-in, Vorva said, and mounted an intense door-to-door effort.

"The public has really kind of spoken, I think, in the primary election," he said, calling that vote a "resounding decision."

Vorva called the notion that he would favor tax increases "ridiculous."

"If everyone knows my history, I've never seen a tax that I liked," he said. "I'm the kind of person that says you look for efficiencies in government and you work with the money you have."

He also dismissed the suggestion that the Republicans, if elected to the board, wouldn't collect Plymouth's legacy tab.

"The city owes us money and it's a math issue," he said. "You sit down and you reasonably talk to people and you work with people."

Heise called Conzelman's contentions about what the Republican primary winners would do on the township board "crazy talk."

"She's just throwing things at the wall at this point," Heise said Wednesday morning. "It's a very sad end to her political career."

Conzelman, Heise added, should be focused on running next week's election "rather than engaging in some crazy political gamesmanship."

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# Township represented at NYSE as new company is born

Adient, a new global automotive seating and interiors company, completed its spinoff from Johnson Controls on Monday as employees from around the world, including Plymouth Township, helped ring in the firm on the New York Stock Exchange.

Jason Peppel, a senior program manager at Adient's township campus, attended the bell-ringing that opened the trading day at the NYSE on Halloween. The new company is being traded under the symbol ADNT.

"Being a part of the first step of our new journey makes it feel that much more personal and emphasizes the importance of contributing to its success," Peppel said in a prepared statement. "Attending a NYSE bell opening or closing has been on my 'to-do' list since I was a college student."

Also attending was Bruce McDonald, Adient's chairman and chief executive officer.

"Ringing the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange is more

than symbolic," McDonald said in a press release. "It signifies Adient's ability to operate as an independent company and invest in the business to drive profitable growth and, ultimately, value to our shareholders, customers and employees."

The press release said Adient plans to increase investment in products and technologies that fit trends such as autonomous driving, electrification, slim and lightweight seating and consumer personalization. The company also plans to take

advantage of opportunities in markets outside the automotive industry, such as in commercial vehicle, passenger train and aircraft seating, the statement said.

Adient has about 75,000 employees in 230 manufacturing plants in 33 countries around the world and makes seating for all vehicle classes and all major vehicle manufacturers. In the growing Chinese market, the company has 17 seating joint ventures that operate 60 manufacturing sites in 32 cities.



Adient employees from around the world were at the New York Stock Exchange on Monday. Company representatives rang the opening bell to mark the completion of Adient's spinoff from Johnson Controls. The new company has facilities in Plymouth Township.

# Northville Township nixes Meijer plan

Maria Taylor  
Correspondent

After a proposed big-box Meijer at Five Mile and Beck stirred massive citizen outcry last month, Northville Township trustees have given a tentative thumbs-up to an alternative concept for the proposed mixed-use Village at Northville development, getting rid of the Meijer and adding about 100 single-family homes.

Southfield-based developer Redico presented its updated Planned Unit Development concept plan at an Oct. 25 joint informational meeting of the Northville Township planning commission and board of trustees.

The new concept plan comes on the heels of a raucous meeting in mid-September, when an angry, standing-room-only crowd booed and shouted at trustees for two hours, criticizing them for suggesting a 170,000-square-foot Meijer in a center that has been billed as "high-end" and "upscale." Concerns about increased traffic and potential crime associated with the big-box store dominated the comments.

The initial concept plan passed by a 4-3 vote, with Supervisor Bob Nix, Treasurer Marjorie Banner, and trustees Marv Gans and Fred Shadko voting for the project, while Clerk Sue Hillebrand and trustees Mindy Herrmann and Symantha Heath opposed it.

Redico's previous plan for the site, located on 53 acres of former Scott Prison property, included a Meijer, a movie theater, a hotel, 78 townhomes priced in the mid-\$300,000s, retail shops in a walkable setting, a gathering site for events, a gas station and bank and a multi-tenant building.

Representatives from Redico said at the Oct. 25 meeting that the new plan takes into account the board and community's concerns, including a more family-friendly design and more amenities. Kent Heckaman, Redico's vice president of development, emphasized that the plan is still conceptual and needs to be "finessed," adding that his team had about four weeks to do six months' worth of work.

In the new proposal, the Meijer anchor store is notably absent, and some 99-130 single-family resi-

dences have been added along the west side of the property. Also included are 160-190 apartments in the center of the acreage, two clusters of townhomes, and a "town square"-type community space on the Beck Road side, flanked by retail and parking.

Redico architect Sue Neumann said the design ideas for the houses and townhomes were pulled from the Birmingham/Bloomfield area. Houses would be 2,400-3,200 square feet on 50-by-100-foot lots, with access to the adjacent community park. Townhouses would be traditional-style brick buildings, some with the potential for first-floor offices.

Total retail space is pegged at 130,000 square feet, built of what Neumann called a "mix of contemporary materials, so it doesn't look like your typical strip center." No details were given for the larger store that was formerly Meijer, although Heckaman said he hoped to have a "market" along the lines of Whole Foods. The rest of the retail was "flexible" and could include anything from a bank to a drugstore, a drive-through

Starbucks or a small "boutique-style" movie theater like the Maple in Birmingham.

Comments from the planning commission, trustees and 15 citizens who spoke after the discussion centered mostly on traffic, density and whether the development would complement the area's character.

Most in attendance were thankful that the developers had taken into account concerns over the Meijer, although multiple residents still felt the development and the resulting traffic would "ruin" the quiet atmosphere that originally attracted them to the area.

One local homeowner said people love Northville because it's "a place that is quiet, a place that is green, a place that is open," and that the development wouldn't benefit him and his neighbors, who moved there for that specific reason.

Kim Dunne, who lives in the Shad Brook subdivision, said she's "absolutely thrilled" the Meijer is gone, but not too happy about the potential increase in traffic. "I live on a pass-through street — it's a nightmare," she

said, asking that something be done to limit in-and-out traffic ducking through the neighborhood to avoid the Five Mile/Beck intersection.

Hillebrand shared the concern about people using the neighborhood as a cut-through. "Personally, I would like to see more seclusion of roadways," she said. "If I were to buy a home in there, I would like to see some sort of deterrent to traffic coming and whizzing around the U."

Redico's traffic engineer hasn't completed a new study, but estimates the traffic to be less than the original study predicted.

While some at the dais liked the retail/residential mix, others in the audience weren't convinced it was the right fit.

Steve Sweeny from the Steeplechase subdivision thought the homes and rentals "squeezed together" were better suited for Wixom or Brighton and would pull down property values.

One Spring Hill Road resident called the townhouses "slapdash" and thought the proposal looked like a Monopoly game: "how many homes can you build on these little gray squares." The houses proposed are 40 feet wide, including attached garages, on 50-

foot-wide lots. "More than 100 homes on 50-by-100-foot lots, in my mind, is bigfoot housing," he said, referencing Royal Oak and Birmingham, "and I'm not sure that's what you want."

Heath said she's heard a lot of comments from residents who are "traditional-minded," and she felt the residential/commercial blend might be "too jarring" for the existing community. Heckaman said that single-family homes would "absolutely" be prioritized over townhomes.

That raised another question: whether the new focus had strayed too far from the original plan, which was to provide amenities like a grocery store, retail, a high-end "boutique" hotel and a movie theater for the MITECH corridor across the street on the east side of Beck Road. Bringing in research and development and high-tech companies can provide needed tax revenues for Northville, Nix said at the Sept. 15 meeting.

All present agreed that Redico's tentative alternate proposal had enough merit to proceed. (Lisa Anderson from the planning commission was absent.) It will go before the planning commission Nov. 21 and, if approved, to the board Nov. 29.

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## GUEST COLUMN

## Merritt: Why RESA vote is important for Plymouth-Canton

On the Nov. 8 ballot, there is a proposal near the end of the ballot labeled "Regional Education Enhancement Millage." The request is for voter approval of 2 mills to be levied for six years only, to assist with the operating expenses of each Wayne County school district. In Wayne County, because of our large enrollment, P-CCS would be the third largest beneficiary of this. The additional tax would raise \$385 for each student in the 33 Wayne County school districts. For Plymouth-Canton, this would



**Monica Merritt**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

mean an additional \$6.7 million each year for six years.

The tax proposal says "enhancement." For P-CCS this means "catch-up." Why? Our state funding has been frozen or cut repeatedly since 2007-08. In 2007-08, we were receiving \$7,500 per student from the state. This school year we are receiving \$7,511

per student — only \$11 more than in 2007-08.

Anyone familiar with P-CCS schools, or reading about us in the media, knows what that has meant for us over those years of frozen or declining state funding. We have cut to the bone and there is no more to cut without seriously impacting teaching in the classroom.

The question we're being asked now is, if this tax proposal passes, what would you do with the money? First of all, we would use only about half of that money to help us with immediate needs.

What are these?

» \$1.4 million would go to reducing class sizes in grades 3-12 (we emptied kindergarten, first, and second grades from the increases we made again this year).

» \$1 million would go to security and safety systems. We would install security cameras inside and outside our middle schools and our elementary schools as needed. In all schools not having them already (the high schools and Liberty Middle School have them), we would install secure swipe-card entry systems.

» \$1.2 million would go to restoring cuts made over the past five years to the individual schools' teaching, office and media center supply budgets, as well as needed curriculum materials. It would also go to replacing dilapidated school equipment such as student classroom desks, tables and cafeteria tables not covered by the 2013 bond issue. It would also cover some school building preventive maintenance.

These immediate needs total \$3.6 million. The remaining \$3.1 million would be carefully

saved and set aside for other needs — of which there are many — and, depending upon future state funding levels, may even be necessary to fall back upon just to maintain the status quo.

I ask you please to check out further information about this at [www.resa.net/millage](http://www.resa.net/millage) and be an informed voter Nov. 8.

Monica Merritt is superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

## LETTERS

## To whom has Rizzo donated?

In all the coverage of the presidential election, people might have missed the recent stories about Rizzo Environmental Services allegedly bribing local officials across the state. In case you missed it, local officials have been charged with corruption in Macomb County and around Flint. So, when I see all the garbage trucks in Plymouth Township and Canton emblazoned with the Rizzo logo, I begin to wonder how this company got all the local contracts? Did Rizzo get no-bid contracts? Has Rizzo made political donations to local officials here in Canton and Plymouth?

