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City hailed as good place for business

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A personal finance website has named Plymouth one of the best cities in Michigan for starting a business.

Plymouth was ranked third, after Auburn Hills and Traverse City, on San Francisco-based NerdWallet's list of the top 15 cities in the state in which to go into business. The list was released last week.

Among the pluses the site listed for Plymouth were the average business revenue (\$1.28 million), the unemployment rate (4.2 percent) and an "impressive" number of busi-

nesses for every 100 people (nearly 20). A "picturesque downtown" and a lineup of public events like concerts and festivals were also noted.

The high ranking wasn't a surprise to Teresa Pilarz, owner of Espresso Elevado, a specialty coffee shop that opened in 2011. Research told her the type of shop she wanted to open would be a good fit for Plymouth and four years of growth have confirmed the city was the right choice, she said.

'Vibrant downtown'

"Plymouth has a vibrant downtown," said Pilarz, whose

shop is at Main and Wing, just outside downtown. "That was the first criteria when I was looking for a place to locate."

Pilarz had grown up in the area and knew Plymouth, which helped, she said. "I saw it grow and develop over the years," she said.

Pilarz said her business benefits from good city services, Plymouth's many festivals and community events and a high level of community involvement by the locals.

The business has grown "very nicely, very organically" since the 2011 opening, when the economic climate was still feeling the effects of recession, Pilarz said.

"It's been four years and counting, so I'm proud of that," Pilarz said. "It's a good place to be in right now."

Tony Bruscato, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said the city's economy weathered the recession well for the most part and, since then, has been experiencing notable upswing, with housing in demand and the presence of longtime residents attesting to the city's long-term desirability.

"We have a very vibrant downtown, one of the most

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FILE PHOTO
Teresa Pilarz at Espresso Elevado, the specialty coffee shop she founded in 2011. She agrees with the consumer finance website NerdWallet's characterization of Plymouth as a good place in which to start a business.



Justin Alcala volunteered to be a stem cell donor for a stranger.

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Teen donates stem cells to help a stranger in need

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Justin Alcala is barely old enough to vote, but he's made a sacrifice most veteran voters probably haven't considered — a donation of blood stem cells in hope of saving a stranger's life.

Justin, a senior at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district's Starkweather Academy, earlier this month spent more than four hours at medical facility in Detroit with a needle in each arm. One was taking his blood to a machine that separated the stem cells and plasma, the other returning the rest of the blood to his

body.

The stem cells, blood-forming cells that are also found in bone marrow, were to be donated to a man, Justin said.

"The only part that hurt was when they stuck the needles in my arm," Justin, 18, said Wednesday at school.

But there were after-effects: fatigue, bone soreness and a fragile liver. Plus, the donation was preceded by four days of injections to boost his stem-cell count and those had side effects as well.

"He was slightly hunched and moving very slowly and he did have a puffiness to him," said Regina Wilburn, who

teaches Justin's American literature and writing class at Starkweather.

Now he's back to normal and would "be more than happy to do it again," Justin said.

"I really felt amazing" about the donation, said Justin, who lives in Plymouth Township. "It's not that often that somebody my age could say they helped save a life."

'An inspiration'

"I can't even explain how impressed I am that Justin took the initiative to do something like this. I think it's an in-

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P-CCS budget draft draws worry, ire from parents, teachers

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

A third draft of a proposed budget for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools — facing an estimated \$6 million deficit — has some parents, teachers and counselors concerned, some irked, with recommended reductions.

"When I saw this list, I freaked out a bit," P-CEP counselor Leslie Anderson said.

The list, a part of the budget development process, includes reductions in the numbers of counselors, paraprofessionals and interventionists, who work with children in specific areas, such as reading.

This latest draft, however, calls for a restoration of some cuts suggested more than a week ago. For example, earlier drafts called for eliminating kindergarten assistants. The third draft calls for restoring 12 of the assistants. An earlier draft also called for eliminating interventionists, with the latest plan now calling for an equivalent of 6.8 full-time employees.

But of equal concern to some is the recommended reduction in elementary school media specialists that would require the employees to work between buildings. Also in the concern category for others is a reduction in counselors at P-CEP.