I tried to check on both questions. Unfortunately, per an April 2, 2016, article in Crain's Detroit Business, regarding Rizzo's Canton contract: "the terms of the deal were not disclosed." Why the secrecy? I then checked out campaign finance reports to see to whom Rizzo's PAC and lobbyist have recently

donated. It seems that Pat Williams (Canton), Joe Barone (County Commission), and Shannon Price (Plymouth Township) have all received donations in 2016 from Rizzo.

The voters of Plymouth Township soundly rejected this kind of politics in the primary election. Thankfully, Shannon Price will no longer be a concern. However, the voters in both Canton and Plymouth would be wise to reject this kind of politics in the general election this November, as well.

They can say, "No!" A vote for Nate Smith-Tyge for county commissioner will say "No" to Joe Barone. A vote for Dr. Syed Taj for Canton supervisor will say, "No," to Pat Williams. A vote for Mary Siefert for Plymouth Township treasurer will put a watchdog on the incoming slate of otherwise unopposed candidates in Plymouth Township.

Tim Roraback  
Plymouth

## Questions Yack's attendance

The bare minimum requirement of running for office is living in the community. Township Trustee Tom Yack is running for re-election yet he doesn't spend much time in Canton anymore. He misses meetings and community events because his second home is in Florida. I understand going on vacation, but to miss so many meetings and disconnect from the community makes me question whether he is capable of continuing on the board.

Personally, I think our board members should live in this community full time and be present at board meetings. Yack isn't a full-time resident and shouldn't be on the board anymore.

Natalie Rogers  
Canton

## Vote Dian Slavens

Canton desperately needs a change! "Public servants" in our township have over these past years settled into a complacency that equates to

non-responsiveness, a lack of transparency, and no accountability. As a 40-plus year resident of Canton Township I deserve, as do all our residents, better customer service than that which has become status quo.

Part of the change we need must include individuals who have demonstrated that they can get the job done and represent all stakeholders. Part of this change must include Dian Slavens as our new township treasurer. I have known and followed Dian's community and public service for over 25 years. She has been a resounding force of change serving on the Health Policy Committee, Ethics and Elections, Senior Health Security and Retirement, Veterans Affairs, Regulatory Reform and Families Children and Seniors.

As our state representative, she initiated and supported diverse legislation. She made certain that state legislators shared in the same sacrifices all Michigan workers made when she voted to cut salaries by 10 percent, including her own. She spearheaded a crackdown on elder abuse, and was influential in banning smoking. Honest and ethical, Dian was one of only two members in the House of Representatives that voted against the Speaker of the House, who had been involved in unethical behavior. Yes, she did this at her own professional peril. It is time for honest and ethical township leadership. It is time for action, transparency and true representation. It is time to elect Dian Slavens.

Jan Tomlinson  
Canton

## Move Canton forward

Since my son, Ethan, was a little boy he loved the political process. In 2012, when he was a freshman in high school he asked me to take him to a local campaign office to volunteer. Even though my husband and I had always voted and encouraged Ethan's interest, we'd never been actively involved in volunteer work so this wasn't something I was familiar with.

That year, he volunteered on Dian Slavens' campaign for re-election to the state House. Ethan had a tremendous experience but after the election I didn't think he'd be doing much more, unless he wanted to volunteer during the next election. However, Dian as well as other people in local

politics took Ethan in, taught him important lessons, gave him valuable experience, and helped make him into the well rounded, civically engaged young adult that he is today.

In addition to Dian Slavens there were people like Dr. Syed Taj, Michael Siegrist, Sommer Foster and Steven Sneiderman who included Ethan, valued his input, gave him valuable experience, and advice that he'll carry with him his entire life. I'm so thankful that these people made a lifelong impression on my son and even though he was young, took the time to make him part of their team! This election day will be a little bit different than it was four years ago because instead of just voting for people I agree with on the issues, I have the privilege of voting for caring individuals who helped change my son's life!

I hope you'll join me in voting for the Moving Canton Forward Together team on Nov. 8: Dr. Syed Taj for Canton Township supervisor; Michael Siegrist for clerk; Dian Slavens for treasurer; Sommer Foster, Steven Sneiderman, Anne Marie Graham-Hudak and Dhaval Vaishnav for trustees.

Kristy Petzold  
Canton

## Dr. Taj for supervisor

On election day, voters will choose who will lead our township into the future. As a voter I've given consideration to my two options and came to the conclusion that Dr. Syed Taj is the only candidate uniquely qualified to hit the ground running on day one.

As chief of medicine of Oakwood Hospital, Dr. Taj proved himself to be a skilled executive as he oversaw every section of the Department of Medicine. Under his watch, Oakwood Hospital was rated one of Michigan's "Top Ten Best Hospitals."

As a small business owner, Dr. Taj balanced budgets and guided his business through good and bad economic times.

As the only Democrat on the township board of trustees, he was successful at working across party lines to attract new business, lower personal property taxes and offset the rising cost of water.

As a father and husband, Dr. Taj understands what a great community Canton is to work, live and engage and understands where we can make improve-

ments.

His perspectives, skills and experiences make him uniquely qualified for the job. I plan on voting for him on Nov. 8 and I hope you do too!

Tania Ganguly  
Canton

## Slavens for treasurer

I choose Dian Slavens as candidate for the treasurer of Canton Township. Dian Slavens acquired a great deal of experience dealing with local, county and state legislation when she served as our state representative for six years. We now have the opportunity to elect a treasurer who brings that experience to Canton Township.

Dian will bring transparency and accountability to Canton Township government. She is not afraid to speak up for good government. When she served in the House of Representatives, she was one of only two members to vote against the speaker of the house when he was involved in unethical behavior. She does not tolerate elected officials who use taxpayers' dollars and time to conduct business other than the people's business. In fact, some of our elected officials were caught campaigning and soliciting political donations from township vendors during the people's time.

Dian Slavens has shown how she is open to work with all people and not just those of the same political party. She will meet and work with all for the benefit of those who she represents. Partisanship does not serve our citizens well. We need elected leaders who will work with Wayne County leadership. Canton Township is dependent on a good relationship with the county, considering poor roads and traffic issues continue to be the bane of living here.

Dian will be a fresh voice who cares for the people who live here. She is open, ethical and hard-working. We need these attributes in our Canton Township treasurer. Please vote for Dian Slavens on Nov. 8.

Joan Noricks  
Canton

## Choose Dr. Taj as supervisor

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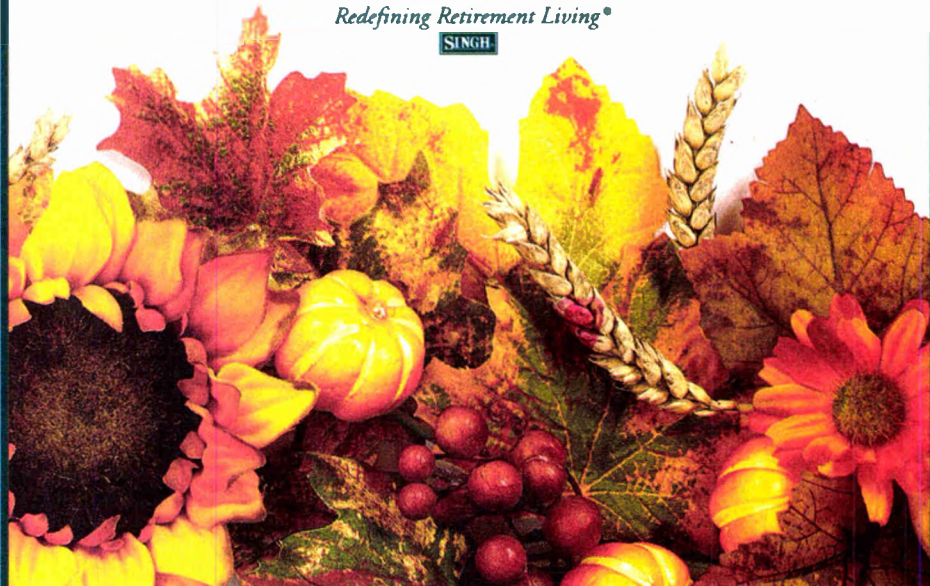
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we are dependent on Wayne County for funding. I support Dr. Sayed Taj for Canton Township supervisor because he will work better with Wayne County than our current leadership. Dr. Taj has taken the time to develop positive relationships with Wayne County leaders. That is why Warren Evans has endorsed Dr. Sayed Taj for Canton Township supervisor.

Dr. Taj is a respected cardiologist. He was the head of the Cardiology Department at Henry Ford Hospital. Dr. Taj had also served one term as Canton Township trustee. I urge Canton voters to vote for Dr. Sayed Taj to be our next Canton Township supervisor.

**Thomas Hartnett**  
Canton

### Siegrist takes high road

I am appalled by the baseless, negative attacks on our candidate for Canton clerk Michael Siegrist and his family. I am worried about the state of our democracy. Whether it is the negative tone of the presidential election or the mess in Plymouth Township I know voters want something more. I wanted to see a substantive, issue-focused discussion on solutions for our residents. What I've seen are petty, partisan, personal attacks and swipes. I know that voters are disgusted and expect more.

It's the height of hypocrisy that the person asking outside lobbyists

and Novi-based super PACs to influence our election and slander a good man, is herself responsible for numerous violations of campaign finance laws that govern elections. She is busy talking about how Michael received a parking ticket four years ago, while she is accused of receiving illegal campaign contributions and not following reporting requirements. Instead of running a respectable campaign, focusing on the issues, she is trying to drag the race into the gutter.

I am personally grateful that Michael has chosen the high road, doing the people's work. I'm disappointed that Linda Obrec hasn't bothered to learn the rules that she would need to enforce if she is elected. Michael chaired the AV Counting Board over half a decade ago, serving our community when asked. His family doesn't deserve to be slandered by hypocrites looking for a "next step."

**Charles Miller**  
Canton

### Elect Dr. Taj

As former 14-year residents of Canton Township and involved in leadership roles in the community, we are asking voters on Nov. 8, to elect Dr. Syed Taj, as your next township supervisor.

Bob and I have been close personal friends with Dr. Taj the past several years. He has the integrity, personality and knows how to get things done. He is not one of the longtime entrenched politicians. This is a man who cares deeply about the community and will

represent everyone with total transparency.