More than 10 citizens spoke Tuesday night, asking the Board of Education to reconsider where cuts — to eliminate the proposed deficit — may be made. Parent Jill Armstrong's daughter, Madison Milder, a first-grader, spoke about losing help for reading. "I need this program so much," she said.

Parent Debbie Courtney also spoke of losing employees who help her children: "It takes an army. They (students) can't do it alone. This will create a terrible chain reaction."

The third budget draft of reductions and cuts is based on a process that has involved input from administrators and school building leaders. The district has contracted with Forecast 5 to develop a budget that maintains classroom size, but eats away at the projected deficit.

At Tuesday's meeting, school board members went through the 43 proposed reductions and changes to help balance the budget.

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Lilley Road repairs scheduled to begin this summer

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Wayne County and local officials are ramping up for a multimillion-dollar project to improve Lilley Road in Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships.

Officials have scheduled an informational meeting for residents and business owners who will be affected by the construction. The meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth City Hall; the city and its

consulting engineer will be represented and county officials have been invited as well.

The work in Plymouth and Plymouth Township will be done by county employees, while bids for the Canton portion of the work are to be opened Friday.

In Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Lilley will be milled and resurfaced between Ann Arbor Road and Main Street/Plymouth Road at a cost of about \$700,000. The

money will come from the state's priority roads fund, said Terry Spryszak, the county's public services director.

That work will begin following about \$1.55 million in utility upgrades — a new water main and repairs to the sanitary sewer — on the city's part of the project. The utility work should begin shortly and be completed by mid- to late July, said Chris Porman, director of the city's Department of Municipal Services.

In Canton, improvements

to Lilley between Warren and Joy roads will be more extensive and will include milling the existing surface, base repairs, adjustments and repairs to drainage structures, a new 3½-inch layer of asphalt and new lane markings, signage and sidewalk ramps.

For that part of the project, Spryszak said, nearly 82 percent of the money is coming from the federal government; the county is picking up the

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remainder. Spryszak said he could not discuss specific cost estimates because the project is still out to bid. Spryszak said work on the Warren-to-Joy stretch of Lilley will likely begin in July or August and should take about 40 days.

During construction, Spryszak said, two-way traffic should be maintained on Lilley, under

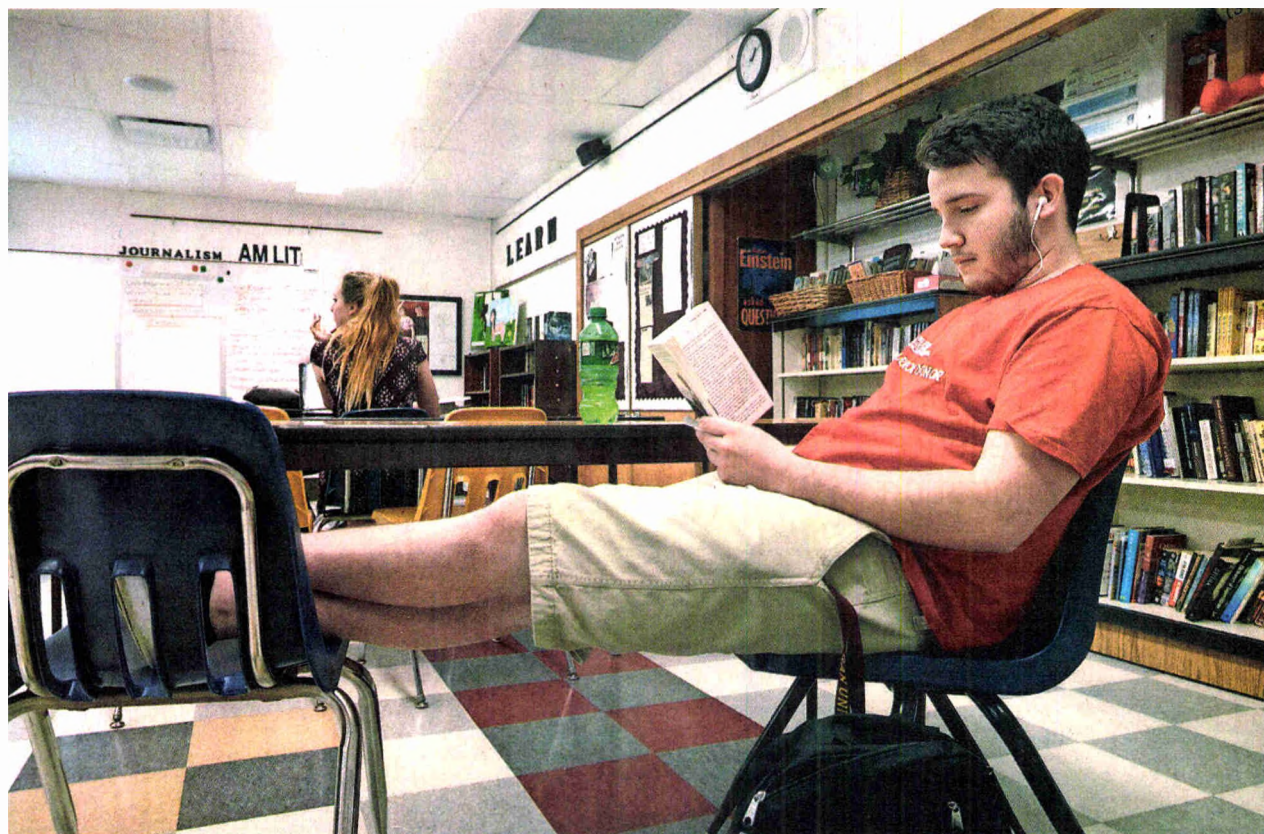
flag control, between Ann Arbor Road and Main Street/Plymouth Road. For the stretch of Lilley in Canton, he said, most of the road will remain open, with traffic control by orange barrels and flaggers, but there will be a temporary closure of the bridge over Tonquish Creek while the bridge deck is rehabilitated.