You know the minute you meet him you find a sincere, genuine person who also has a great sense of humor.

**Natalie and Bob Mosher**  
Alexandria, Va.

### Canton needs cooperative leader

This election cycle has been long, divisive, and hateful. I feel like everywhere I turn there are personal attacks and negativity. I remember a time when our elected officials would work together to achieve results for their constituents, regardless of party affiliation. In this election, I am looking for candidates who will work cooperatively with anyone to get results.

For Canton Township supervisor, I am voting for Dr. Syed Taj because I believe he has proven himself to be a leader who works with people, even those he disagrees with, in order to best serve the people. When he was elected in 2008 as the only Democrat on the board of trustees, I was worried that he wouldn't have the ability to get much done because he was in the minority party. Instead, he was intentional about building positive relationships with his colleagues on the other side so that political differences could be set aside when important decisions were being made that impacted us all. Dr. Taj was effective at attracting business, lowering personal property taxes, and offsetting the rising cost of water.

Canton also needs someone who will work cooperatively with

Wayne County and other levels of government. It seems Canton frequently gets shortchanged receiving funding to fix our subdivision and main roads, as well as securing funding to relieve traffic congestion. This is largely attributed to the fact that Canton Township hasn't always been willing to cooperate with Wayne County. Dr. Taj has *already* built positive relationships with Wayne County's leaders and he has uniquely positioned himself to be a fierce advocate for Canton when funding is up for grabs. Right now, Canton is a donor township meaning we send more money to the county than we get back. Dr. Taj will work to bring more money back into our township. It is unacceptable that our roads are crumbling and we have three of the top ten most dangerous intersections in the county and two of the top ten worst in the state.

I am tired of petty politics, blame games, and divisiveness. I want Canton to be led by a man who has proven time and time again that he will work with anyone and everyone to get results. That is why I am voting for Dr. Syed Taj for Canton Township supervisor.

**Lori Manoogian-Johnston**  
Canton

### Canton needs change

I have been a resident of Canton since 1993 and have watched uncontrolled growth take place without any thought of infrastructure improvements, leaving our main roads overcrowded and dangerous. Statistics have proven this over

and over. Decades of poor infrastructure planning, combined with unrestricted subdivision and business growth, have left our township an obstacle course through which to maneuver. And the elected leadership of our township seem to want more and more of the same.

It's time to take a new path with realistic planning and a new focus to build the Canton community into a place for everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, or faith.

I urge everyone to vote for the Moving-CantonForward.com team for township board this year. Candidates Taj, Slavens, Siegrist, Hudak, Foster, Vaishnav and Sneiderman have the ideas and experience to lead our community into the future. Before our town becomes unlivable we must move away from old methods and start planning in a way that makes our roads safe.

**Rev. Dr. Duke Morrow**  
Canton

### Re-elect Pagan to state House

As a parent and a teacher, education is one of the most important issues I consider when choosing a candidate. Lately, public education in the state of Michigan has been under fire. More and more hard working families are not always able to access a quality education. The constant pressure that many school districts face because of budget shortages, including our own Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, is simply unacceptable. We need legislators who understand the impor-

tance of providing every child with a high-quality, equitable education. And we must vote accordingly.

Kristy Pagan understands the worries of families. She understands how we so badly want the best for our children and all too often feel like our state leaders do not want the same. She understands how for-profit charter schools actually hurt and undermine communities. She disagrees with the notion that our educational system should operate like big business where the bottom-line is how much money the shareholders make. Instead, Kristy Pagan understands that the bottom-line of our educational system should be how well-prepared are our children are to engage in our global society.

Kristy Pagan's heart is with our children. She knows that today, companies want to invest where the talent is and by investing in our children's education we will grow and expand our economy. That's why she's been fighting so hard to invest in our children's education. She's spoken up at school board meetings and on the floor of the Michigan House of Representatives to stand up for our children and fight for our communities. That is why I will be casting my vote for Kristy Pagan for state representative on Nov. 8. I encourage us all to do the same. A vote for Kristy is a vote for the success of our kids and the success of our entire community.

**Adrienne Quinn**  
Canton

## Help Plymouth Community United Way make a difference Nov. 12

Want to make a difference by helping a senior citizen or person with a disability?

Plymouth Community United Way is looking for volunteers to provide fall cleanup in Plymouth and Canton townships Saturday, Nov.

12. Volunteers will meet on the day of the event at Plymouth First United Methodist Church for a continental breakfast and instructions.

Check-in time is 8 a.m. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, garden tools and gloves and have their

own transportation to travel between homes. PCUW will supply the yard waste bags, which will be distributed at the church. Leaf blowers are also great help with larger yards.

All ages are welcome, but those under 18 need

to be accompanied by an adult. To volunteer, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or email randi.williams@pcuw.org by Friday, Nov. 4, for an

application.

For more information and an application, go to [www.plymouthunitedway.org](http://www.plymouthunitedway.org). Serving the Plymouth, Canton and

western Wayne County area since 1944, Plymouth Community United Way addresses human service needs of individuals and families.

## Plymouth library seeks vet photos

The Plymouth District Library is collecting photos of veterans and active military personnel for its second annual November "Honoring Our Veterans" display.

Photos can be submitted by emailing them to [info@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:info@plymouthlibrary.org). The library staff can also scan original photos upon request. No personal information will be displayed with the photographs.

The library display will also feature a "white table" in November. Traditionally, the table is set with a white tablecloth, a black napkin and white candle, plus a plate with a slice of lemon and salt. An empty chair leans against the table. The display is modeled after the table in the children's book, "America's White Table," written by Margot Theis Raven and illustrated by Mike Benny. It is available for checkout at the



The Plymouth District Library's white table.

library.

The tradition, little-known to the general public, of setting an empty table with a white tablecloth in remembrance of prisoners of war and those missing in action, had its beginnings with a group of fighter pilots who flew in Vietnam. What was started by the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association — the so-

called River Rats of Vietnam — has, during the intervening years, spread to other branches of the military where remembrance tables, or "missing-man tables," are set when units or commands gather for dinners or reunions.

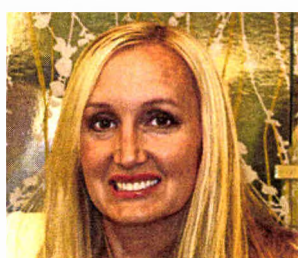
For more information about the library's veterans' display, call 734-453-0750, ext. 4.

## Essay contest for free braces for vets' kids

Dr. Nicole Teifer of Today's Orthodontics, with locations in Novi and Canton, announced an essay contest to give away more than \$12,000 in free braces to children of members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

This includes children of our men and women who serve in the five armed service branches: air force, army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and navy.

"We owe so much to our military and this includes their families, who sacrifice just as much. I am honored to give away braces to correct a child's misaligned teeth," Teifer said. "For many families, it can be difficult to afford the necessary treatment for their kids at the proper



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Dr. Nicole Teifer is sponsoring an essay contest for children of military service members, offering a chance at free braces.

time and our military families deserve our help and attention." Teifer mentioned that all children should be screened for braces between ages 7-9.

To enter the contest, children of military members can write an

essay of any length explaining what a perfect smile would mean to them. Verification of a father or mother's military service is required to be qualified. Entries can be delivered or mailed to either location of Today's Orthodontics in Canton or Novi. The deadline to enter is Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Today's Orthodontics + Pediatric Dentistry is located at 44110 W. 12 Mile Road in Novi; phone 248-306-9330. The Canton office is located at 44633 Joy Road, suite 300; phone 734-454-9200. Plans to open other locations in metro Detroit to address childhood dental needs are underway. Go to [todaysortho.com](http://todaysortho.com) for more information.



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# GHOSTS

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Niagara Falls. One of the guests, Matthew Bowers of Canton, pulled up a photo on his iPhone and showed it around. It was from his co-worker's sister's house, and it showed a head that seemed to be disappearing into a door.

Boudewyris, who's a historic presenter at Greenfield Village, set a small antenna on the floor and opened up Echo Vox on her iPad. The ghost-hunting app works by flipping through radio frequencies. As it tuned in, a bunch of gibberish started coming through the speaker, in gasps and chokes.

"How many people are in the room?" Heather asked. She likes to start out with that question "because it's a hard fact we can verify — it means we might have something."

A voice came through the radio noise. "Twelve."

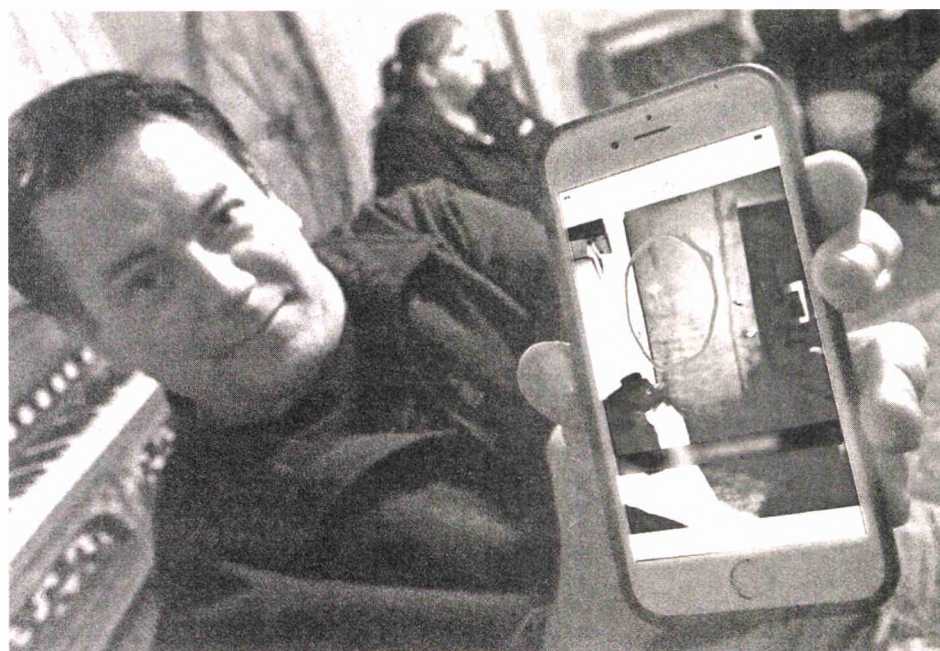
Not quite. There were nine, sitting in a circle on metal folding chairs, while Jeff Koslowski from the Westland Historical Commission kept guard in the kitchen. But there would be 12 if you counted the two mannequins in the back room, someone pointed out.

More gibberish. Then, other voices started to come through, and some names — Doug, William, Mary, Mark — and then words. "Book." "Hidden." "Out."

"Out of the hospital?" Doering suggested.

Doering, a lawyer from the Lansing area, was on her iPad, studying the Ghost Radar Classic app. It tracks energy in a room and spits out any interesting words it detects.

"We ask questions in EVP," she explained. EVP stands for electronic voice phenomena. The theory is that when we die, we become energy that can be heard at different frequencies. Get-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Matthew Bowers of Canton shows a photograph made by a co-worker, evidence of an apparition in a house in Newberry, Mich.

ting a clear voice recording on the "ghost box" is every ghost-hunter's prize.

Anderson pulled out a spiral-bound notebook and started writing down words picked up by the two scanners. She has about half a dozen notebooks in her black ghost-hunter's toolbox, filled with research: census data, death records, historical facts.

"Study," came a voice on the speaker.

From the kitchen, Koslowski called out to the group. Inside the front closet, he said, are death records from Eloise, the former Westland mental hospital.

Koslowski pushed past a mannequin in the closet and brought out a slim, yellowed pamphlet, dog-eared with age. Handling it with a blue towel, he set it down on the living room floor and paged through it.

None of the names matched. But more than once, a voice has led the ghost hunters to some new historical discoveries — like the fact that George fought in the Civil War.

"The first time Motor City came out, we kept hearing that George

name," Koslowski said. From their research, Koslowski knew George died in 1862. But the census details weren't specific. Then, somebody played Civil War music at the Felton house and talked about Lincoln's assassination. "We caught an EVP of somebody saying 'That's disgusting' — very, very clear," Koslowski related.

And they kept hearing the word "honor." That prompted some research into military records — and a listing popped up for George in the 24th Michigan Iron Brigade.

"I don't necessarily want to say we found out through a ghost and yet, we never would have thought to look until we heard that," Koslowski said.

Koslowski admits he's never experienced anything unusual at the park, except during ghost hunts. "The only time I've ever really felt something is when we've actually had recorders and done investigations," he said. "I've definitely heard things that I know weren't there before."

The Motor City Ghost Hunters have investigated five times at the park. Once, they held a hands-

on investigation for elementary-age kids—and came up with a cold spot that had no source, moving across the floor of the old Felton farmhouse.

Koslowski felt it, and he was even more impressed than the kids. "It's cool, it's a lot of fun," he said. "It definitely makes you think twice."

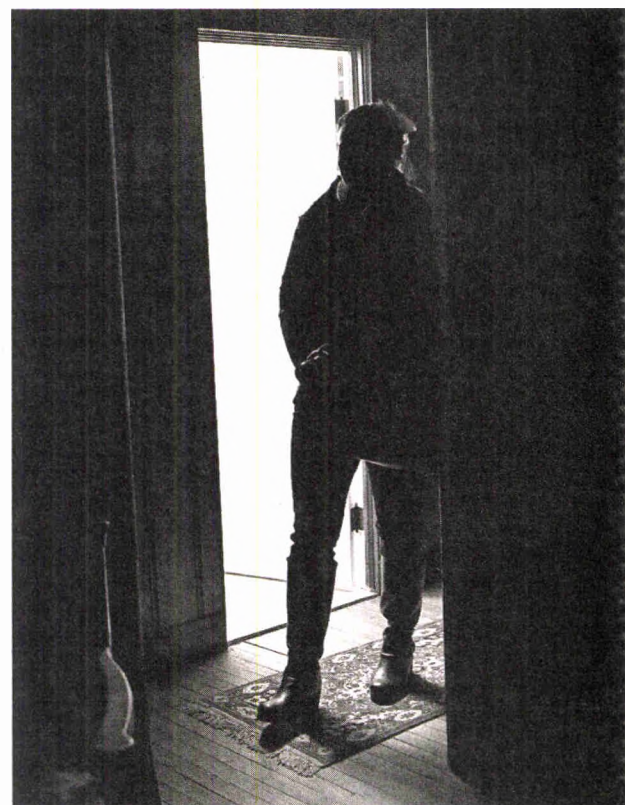
Across the park, at the Octagon House, Sharon Reynolds and Mike Hanton were using three flashlights and a voice recorder to try to contact the Smiths or Guthries, the two families who once owned the home. Flashlights, she explained, are for yes/no questions. Spirits are said to turn them on and off by tapping them.

Reynolds switched off the lights.

"Did you possibly live here? Maybe in the mid-1800s?" she asked. No response.

"The late 1800s?" On cue, the two flashlights on the buffet went on.

Next, Hanton turned on what he called a broken radio. Spirits, he said, sometimes communicate through white noise. Every now and then, a word or a snippet of music came through the rhythmic swish-swish



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Sandra Puente of Flat Rock tours the Octagon House.

of static.

"Motorcycle noise," Reynolds called out. It's called tagging, and all the ghost hunters do it so that things like traffic or somebody's stomach rumbling don't get confused with spirit sounds.

Later, they'll go through their audio recordings several times, listening for anything that might have been picked up. "You'll be surprised — you're going to hear us talking, and underneath it, you might hear a soft hello," Ozog said.

But it's not like the ghost-busting shows on TV, she said. For one thing, there's a ton of research. When they're investigating a house, she said, the first thing they do is check for faulty wiring. An abnormally high electromagnetic field can give people wacky dreams or make them feel like someone's watching them. Next comes research on the property to see if anyone died there. Not until then is it time for investigation.

Ozog summed it up. "You sit in the dark for hours and talk to nobody. That's the 'sexy' part of ghost hunting."

Anderson's favorite part is giving people a sense of closure. "I love being able to say 'no,' to put rumors to rest," she said. "There's always the 'No, he didn't shoot himself in the garage, he hung himself in the basement.' But 95 percent of the time, they're not true."

Plus, she gets to hang out at museums at all hours of the night — usually in places where the public can't go.

Reynolds had to agree. "I really get something out of it," she said. "I think it's the history — I guess I'm a nerd about it."

The Motor City Ghost Hunters don't charge for their investigations, and all the money from ticket sales goes to the museum. "For us, it's half hobby, half help," Hanton said. "The historical societies are struggling so bad — this is our hobby, and a way to give back."

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

## Line 'em up: Work ethic sparks Chiefs

Playoff rematch with Saline is next up for Canton

Evan Paputa  
Correspondent

Northville found out last Friday night that Canton's offensive line is a force, paving the way for explosive running backs Reid McDonnell, Julian Thornton and Markus Sanders to run through holes and beyond. Led by McDonnell, who cracked the 200-yard plateau and scored four touchdowns, the Chiefs routed the Mustangs, 55-19, in the Division 1 pre-district match-up. Thornton and Sanders also had big games. And now, Canton will try to keep things going this Friday at Saline in the district championship.

Although the running backs get the publicity, props go to Canton offensive linemen Lou Baechler, David Gunnis, Jake Warner, Max Mulvaney, Michael Maes, Patrick Lenczewski and Chase Meredith, who were constantly winning the battle at the line of scrimmage all night against Northville. "I'm very proud of them (offensive line). It's tough," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "They line up and they work like dogs in practice. It's no fun until game night. "But if you're an offensive lineman, you love coming off the ball and smacking and rolling people. That makes practice that much more fun." The running backs are just as complimentary. "Our O-line set the tone for us tonight by opening up all of those big



Canton's Markus Sanders rips through the line of scrimmage during a recent game against Westland John Glenn.

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SEASON OF CHANGE



Devon Burns (left) and Ruth Doty both came to Plymouth Christian after Taylor Baptist Park closed over the summer. The seniors have helped spark the Eagles to another strong season.

PCA ATHLETICS

## GOODBYE, HELLO

PCA gives players new lease on volleyball life

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People might lose their jobs, but it doesn't happen often where kids lose their schools. For Devon Burns and Ruth Doty, that's what happened in June, when Taylor Baptist Park closed its doors after 42 years. But Burns and Doty each both prayed a lot — hoping to find a welcoming place to study and play volleyball in their senior year.

Those prayers were answered in just a few weeks, as Plymouth Christian Academy opened its doors on all fronts. Burns and Doty, who are senior outside hitters/right-side hitters for the Class D title hopeful Eagles, can't believe their good fortune. "It took a great deal of prayer on me and my parents' part," Burns said. "We prayed that God would make where he wanted me to spend my senior year completely clear. "I am very blessed to say He did exactly that and, as soon as we walked into the doors of PCA, we knew that it was the school for me." Concurring was Doty, noting that "lots and lots of prayer" led to her

choosing Plymouth Christian. "We were looking at another school, but the Lord redirected us here," she said. "The minute I walked in, I knew that was where God wanted me." **Redirected** That's not to say a lot of their hearts remain at the shuttered Baptist Park, a K-12 school where they met and grew up with numerous friends. "I was heartbroken, confused and in a complete state of shock," Burns said about the school closing. "I sim-

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FIVE NATIONS TOURNAMENT

## U18s score early, often in tourney opener

U.S. scores in bunches, routs Switzerland, 7-2

Tim Smith  
hometownlife.com

After weeks of playing against college and United States Hockey League teams, international hockey apparently suits the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-18 team just fine. Proof of that was Tuesday's 7-2 victory over Switzerland at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, jump-starting the 2016 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament. "I thought the score was pretty indicative of how well we played," U.S. head coach John Wroblewski said. "It looked we came out with a lot of tenacity and a will to touch pucks first and get pucks down to the net. Guys played with a lot of speed and a lot of detail tonight." The outcome really never was in doubt, as a 2-0 lead after one period turned into a 4-1 edge after 40 minutes. But the U18s made completely sure of that thanks to a three-goal barrage during the first 5:26 of the third period. Finding the range during that span were Brady Tkachuk, Brighton's Logan Cockerill and Jacob Tortora to

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Celebrating one of Team USA's goals in the third period Tuesday are local products Tommy Miller (No. 12) and Sasha Chmelevski (No. 25).