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CORRECTION

The world headquarters of Federal-Mogul Corp. is on 11 Mile Road in Southfield. The location was misidentified and an outdated photograph of the former headquarters used in a story in the May 24 *Plymouth Observer*.

The last name of Jay Obsniuk, the lead teacher for the Lightning Robotics team at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district's high schools, was misspelled in a May 24 *Plymouth Observer* story about the team.



Justin Alcala is a student at Starkweather Academy.

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TEEN

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spiration," Wilburn said. Justin said he was motivated to donate when a similar donation by a friend couldn't save the recipient's life.

"It hit him hard," Justin said. "To kind of, like, support him, I signed up to do the same thing he did."

He didn't know how to go about it, but Delete Blood Cancer DKMS, a nonprofit that promotes bone marrow and stem-cell donations and registers potential donors, had a booth at a Detroit Red Wings game Justin attended. For Justin and a friend, Sami Malhas, at the game with him, signing on took only a cheek swab.

Later, when Justin had been identified as a po-

tential donor, there was extensive testing of his blood.

Justin didn't announce his planned donation, though; Wilburn said she only found out when he told her he wouldn't be in school that day. And although he admittedly enjoys the good feeling that came with the donation, he said he rejects the label of hero.

"I really don't think about it like that because,

really, anybody could do it," he said. "I just did it to help someone."

Justin, who is set to graduate Thursday, June 11, from Starkweather, plans to attend Baker College and study criminal justice. His career goal is to become a police detective.

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Lotz Road project in Canton expected to take two years

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A move to pave a pothole-riddled, dirt section of Lotz Road in Canton is expected to spill over to next year's construction season, township and Wayne County officials have confirmed.

"It's definitely going to be a two-year project," Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

Work is expected to begin in July, eventually giving motorists another north-south route in an effort to help alleviate Canton traffic congestion, especially along the Ford Road corridor.

Wayne County officials had initially hoped to finish the Lotz project between Ford and Cherry Hill this construction season. David Agacinski, county roads division design engineer, said the road paving portion should indeed be finished.

"We anticipate that would be done this construction season, because we don't want that to carry over to next year," he said.

However, work crews are expected to have to return next spring to finish some sidewalk, driveway and grass-seeding work, Agacinski said.

Along with paving Lotz, construction crews this season are expected to complete a new bridge and culvert work over

two county drains — projects Agacinski said will force some temporary road closures to through traffic.