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## PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Canton topples Rocks to open district play

Chiefs prevail in three sets, move on to face Mustangs in Class A district semifinal

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It doesn't happen often that a player in the midst of a serving hot streak takes a seat before she is done with the run.

But Canton junior libero Emily Meredith was fine with Chiefs head coach Brandon Larkins pulling her after a seven-point run early in the third set of Monday's Class A volleyball district opener against Salem.

Canton won 25-20, 25-20, 25-13 to advance to Wednesday's semifinal at Plymouth. The Chiefs will square off against Northville, ranked No. 6 in the state. Also in the district is No. 1-ranked Novi, which was scheduled Wednesday to play Plymouth.

The KLAA South Division co-champion Chiefs (18-2-0 overall, 9-1 in the division) trailed 4-2 when Meredith stepped up to the line. She reeled off seven consecutive points, including an ace to make it 9-4.

But right after the ace, Larkins called her to the bench and inserted senior Olivia Zander in her place — Zander served two more points before the Rocks earned a defensive sidout.

"It (usually) doesn't happen," Meredith said with a laugh. "I wasn't taking my time with my serve and the last serve hit the net (and bounced over). So he switched us out so that I could recuperate."

## Repeating the pattern

Larkins noted the switch wasn't punitive, but because he's seen the same kind of pattern from Meredith all season.

"She has a tendency that if she gets on a roll, she gets a little too amped up," Larkins said. "So the (serve) before I took her out, she got a little fast with her toss."

"I knew she's done it all season, where she gets rushed and the next one's in the net or 40 feet out of bounds."

Against elite teams such as Northville, Novi and any others they might face should they get through districts, the Chiefs cannot afford to give away "free points."

Meredith did close out the victory with two service points. She had a solid all-around game, with 13 defensive digs and five aces.

"It was exciting (to end the Rocks' season), because they beat us in five last year (during the first round of districts)," she said.

Other strong performers for the Chiefs included seniors Sabrina Giacomini (25 assists), Gina Giacomini (10 kills), Gabby den Boer (six kills) and junior Samantha Pashigian (four kills).

Despite the defeat, Salem senior outside hitter Kendall Gillen said she enjoyed her final season of high school volleyball.

"It's been a tough season, but we've grown as individuals and as a team," Gillen said. "We've become much closer this year."

"I think we came out with a good



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
Getting set to serve the ball during Monday's Class A district contest is Salem's Kendall Gillen.

fight and knowing what we had to do. It didn't happen."

According to the KLAA website, the Rocks were 2-8 in the KLAA Central Division.

Gillen said the Rocks, also including seniors Rachel Watson and Jackie Bonnell, struggled on serve-receive against Canton.

"Their offense is really tough to play back row with," Gillen said. "I think they always have the great energy on the court."

## Big tests ahead

And now, the Chiefs will look to get onto a postseason roll. Larkins said it won't be easy because of teams such as Northville and Novi to contend with.

"We've played Novi before, we've been tough with them," Larkins said. "The opportunity is there, we just have to find the consistency a little bit more, that we showed in the last set."

Meredith was even more direct in what the Chiefs will have to do to succeed the rest of this week.

"I think we're just going to keep ourselves level-headed," Meredith said. "We're going to have to go out banging, swinging and we can't just go up and then dip down."

"We have to be consistent throughout the whole game."

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
Canton's Olivia Zander (left) tips the ball over the net Monday. Trying to block the tip are Salem players Kendall Gillen and Calee Nesler (right).



PEGGY PAULSON  
Sharing a lighthearted moment during a recent Plymouth Christian game are Devon Burns (left) and Ruth Doty.

## VOLLEYBALL

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ply could not wrap my head around the fact that the school that I had attended since kindergarten would suddenly not exist.

"Before I had even started kindergarten, I had a perfect picture in my head of myself graduating from Baptist Park and, when that picture came crumbling down, I was devastated."

According to Doty, she planned to graduate from Baptist Park, just as her brothers did.

"My entire life revolved around the school; my parents worked there," Doty said. "I attend the church and that's where I met my best friends."

"So you can imagine hearing the news that Baptist Park was no longer opening left me speechless and my first thought was, 'God what are you doing?'"

Both landed squarely on their feet and in the gym at Plymouth Christian.

The Eagles cruised to the championship in their Michigan Independent Athletic Conference division (9-1) and are now gearing up for Class D districts, which began Wednesday (against Lutheran Westland at PCA).

Of course, both former Wildcats had anxious moments, wondering if they would be able to make the Eagles for a chance to close out their high school careers.

"I was aware of the competitive program here at PCA and the thought of me not playing or making the varsity team did cross my mind," Doty said.

Burns was also worried about her short-term volleyball future.

"I was very familiar with the volleyball program at PCA and I was informed that tryouts were going to be very competitive this year for only a small number of positions," Burns said. "It was very intimidating and the thought of not playing the sport that I love during my senior year was terrifying."

## Perfect fit

Their fears quickly dissipated, especially after PCA head coach D.J. Kellogg and returning players saw the newcomers during preseason practices.

Fast forward a couple of months to this week's start of districts. Kellogg certainly is thrilled that the former Baptist Park players not only made the Eagles roster, but have been strong contributors.

"They participated right away and connected with the team immediately," Kellogg said. "The PCA girls made multiple comments to me during summer workouts and team camp how well they were fitting in."

"It was very important to our team and overall program to get them, because they are both great young ladies on and off the court."

"They not only provide additional

senior leadership to the team, but their volleyball skills have contributed to our success this season. I couldn't imagine the season without them."

Kellogg said he could personally relate to the two girls' plight, because he changed schools when he was a youngster.

He stressed how important it was for him to have sports for an outlet and that, obviously, turned out to be the case for Burns and Doty — two of eight displaced Baptist Park players to compete for various PCA varsity teams this fall.

"I knew how difficult it was to be separated from a lot of lifelong friends and have to try fit in at a new school," Kellogg said. "So in that regard, I felt bad for them and all the other students that had to suddenly find a new school."

"As in my case, sports provided the means to fit in quickly and I was excited to have them at the school and, ultimately, on the team."

## Oh, so welcoming

Burns and Doty now cannot believe how fast they were welcomed, turning a potential negative into as much of a positive as possible.

"All the girls on the team made a huge effort to reach out to Ruth and I during our time of hurt," Burns said. "The people of PCA are what makes it such a great place to be and their sensitivity to us BP kids has been such a blessing."

"Even though my heart will always be with Baptist Park, I am so blessed to be at PCA. I am getting the opportunities to be part of things that I never could have dreamed of."

Doty added that the love shown them from their PCA teammates "was insurmountable. Through this process, I have developed many strong friendships that I know will continue on for the rest of my life."

Something else that could last a lifetime are the bonds of a championship. The Eagles have the talent and experience to give it a good shot.

Last season, the Eagles reached the Class D semifinals before falling in four sets to Battle Creek St. Phillip.

The team, led by fourth-year seniors Olivia Mady and Divna Roi, is determined to get past that hurdle this time around.

With players such as Burns and Doty adding depth and talent to the rotation, another long, successful postseason run is within reach.

No matter what happens this month, both of the PCA newcomers will always cherish 2016-17.

And that will include next spring's graduation ceremonies, on a different stage than they ever expected.

"The thought of me wearing purple and gold on graduation day is quite ironic," Doty said. "But I am most thankful to be graduating from such an amazing school that I have grown to love."

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## CHIEFS

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holes," Thornton said.

Running the way McDonnell, Thornton, and Sanders did against Northville can be attributed to dedication to the weight room. Baechler noted that this is his "strongest" team in his 19 years at Canton.

"All of our guys are strong," Baechler said. "This isn't the biggest team we've ever had, but it is the strongest team we've ever had, as far as in the weight room. Even our small guys, look how skinny (Thornton) is. He's stronger than a mother in the weight

room."

Baechler said the running backs "block extremely hard and take pride in that. And Markus (Sanders) is just a tough kid to tackle. All three are solid guys and have been playing really well these last eight weeks."

Canton moves onto the district championship game, where it will see a familiar foe, Saline (10-0). The Chiefs and Hornets have met in the regional final the past two years, with each team winning once; Canton won 27-7 last season.

Beating Northville was just the first step in Canton's journey.

"We've got bigger aspirations. This is just another team in our way," Baechler said.

GIRLS SWIMMING

# Canton again tops KLAA South field

Chiefs capture fourth consecutive division meet with complete team effort

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Canton again demonstrated supremacy Saturday at the KLAA South Division Championships, with wave after wave of outstanding performances at Westland John Glenn.

The Chiefs, also first in the division in the dual meet season, won the division meet for the fourth consecutive season with 663.5 points. Finishing next were Plymouth (504) and the host Rockets (301).

"The team came together to lead the Chiefs to a great win," veteran Canton coach Ed Weber said. "This was a fun meet. So many girls had best times in their races. Part of our earning a varsity letter is a best time in the final meet."

Spearheading the Chiefs was senior Meghan Mans, who won the 500 freestyle "in convincing style" with a time of 5:23.60, outdistancing Plymouth runner-up Kathryn Waters (5:40.14).

Mans also was part of the victorious 200- and 400-yard freestyle relay teams and was second in the 50 free with her personal best time of 25.46, trailing only John Glenn's Sidney Aloisi (25.17).

"Meghan will begin resting for the MHSAA D1 state meet this week," Weber said. "She's been training extremely well this season and takes on every challenge I throw at her. Currently, she has qualified in the 200 IM and 500 freestyle."

Joining Mans in both of the Canton relays were Jessica Clark and Sophia Balow, with Jenna Leppok and Katelyn Waligora both taking part in one of the quartets.

Aloisi was part of the Rockets' 200 medley relay, along with Hannah Cizauskas, Kera Sells and Alanha Rudd, and also prevailed in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.98).

Clark won two individual events for Canton, the 200 free (personal best 1:58.62) and 100 fly (1:00.03, good for a D1 state cut), while Balow's time of 58.24 earned her the top spot in the 100



The Canton Chiefs celebrate after winning the KLAA South Division championship meet Saturday at Westland John Glenn.



Canton senior Meghan Mans competes during the 500 freestyle at the division meet Saturday.

free.

There were numerous events in which the Chiefs showed the stellar depth that has become a program trademark in recent seasons, Weber noted.