Storm sewer work and a new traffic light with mast arms at Lotz and Cherry Hill also should be finished this season. Agacinski said the entire Lotz project is projected at just over \$4 million, less than earlier estimates of \$5 million.

Canton officials are hopeful the bulk of the long-awaited Lotz Road project can be completed this year, converting it into a paved road with a middle turn lane.

"I hope that the majority of the construction can actually be done this calendar year," Faas said, "but given the late timing of things, they're probably not going to get all of the restoration and utility work done."

"It's obviously weather-dependent," he added. "If we have a long, dry fall, maybe it could hap-

pen, but we don't want to set up the expectations that it's all going to be completed this year."

The work comes as the Michigan Department of Transportation has started a separate summer construction project to improve Ford Road in the Haggerty and I-275 area by lengthening turn lanes and improving ramps, among other measures.

It's all intended to help ease traffic congestion until a long-term project occurs to convert crash-prone Ford Road into a boulevard from the I-275 area toward Canton Center. MDOT has said the bigger project hinges on funding.

To that end, Canton — for an untiring seventh time — is seeking a federal grant through TIGER, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery. Faas said Canton is asking for just over \$14 million.

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vibrant in the state," Bruscato said. Downtown Plymouth has become not only a western Wayne County "hot spot," he said, but a destination for people from across Michigan. "It's just an exciting time," he said.

Bruscato said the DDA, as well as the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, frequently gets calls

from business people interested in locating in the area.

Regional resources

Chamber president Wes Graff noted NerdWallet mentioned local assets outside the city limits, such as the Michigan Life Science and Innovation Center in Plymouth Township and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

"It just shows how interconnected the city and the township are as one economic unit and

further how we are interdependent with Northville, Canton, Ann Arbor and our neighbors to the east," Graff said. "We are all partners in providing the work force talent that makes awards like this possible."

Rounding out the top 10 on NerdWallet's list were, in order, Troy, Iron Mountain, Petoskey, Marshall, Wixom, St. Joseph and Ishpeming.

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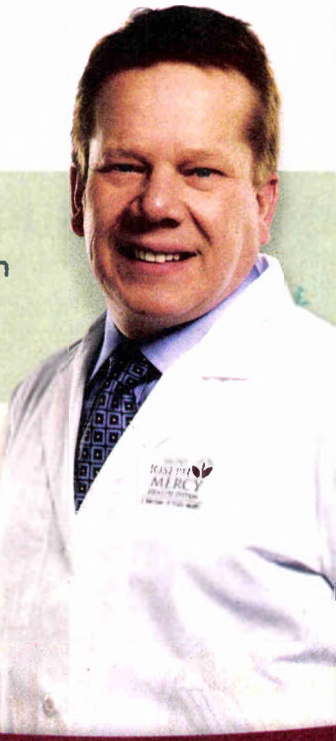
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Discovery band honors lost, fallen heroes

Middle school band performs new collaborative composition

By Marc Whitlock
Guest Columnist

The Discovery Middle School Band commissioned and the eighth-grade band premiered at the spring concert "Remember" — a few days before Memorial Day — a new band composition from famed composer Robert W. Smith to honor our lost and fallen heroes.