Meanwhile, Annika Wang took second place in 1-meter diving, with her 294.75 total just behind first-place Natalie Yurgil of Livonia Churchill (306.80). In third was Plymouth's Olivia Richmond (285.85).

Rounding out individual winners were Wayne Memorial's Olivia Hustad (100 backstroke, 1:12.98) and John Glenn's Kera Sells (200 IM, 2:16.70).

The Chiefs now will compete at the KLAA Conference Championships slated for Nov. 4-5 at South Lyon East.

KLAA SOUTH DIVISION GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET

Oct. 28-29 at John Glenn H.S.  
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 663.5 points; 2. Plymouth, 504; 3. Westland John Glenn, 301; 4. Livonia Churchill, 293; 5. Livonia

Franklin, 289.5; 6. Wayne Memorial, 166.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. John Glenn (Sidney Aloisi, Hannah Cizauskas, Kera Sells, Alanha Rudd), 2:00.53; 2. Plymouth (Elizabeth Breda, Kelsey Peregorod, Kathryn Waters, Alyssa Crisp), 2:02.41; 3. Livonia-Franklin (Caitlin Jodway, Lauren Niemiec, Paityn Santi, Cheyenne Franklin), 2:03.21; 4. Plymouth, 2:05.45; 5. Canton, 2:05.46; 6. Livonia Churchill, 2:11.22.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Jessica Clark (Canton), 1:58.62; 2. Santi (LF), 2:07.42; 3. Alicia Beeny (Wayne), 2:12.94; 4. Grace MacLellan (P), 2:14.43; 5. Caroline Whitaker (P), 2:14.51; 6. Caitlyn Marsac (Canton), 2:14.85.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Sells (UG), 2:16.70; 2. Jenna Leppok (Canton), 2:20.28; 3. Sophia Balow (Canton), 2:25.64; 4. Danielle Tabar (Canton), 2:25.84; 5. Regan Peregorod (P), 2:26.03; 6. K. Peregorod (P), 2:26.28.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Aloisi (UG), 25.17; 2. Meghan Mans (Canton), 25.46; 3. Sophia Brylinski (LC), 27.16; 4. Franklin (LF), 27.88; 5. Crisp (P), 27.90; 6. Meadow Maturen (Canton), 28.18.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Natalie Yurgil (LC), 306.80 points; 2. Annika Wang (Canton), 294.75; 3. Olivia Richmond (P), 285.85; 4. Beth Henderson (P), 277.90; 5. Tori Silvester (P), 275.50; 6. Rachel Socha (Canton), 248.90.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Clark (Canton), 1:00.03; 2. Sells (UG), 1:01.63; 3. K. Waters (P), 1:01.68; 4. Santi (LF), 1:05.26; 5. Allison McConnell (LC), 1:06.70; 6. R. Peregorod (P), 1:06.73.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Balow (Canton), 58.24; 2. Maddy Hagood (LC), 1:00.61; 3. Franklin (LF), 1:01.07; 4. Beeny (Wayne), 1:01.25; 5. Katelyn Waligora (Canton), 1:01.56; 6. Kaylie Seifert (Canton), 1:02.46.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Mans (Canton), 5:23.60; 2. K. Waters (P), 5:40.14; 3. Chrissy Brown (P), 6:03.39; 4. Cizauskas (UG), 6:07.85; 5. Brylinski (LC), 6:19.64; 6. Emeri Rutman (Canton), 6:24.48.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Clark, Balow, Leppok, Mans), 1:46.85; 2. John Glenn (Aloisi, Rudd, Cizauskas, Sells), 1:48.66; 3. Churchill (Katelyn Lebau, McConnell, Brylinski, Hagood), 1:53.38; 4. Plymouth, 1:54.38; 5. Wayne, 1:58.17; 6. Canton, 2:00.88.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Olivia Hustad (Wayne), 1:05.72; 2. Jodway (LF), 1:06.10; 3. Breda (P), 1:08.82; 4. Ellie Caruso (Canton), 1:10.90; 5. Ruthie Seltz (Canton), 1:11.11; 6. Waligora (Canton), 1:11.48.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Aloisi (UG), 1:12.98; 2. Leppok (Canton), 1:14.03; 3. K. Peregorod (P), 1:14.78; 4. Vy Nguyen (P), 1:15.05; 5. Kaylee Yang (P), 1:19.76; 6. Jamie Maertens (LC), 1:21.78.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Mans, Waligora, Balow, Clark), 3:54.18; 2. Plymouth (K. Peregorod, K. Waters, MacLellan, R. Peregorod), 4:01.44; 3. Franklin (Franklin, Jodway, Niemiec, Santi), 4:05.88; 4. Churchill, 4:08.81; 5. Canton, 4:09.93; 6. Plymouth, 4:15.64.



SALEM ATHLETICS

Salem's varsity girls cross country team celebrates after finishing second at the regional. The Rocks move on to the state meet. From left are Hannah Jeffress, Bridget Nelson, Gabby Mancini, Erin McCann, Hallie Younglas, Jessica Hughes and Shea Wilson.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

## Salem qualifies again for state finals

Rocks finish second at D1 regional to earn seventh consecutive spot in state meet

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It was fitting that the weather warmed up to keep pace with the hot pace being set by Salem's varsity girls cross country team.

With temperatures reaching the 60s Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston, the Rocks finished second in the team standings at the Division 1 regional — earning a seventh consecutive trip to the state finals.

Salem registered 91 points, trailing only regional champion Northville (42 points). In third with 103 points and also qualifying as a team was Livonia Churchill.

At the top of the charts individually were Northville's Ana Barrott (first, 18:35.2) and Churchill's Kathleen George (second, 19:01.2).

In addition to George taking runner-up honors, other scorers for Churchill included senior Caroline George, 16th (19:59.9); junior Gabrielle Swider, 23rd (20:31.8); senior Christina Murphy, 30th (20:49.7); and freshman Sierra Greener, 32nd (20:53.8).

Novi, led by individual state qualifiers Katherine Ray (third, 19:06.1), a sophomore, and Michelle Jecmen (ninth, 19:33.5), a freshman, fell just eight points short of the third team qualifying berth.

"The weather jumped up by 20 degrees today, but these ladies were ready for the challenge," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "Qualifying for the seventh year in a row as a team is pretty special."

"This group, led by Shea Wilson, has found their identity during championship month."

Wilson, a junior, was 10th in the individual standings with a time of 19:38.7. She was followed by teammates Gab-

by Mancini (14th, 19:51.7), Hannah Jeffress (19th, 20:15.6), Hallie Younglas (20th, 20:20.3), Bridget Nelson (28th, 20:45.2), Erin McCann (34th, 20:56.5) and Jessica Hughes (43rd, 21:27.8).

Qualifying as individuals from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were Canton sophomore Anna Nagelhout (12th, 19:46.2) and Plymouth senior Annie Bonds (15th, 19:55.1). Other additional area individual state qualifiers were sophomore Erin Seibert (Franklin), seventh, 19:23.8; freshman Cassie McDougall (Stevenson), 19:51.1.

"Annie has always been a dedicated athlete with a tremendous work ethic," Plymouth head coach Alice Ahearn said. "I'm happy that she gets to extend her season again this year. She deserves it."

Plymouth placed sixth in the team standings with 143 points, while Canton came in eighth with 158.

Following the plan

Patience and a game plan helped the Rocks, Gerlach noted.

"We knew going in that there were going to be many girls that would go out to hard in the first mile," he said. "We ran aggressive, but waited to put the pedal to the floor until the middle mile."

According to Gerlach, whose team continues to build momentum (the Rocks were impressive Oct. 20 with a third-place finish of 97 points at the Kensington Conference meet at Huron Meadows), his team "wanted to be the hunter instead of the hunted" at the regional.

"Beating a good team like Churchill (ranked No. 12 in Division 1) was one of our goals at the regional finals after we beat them by one point at the (Wayne County) championship," Gerlach said. "Shea Wilson and Gabby Mancini ran incredible. They stepped up today and earned themselves a regional medal and individual state qualifier status."

The state meet is Nov. 5 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

## Rocks run well in 'toughest' regional

Salem finishes fifth, but has one individual qualifier

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Even though Salem's varsity boys cross country team won't be taking a bus down I-94 to Michigan International Speedway for Saturday's state finals, the Rocks end the season knowing they were close.

In fact, Salem veteran head coach Steve Aspinall ventured to say that his squad really brought it last Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston — finishing in fifth overall with 138 points.

Unfortunately, so did the other teams in what he labels the toughest region in the entire state "with eight really solid teams" led by Novi and Northville, who finished first and second with 54 and 87 points, respectively.

Also making the state finals was third-place Livonia Stevenson (133), while Detroit Catholic Central placed fourth with 134 points.

"Coming into the meet, we were expected to finish eighth based on personal bests," Aspinall said. "We ran very well, with each of our top four guys running new lifetime bests to finish in fifth place, only five points out of qualifying for the state meet as a team."

"The teams we beat (Plymouth, Churchill, Canton) are all very solid teams as well. To qualify individually, it took a time of 16:16 — that is by far the fastest time in the state."

Aspinall's team will be represented at the state meet in Brooklyn by Salem sophomore Luke Haran. He ran 16:05 to finish ninth overall and earn a spot as an individual qualifier.

"I am extremely proud of Luke's effort," Aspinall said. "We were in the toughest region ... and to qualify is a great honor. He will now set his sights on trying to run under 16 minutes (this) weekend."

Also qualifying as individuals from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were Plymouth junior Ethan Byrnes (fourth, 15:55.9), Plymouth freshman Carter Solomon (fifth, 15:57.1) and Canton senior Zac Clark (10th, 16:05.1).

Salem's second finisher, junior Ryan Exell (23rd, 16:37) moved into the top 30 in school history.

"Ryan has worked as hard as anyone in our program the past couple of



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Salem sophomore Luke Haran was ninth at the regional to earn a spot in the state finals.

years and it is nice to see him enjoy the success of his hard work, as he is now healthy and running great," Aspinall said.

Rounding out Salem's finishers were senior Alex Kroll (31st, 16:59.6) and junior Alec Teodori (36th, 17:12.1), both running lifetime bests.

Also finishing for the Rocks were sophomore Shane McKimmy, senior Tyler Dew and junior Andrew Beyer.

"It is always a goal to finish our season with a positive team performance and we did that," Aspinall said. "I am so proud of my guys, who ran smart, competed hard and executed a great race plan."

**Plymouth recap:** In addition to Byrnes and Solomon, the Wildcats (sixth, 143) were paced by Brandon Boyd (25th, 16:39.70).

Finishing 48th was Adam Stepek (17:23.5), while Jarrett Warner (61st, 17:38.6), Bassil Syed (67th, 18:06.4) and Gary Jones (72nd, 18:09.5) rounded out the Plymouth lineup.

**Canton recap:** Clark made the state finals and the Chiefs (eighth, 158) nearly had a second individual qualifier in Shane Andrews, 16th with a time of 16:16.5 (the top 15 qualify).

Other Canton finishers were Nick Socha (32nd, 16:59.9), Zach Carey (38th, 17:13), Andrew Lake (62nd, 17:49.8), Grant Hoffmeyer (66th, 18:05) and Daniel Jimenez (80th, 18:31.7).

## PREP CROSS COUNTRY

## PCA boys claim D4 regional crown

Vicars, Windle spearhead Eagles to victory

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With the top two finishers and three runners in the top five, Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys cross country team cruised to the Division 4 regional championship Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Leading the Eagles to victory were overall medalist Aaron Vicars (17:32.9) and runner-up Seth Windle (17:48), but that one-two punch had plenty of help as PCA finished with 44 points — well ahead of the second-place team, Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (60).

"I am thrilled for the team's success at regionals this year," PCA head coach Rod Windle said. "We have enjoyed working out together this summer and through the season. Making it to states as a team is a rewarding accomplishment."

Vicars, a sophomore, and Seth Windle, a junior, had plenty of PCA company near the front of the line. Finishing in fifth place with a time of 18:21.5 was Quinn McLaren.

Remaining finishers were Ian Hay (13th, 19:13.6), Caleb Godin (23rd, 20:19.3), Eric Moore (30th, 21:44.1) and Aaron Geisler (34th, 23:37.1).

"Aaron Vicars and Seth Windle anchored our team again at the regional finals," coach Windle added. "Quinn McLaren, Ian Hay and Caleb Godin also ran inspiring races that secured our victory."

"Even though Eric Moore and Aaron Geisler and Kyle Sedgewick didn't score in the top five, they have been working to improve every day along with their teammates."

The Eagles will compete Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in



Plymouth Christian Academy's boys cross country team celebrates after winning the Division 4 regional championship at Willow Metropark.

PCA ATHLETICS

Brooklyn at the D4 state finals.

Finishing in fifth place in the boys team standings was Lutheran Westland, which had two individual qualifiers in Matt Reddeman (10th, 18:42.6) and Doug Tishler (11th, 18:45.4).

Also finishing for the Warriors were Jacob Adams (24th, 20:29.8), Ian Gruenhagen (25th, 20:41.9), Nate Reddeman (26th, 20:50.3), Joey Seta (29th, 21:25) and Carter Kovacs (31st, 22:09.6).

**Girls recap**

On the girls side, Plymouth Christian finished fourth in the team standings

with 68 points, although the team will send three runners to the state finals as individual qualifiers.

The overall medalist was PCA's Sienna Ruitter, with a time of 20:59.3.

In second place from Plymouth Christian was Danae Moriarty (21:10.3), while Eva Warmbier also qualified thanks to her 10th-place time of 23:31.2.

Joy Chamberlain (22nd, 25:09.9), Jordan Reed (33rd, 28:50.9) and Ella Godin (36th, 30:19.7) also ran for PCA.

"I am so happy for the three girls that qualified for states," Windle said. "And I am proud of Joy Chamberlain,

Jordan Reed and Ella Godin, who ran courageous races for different reasons.

"Jordan has been our fifth runner all season despite the foot pain she runs with at every race. Her senior leadership has been an important part of this year's team."

In fifth place among teams was Lutheran Westland (101), although both Riley Day (fifth, 21:43.8) and Selena Fack (13th, 23:38.5) qualified for the state meet as individuals.

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U.S. NTDP Under-18 forward Scott Reedy (right) battles against Switzerland's Lionel Heughebaert during Tuesday's tournament game at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

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## HOCKEY

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open a 7-1 advantage. Setting up two of the goals was defenseman Tommy Miller of West Bloomfield, who ended up with three assists. Northville's Sasha Chmelevski also drew an assist.

On Cockerill's shorthanded goal at 4:28, Miller said he just slid the puck down the ice as part of the penalty kill. He then looked up to see the red light on behind Switzerland goaltender Joel Messerli.

"That was kind of a weird goal," said Miller, who lives with his parents and attends Walled Lake Western. "I just kind of iced it down for the penalty kill and I looked at him and he has a breakthrough and he scored. ... You have to do all the little things."

**Quick start**

Team USA was off and running early, when Evan Barrett scored a goal at 2:53 of the first. That lead was doubled with just nine seconds remaining in the period, when Tortora buried a shot.

U18s goaltender Dylan St. Cyr (25 saves) got into the offensive act to help his team take a 3-0 edge at 4:02 of the second period. He lofted a perfect stretch pass that Barratt collected in full stride down the right wing in the neutral zone.

Barratt then slid a cross-ice feed in front to Mishmash, whose shot sailed over the crossbar. But Mishmash dug out his rebound behind the net and stuffed a wraparound at the right post as the Switzerland defense was slow to recover on the play.

"Anytime you can get on the score sheet, it's a pretty cool feeling," St. Cyr said. "But, obviously, just trying to make the right play and my team finished it off for me."

Switzerland quickly responded, however, when a centering pass by Stephane Patry was slammed in by linemate Justin Sigrist at 5:17. That sliced the Team USA lead to 3-1.

The home team then took its turn answering with a goal at 13:30 of the period. Defenseman Max Gildon rushed up ice and took a shot on Messerli that the goaltender blocked, but was unable to cover.

Swooping in to poke the rebound into the goal was forward Randy Hernandez.

St. Cyr, the 5-8 goalie from Northville, stood tall to keep it a 4-1 game in the final two minutes of the period. After the defense coughed the puck up inside the Team USA blue line, Noah Etter broke in, only to be denied.

The goaltender said it never gets old to don the USA crest and compete on home ice during international tournaments.

"In front of home fans, it's always cool to perform in front of them," St. Cyr said. "Every time you win and you get that home crowd cheering for you it's a pretty cool feeling."

Team USA was scheduled Wednesday to face Sweden and the Czech Republic at 7 p.m. Friday before closing out the five-day tourney with a 7 p.m. Saturday contest against Finland (3-0 winner earlier Tuesday against Sweden).

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## COLLEGE SOCCER

## Schoolcraft women win Region XII

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The Schoolcraft Lady Ocelots are moving on to bigger things — and warmer climes — after winning the NJCAA Region XII women's soccer tournament.

Led by tourney MVP Emily Bondy, Schoolcraft (13-2) rolled to a 2-0 win over Muskegon on Saturday and a 3-1 triumph Sunday over Cincinnati State in the final.

With the sweep, Schoolcraft captured the regional crown for the second consecutive season under the coaching of Dave Carver. Next up is a trip to the NJCAA nationals, slated to take place in Melbourne, Fla. from Nov. 14-19.

Garnering goals against Cincinnati State were Katie Vitella (from Ellis Jenkins), Raven Buck (assisted by Livonia's Lauren Wynns) and Jenna Smith on a penalty kick.

Against Muskegon, Bondy netted the game winner with a goal at 18:16 of the opening half, an unassisted tally against keeper Mickey Wall (who stopped six of eight shots).

The Lady Ocelots tacked on a goal late in the second half by Smith, who chipped in the rebound of a boot by Raven Buck.

Making only two stops for the shutout was Schoolcraft goalie Lauren Auspitz.

There were numerous standouts all weekend for the Lady Ocelots.

In addition to Bondy (MVP) and Region XII Coach of the Year Carver, Schoolcraft players making the All-Region Tournament team included defender Megan Schulz (of Farmington), forward Smith (of Milford), midfielder Colleen McKay (of Rochester Hills) and forward Katie Vitella (of Sterling Heights).

**Men fall short**

Schoolcraft's men's soccer team, unfortunately, did not enjoy the same level of success, falling 4-0 to Cincinnati State in the Region XII semifinal.

The Ocelots, who shared conference championship honors with Ancilla (7-1), ended the season with a 12-4-1 record.

Area athletes on the squad include forwards Jordan Whitt (Livonia), Aidan Shennan (Canton); midfielders Jacob Rosen (Livonia), Ethan Labrosse (Howell); defenders Alex DeFlorio (Livonia), Hector Ibanez (Farmington Hills), Hector Aguirre (Farmington), Carlos Rivas (Farmington); goalkeeper Cameron Gwinn (Brighton).