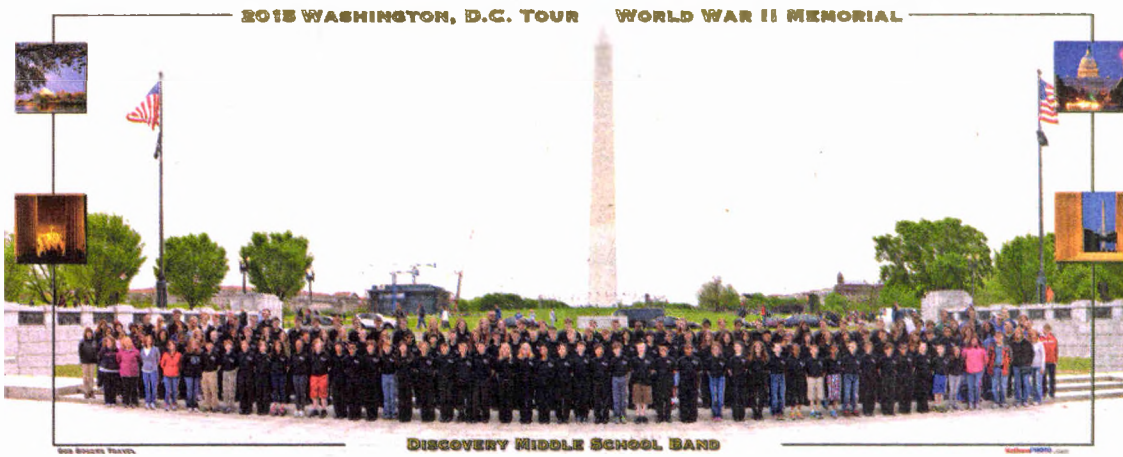


Smith

In Norfolk, Va., stands a monument to those who have served our country. This memorial is like no other and, frankly, could be missed even if one is standing next to it. A simple piece of land, the monument doesn't look special until we notice the letters. Letters written by heroes to their loved ones "just in case" they did not make it home. To walk the grounds of this monument is a special experience. To read the final words of these heroes is a lesson in honesty, humanity and selfless sacrifice.

Stone Gardens is a tribute to all who have served our country and embarks on an intense musical journey that conveys the strength, power and bravery of our heroes past, present and future.

Smith is a military son whose father was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. The title of the piece is drawn from



The Discovery Middle School band in Washington, D.C.



Discovery band students visited Arlington National Cemetery.

his experiences visiting his father on this hallowed ground. The stone garden that is Arlington is but one of many that resonates with the voices of our past. From those voices come messages of love, hope and promise for the next generation.

I worked collaboratively with Smith for over a year to help bring this musical vision to life. Our independent ideas of the letters and the headstones from each respective

monument coalesced into a beautiful musical tribute to our military.

Generally speaking, the students do not have enough life experience to understand and perform a piece of this magnitude. To prepare them for this musical and emotional exploration, we took all interested students in the band to Washington, D.C., a few weeks ago and participated in many educational tours in our nation's capital, including Ar-

lington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Wall and many other monuments.

There were 160 participants on the trip and the students and parents greatly enjoyed this educational trip of living history. One of the highlights for the bands was to play at the World War II Memorial.

"Seeing and hearing the kids perform at the World War II Memorial was indescribably special. The Lincoln Memorial backdrop and wonderfully patriotic music was very emotional for me as both of my grandfathers served in the war and many fond memories of them came flooding back during the performance," said Stephan Allen, band parent and chaperone on the trip.

The life experience gained from visiting our nation's capital greatly helped the band to perform music at its spring concert that centered on our veterans. For *Stone Gardens*, this music incorporates narration from an actual letter found on the battlefield and read during the performance. After the reading, there were many tears that followed.

The narrator for the performance was John C. Stewart, Plymouth resident and advocate for public education. "It was a very special privilege to

be the narrator for the Discovery Middle School Bands' premiere composition, *Stone Gardens*. I was extremely impressed by the technical and interpretive skills of these middle school students/musicians. Bravo to each student in the Beginning, Concert and Symphony Bands and their Conductor Marc Whitlock!" Stewart said.

The band also honored all veterans in attendance and specifically recognized Discovery staff members who are military veterans. They are: Lt. Col. Amy Trombley, U.S. Army; Capt. Don Glass, U.S. Army; and Petty Officer 2nd Class Mike Schomberger, U.S. Navy

The sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade bands performed admirably and the concert concluded with a standing ovation for all the students and their achievements. No doubt this was one of the best concerts I have ever been a part of and this experience will provide memories and stories for years to come.

I am thankful to all the students and parents for a fantastic year and I look forward to continuing our tradition of excellence with brand new students representing many schools in our district.

For fifth-grade families attending Discovery next year, the band program is looking for new members. If you would like to join, please have parents contact their school counselor to schedule band for next year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at marc.whitlock@pccsk12.com or at 734-416-7960 for more information.

Marc Whitlock is director of the Discovery Middle School Band. The band consists of approximately 200 students in grades 6-8. Discovery Middle School regularly has a strong percentage of students participate in regional music events and other musical opportunities.

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P-CCS engages new budget process in face of deficit

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Michael Meissen is using a new process to develop a budget for the district that faces an estimated \$6 million deficit.

"We are at a critical point where there are no reserve funds. We have to stay as nimble as an organization and be open to change," Meissen told the school board Tuesday.

The Board of Education hired consultant Forecast 5 to churn through data provided by principals, administrators and others in the district to determine "what to fund versus what to cut," Meissen said.

The approach followed by district administrators has included determining what is mandatory, what is sec-

ondary and what is on the fringe of necessity. "All of the feedback came from administrators, department heads. It builds accountability," Meissen said.

In other words, he said, the process focuses on maintaining manageable pupil-teacher ratios, educational comprehensiveness and the need to spread that comprehensiveness to all levels of students.

"I want to make sure they all get it (a good education)," Meissen said. "I'm going to organize my purse for good education."

It is from the process of organizing the needed functions with needed outcomes that has so far



Meissen

led to three budget drafts. "It is a process. The question is, what are we building?" Meissen said.

At the May 26 budget discussion, the Board of Education made a run-through of some 43 items proposed for reduction. Decisions were not made and the board is expected to continue discussions.

Meissen said he is approaching the budget based on three principles: Balance the budget and maintain a five-year balance; avoid borrowing to pay expenses; and preserve and grow the district's fund balance, which is about 6.8 percent. "The industry standard is 8 percent," he added.

The new process, however, has led to questions from board members, including Mike Maloney and Mark Horvath, who said trustees were promised greater

BUILDING A SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

Superintendent Michael Meissen is following a pyramid of budget ranking to build the 2015-16 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools budget.

The pyramid is divided into four unequal parts:

- » Mandated level 1: With an approximate \$100 million spending level, these are programs and services required by the federal and state laws and standards; policy; contractual agreements.
- » Supportive level 2: With an approximate \$41 million spending level, these are programs necessary to continue programs at the current level.
- » Continuation level 3: With an approximate \$11 million to \$13 million spending level, this continues services, adjusted for inflation, enrollment or curriculum and program revisions.
- » Improvement Level 4: Without a spending level, this includes improvements to current operations and services.

access to data gathered by Forecast 5, as well as how budgetary needs were ranked.

"Is there something unique about our school district?" Maloney asked Dan Romano of Forecast 5.

Romano responded that there is just a lot of data to cull. "My intention is to be responsive to

questions from the entire board," Meissen said, assuring board members they would receive yet this week the requested information. "We tend to have process problems with different issues."

Maloney continued his concerns, adding that with some \$149 million to spend and \$6 million in deficit, "we'll be one of

those districts that will be labeled."

But Meissen told the board that he and other administrators — with help from Forecast 5 — are trying to deliver quality education and a budget that doesn't hurt the kids.

Trustee Sheila Paton noted that because the board had just received the latest draft of suggested reductions, more time is needed. "I don't want to be fighting over scraps of bread at the end of the day," she said.

The proposed budget — so far — is supported by the fact that employees will have to absorb more work and that cross-training will be essential. "We may not be able to have the same delivery system as before," Meissen said.

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BUDGET

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School board members must hold a public hearing on a final budget by June 30, according to state law. That leaves about a month to shore up the district's budget that at this point offers three spending scenarios ranging between \$148.2 million and \$151.5 million. But administrators are developing the budget, in part, without solid numbers, such as the latest per-pupil foundation grant dollars from the state.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, told the board this week that "I do have indication of a net increase." The state House and Senate are working on the state budget and so far it shows the Senate plan providing Plymouth-Canton schools with a foundation allowance of \$7,351 per student, while the state House plan is at \$7,500.

While it appears a net increase may be on its way, Plymouth-Canton

still lags behind other districts, such as Bloomfield Hills with some \$11,000 per student, Superintendent Michael Meissen noted.

"We're at the very bottom of funding," Trustee Sheila Paton said.

Proposal A of 1994 hurt Plymouth-Canton and, under current law, the district may bond for physical improvements, but cannot increase the tax rate for operating expenses.

But that doesn't remove the concern parents and teachers have with the third budget draft. "I ask you to consider your choices wisely," parent Mary Page said.

Sheri Bowler, a kindergarten teacher at Bentley Elementary — speaking on behalf of paraprofessionals — told the board that reductions in this work force will have severe consequences on student learning. "If you cut these, I don't honestly know how I can continue being a teacher," she said.