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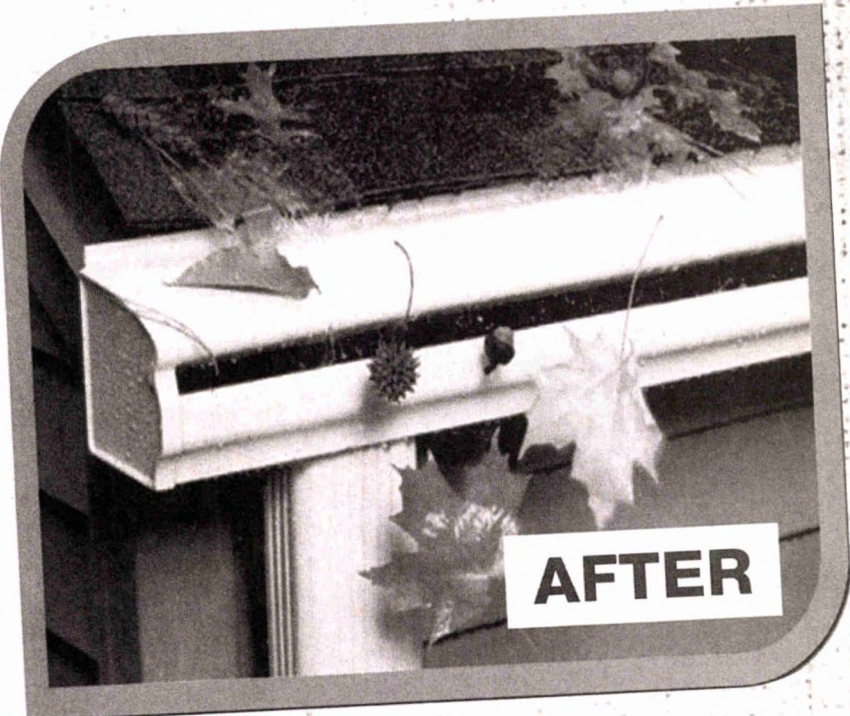
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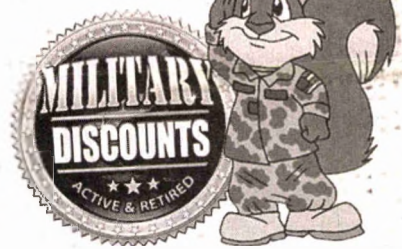
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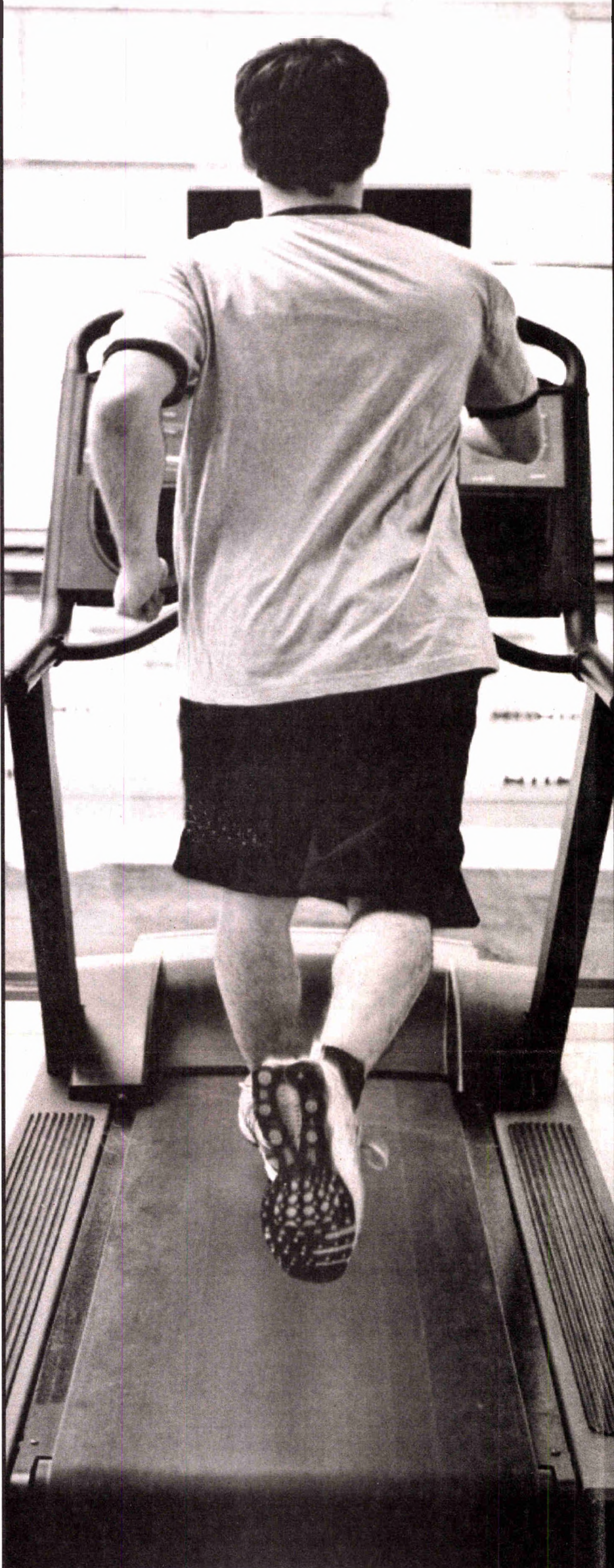
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  - 101 Cop in a drug bust
  - 103 See 98-Across
  - 104 Like an ogre wearing his facial disguise?
  - 110 Graf — (ill-fated German warship)
  - 111 Notch shape
  - 112 Inner layer
  - 116 "My poetry is terrible compared to Maya's?"
  - 122 Hearing thing
  - 125 Dog in "Garfield"
  - 126 Setting
  - 127 Messed up during a film shoot?
  - 131 Really stuck
  - 132 "Paradise Lost" figure
  - 133 Mongoose cousins
  - 134 How china is often sold
  - 135 Noodges
  - 136 Alternative to Bloomie's
  - 137 That ship
  - 4 "La Cage — Folles"
  - 5 Alternative to a Word file
  - 6 Early utopia
  - 7 Colorants
  - 8 — Dhabi
  - 9 Vogue editor Anna
  - 10 Actor — Ray
  - 11 Give a bias
  - 12 Large wasp
  - 13 Stella — (beer)
  - 14 Renovates, for short
  - 15 "— one ... (start of an opinion)
  - 16 Indian dress
  - 17 "Behold!", to Caesar
  - 18 Foreteller
  - 20 Plump and healthy-looking
  - 24 Soft rock
  - 29 "Still the King" cable channel
  - 31 Faux —
  - 32 Schoolyard rejoinder
  - 34 "Well now!"
  - 37 "Star Trek" helmsman
  - 38 \$5 bills, in slang
  - 39 Forest buck
  - 40 Shell rival in Canada
  - 41 Curious as —
  - 42 Cosmonaut Gagarin
  - 43 Muffin topper
  - 44 — Bator
  - 45 "SOS" band
  - 46 7/4 cookout
  - 47 The vowels
  - 52 Rice-A- —
  - 54 "Let it stand"
  - 56 Datebook entry: Abbr.
  - 57 Elk cousin
  - 58 Intro drawing class, maybe
  - 62 "— bin ein Berliner"
  - 63 Carols
  - 64 Ship of myth
  - 66 Shoe brand
  - 71 Model Heidi
  - 70 French department
  - 72 Former queen of Jordan
  - 73 Gambling venue, briefly
  - 74 Website IDs
  - 75 Alum
  - 76 Ill-fated Ford
  - 77 Witherspoon of Hollywood
  - 81 Garden tool
  - 82 Wallet filler
  - 83 Play starter
  - 84 Main role
  - 85 Harp cousin
  - 86 NASDAQ cousin
  - 87 "In the Valley of —" (2007 film)
  - 88 Arm bone
  - 89 Beer topper
  - 90 Not lame
  - 97 "Twilight" vampire — Hale
  - 99 Small stream
  - 100 Prop- ending
  - 102 15-season CBS series
  - 105 About to bat, e.g.
  - 106 Division: Abbr.
  - 107 Fortify
  - 108 Feat
  - 109 Bad-mouth
  - 113 Concepts
  - 114 Late inning department
  - 115 Swan cousins
  - 116 Skater Kulik
  - 117 Olympus — (volcano on Mars)
  - 118 Big Ten gp.
  - 119 Klutz sorts
  - 120 Folz wisdom
  - 121 Yves' yeses
  - 123 \$\$\$ sources
  - 124 Emu cousin
  - 128 Raised rails
  - 129 Comic shriek
  - 130 This yr.'s 75-Downs

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## SUDOKU

Here's How It Works: 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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6	7	1	8	2	5	4	3	9
8	2	9	1	9	4	7	6	8
7	9	8	5	8	6	2	4	2
1	5	6	9	4	2	8	7	3
2	8	2	4	1	7	3	9	5

## ARTHRITIS WORD SEARCH

### WORDS

S A D E J R D C U Q I C I N O R H C I A ACUPUNCTURE GLUCOSAMINE  
 A P S B V L Y P A R E H T A U D Q A N E E AEROBIC GOUT  
 R A I I F I Y N R R P T E N D O N G E R IAGONY IMMUNE  
 A S C N T J T T I U P Y T X W Q C I A O ANGIOGRAPHY INFLAMMATION  
 N R W U E I O A I T T A T G L H G C L B ARTHRITIS JOINTS  
 G H T O P E R I R N I B L I U Q I I I AUTOIMMUNITY MEDICINE  
 E E L H L U X H N E U O U T L A U D T C BONES MOBILITY  
 I U E U E L N E T T N M R R U I P E R Q BURSTITIS MYOSITIS  
 S M S N F R E C R R S E M D S N B M A J CARPAL TUNNEL PAINFUL RANGE  
 O A E J U N A N T C A B G I N I N O C M CHONDROITIN RHEUMATOID  
 M T N R Q M I P S U I V R E O O T E M Y CHRONIC SPINE  
 E O O B D F M A Y O R S T M D T H I L O CORTICOSTEROIDS STIFF  
 T I B L R J O I P T D E E E Q T U C S S CORTISONE SWOLLEN  
 R D C O R T I C O S T E R O I D S A U I DEGENERATIVE TENDON  
 I M A B A V E R T E B R A E Y N O G A T ENDORPHINS THERAPY  
 C A N G I O G R A P H Y N C S P D B Q X EXERCISE VERTEBRAE  
 S S N I H P R O D N E N Y H J T S N X S  
 V U U N O I T A M M A L F N I D I A M Q  
 I M T G L U C O S A M I N E Y A A F N H  
 S E M G U C O R T I S O N E G O U T F W

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

### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

CIT	APED	AWASH	ARISES
OLDBUDDY	BILKO	REFACE	
SIoux	FEET	UNDER	T.FORCE
MANX	NSA	TOWN	COURIER
OCTOPI	LOO	EMIR	
MASSACHUSETTS	BAYOU		
ABA	STUB	ORTS	SCULL
BAER	OLES	ASADA	AREA
BRIO	OUSTING	OPERATION	
ABONE	ECO	PETR	
QUICK	ON	THE	OUTRIGGER
CLIO	LTR	ORDER	
CALLOUS	ONES	BLUFF	ASEA
ACEY	MERYL	SLOE	DESK
STARR	SARA	NARC	LEE
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SPEE	VEE	LINTING	
IMNO	ANGELOU	EAR	ODIE
LOCALE	FOULED	THE	SCENE
INAFIX	URIEL	MEER	KATS
ASASET	PESTS	SAKS	SHE

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