Reductions of paraprofessionals, media special-

ists and counselors were among more than 40 suggested actions to help balance the district budget.

Proposals included reducing security at Starkweather, reducing secretarial help in the superintendent's office, reducing technology integration specialists from three to two and eliminating the position of auditorium manager at the P-CEP.

Other proposals include reducing world language in elementary schools by having the instruction only in the fifth grade, rather than fourth and fifth grades. Also proposed is reducing bus routes and bus stops; eliminating administrative support at P-CEP; delaying scheduled capital purchases; increasing the fee for athletics participation; reducing one of the four regional directors; reducing contracted support for the music program; and reducing the number of plant engineers to a multi-building model.

Plawecki's legislation would improve motorcycle rider safety

State Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, has introduced legislation that would revise penalties for unendorsed motorcycle riders. The intent of the bill is to improve motorcycle safety and bring the penalty for riding a motorcycle without an endorsement in line with driving an automobile without a license.

The bill's introduction commemorates Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

"It is estimated that over half of our state's fatal motorcycle accidents involve unendorsed riders," Plawecki said. "I am encouraged by the bill's bipartisan support and believe its passage would promote rider



Plawecki

safety in Michigan and potentially save lives."

House Bill 4651, if passed, would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code by increasing the fine for riding a motorcycle with-

out an endorsement. Under current law, the penalty is up to a \$100 fine and/or 90 days in jail. This proposal would revise the law up to \$500 and/or 90 days in jail for a first violation and up to \$1,000 and/or a one-year sentence for a subsequent violation.

Plawecki worked on the bill with motorcycle safety advocates as part of an ongoing effort to reduce accidents and fatalities through rider education, car driver awareness of motorcyclists and reducing the unendorsed rider population among the motorcycling community.

Plawecki represents Garden City, Inkster and portions of Livonia, Westland and Dearborn Heights.



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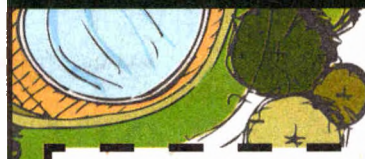


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Woman dies from minibike crash injuries

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 37-year-old Belleville woman has died after the minibike she was driving crashed on Barr Road, south of Geddes, Canton police said.

The woman, whose name hasn't been released, died Thursday, one day after the accident occurred.

The victim was rushed to a hospital after the crash occurred shortly after 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said no vehicles other than the minibike were involved.

"It was a single-vehicle crash," he said. "She was on the bike by her-

self."

The crash occurred on Canton's west side, along a dirt stretch of Barr Road, south of Geddes, Traylor said.

Police hadn't yet disclosed a potential cause of the accident.

"It's still under investigation," Traylor said.

The Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team was called to the scene to investigate the crash.

Traylor said it wasn't known when the investigation might be completed.

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'Honk!' closes youth season for Spotlight Players

Spotlight Players closes its 2014-15 youth season with Anthony Drewe's *Honk!*, based on Hans Christian Andersen's *The Ugly Duckling*, June 5-7 at The Village Theater in Canton.

Since it first hatched in 1993 Stiles & Drewe's musical *Honk!* has winged its way around the world in more than 8,000 productions and in many different languages. Winner of multiple awards, including the 2000 Olivier Award for Best Musical, this heart-warming celebration of being different has a memorable score.

Ugly looks quite a bit different from his darling duckling brothers



At rehearsal are Jordan McAllister (Drake), Bailey Allen (Ida) and the ducklings.

and sisters. The other animals on the farm are quick to notice and point this out, despite his mother's protective flapping.

Feeling rather foul about himself, the little fowl finds himself on adventure of self-discovery, all the while unknowingly outwitting a very hungry Cat. Along the way, Ugly meets a whole flock of unique characters and finds out being different is not a bad thing.

"When thinking about the theme of the musical *HONK!*, I can't help but think that it's such a universal message," local director Megan Wright said. "While being 'different' might seem strange to some, to others it's the ultimate goal. In life, and in this musical about not fitting in, being your own person and finding out who you really are is the magic of growing up."

"This is one of the many reasons I believe this musical is such a beautiful show for chil-



Bailey Allen (Ida) and Alan Highe (conductor) do a run-through at the "Honk!" rehearsal.

dren to be a part of. *HONK!* was the first musical I took my daughter Adler to see at my alma mater, Eastern Michigan University. I remember seeing her eyes light up when the music started and the dancing began onstage. The magic she felt seeing this musical was the magic I wanted to create in the children performing, as well as how I want the audience to feel while watching them perform. It takes a ton of help from so many directions to put together such a magical production." *Honk!* takes the main

stage for five performances June 5-7, with Friday and Saturday performances at 7 p.m. and a Sunday performance at 2 p.m.. Seating is assigned, so it is important to buy tickets in advance.

Tickets are between \$15 or \$16 each. They may be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or going to <http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org/>.

Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time. The Village Theater at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

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Hockey instructor Ron Hayes to retire

Reception to honor him set for June 11

If you learned how to play hockey at the Plymouth Cultural Center, chances are good that Ron Hayes was your first coach.

Hayes is now retiring after four decades as the director of the program he started in 1974 to infuse kids with strong skills and a love of the game of hockey. A reception honoring him will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center on the rink where he ran his successful program.

Hayes' involvement with hockey spans from

the very highest levels — as an off-ice official with the National Hockey League — to the very starting point as the head and founder of the learn-to-skate program for the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association.

Along the way, he served as the past president of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association and executive board member of the Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League and the Adray Community League, MAHA's direc-



Hayes

tor of initiation programs, District 4 chairman, director and council member. Hayes currently serves as the associate coach-in-chief of MAHA's Skill Development Program.

Boys and girls learned the fundamentals of hockey, skating, passing and shooting, but also sportsmanship and teamwork. The learn-to-skate program was the first experience many families had with hockey and Hayes and his team, including his wife Mary, made sure it was a good one with pot luck dinners, Christmas parties, stick day and an end-of-the season party complete with medals and

trophies to reward the hard work of the players.

The impact of Hayes' hockey instruction spreads throughout Michigan and beyond. His program became a model for others across the state and was a precursor to the American Development Model now in use by USA Hockey.

In addition to the thousands of players that currently fill youth, college and adult recreation league rosters, NHL players Brian Rolston, Chris Conner and Kevin Porter all started in Hayes' beginner program. Many coaches also got their start by helping Hayes on the ice and absorbed his lessons on

teaching skills with a strong message of positive reinforcement.

"All three of my kids love to skate and all three learned from Ron. I have coached for almost two decades and can only hope to one day to be as great with kids as coach Ron was with mine," said Darrin Silvester, who will take on the program that Hayes founded. "Our Plymouth community has a long history of people who dedicate portions of their lives to helping others. For decades, coach Ron has given selflessly his time and energy to teach kids how to play the great game of hockey."

Hayes has received

numerous awards, including being named Michigan Hockey's Coach of the Year in 2007 and the prestigious William Thayer Tutt Award from USA Hockey in 2009, which honors the volunteer who, during many years of service, has displayed a selfless dedication to the enhancement of ice hockey at the grassroots level.

"It's the most rewarding thing you can do," Hayes said. "The pay I get is watching the kids develop."

Past and current players, families and coaches are invited to attend the June 11 reception which features hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.



Honorees for the Student Citizenship Scholarships by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce are (from left) Kavya Davuluri, Meng Ting Shi and Erik Hyde. Also a recipient is Samantha Riga.

Plymouth-Canton students earn citizenship scholarships

Four Plymouth-Canton students have been awarded Student Citizenship Scholarships by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The students were recognized Tuesday at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting. Students are

chosen based on their community involvement and volunteerism.

The honorees are:
 » Kavya Davuluri of Salem High School, who has volunteered a total of 795 hours. Davuluri has clocked 630 hours at Annapolis Hospital Oakwood, with another 35 hours at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and 40 hours at Detroit Children's

Hospital. She is also a member of the school Key Club. She expects to attend Wayne State University.

» Meng Ting Shi of Plymouth High School, who plans to attend Wayne State University and has volunteered a total of 360 hours. Shi has put in 190 volunteer hours at Annapolis Hospital and is

also a member of the school Key Club and volunteers with Open Door Ministries.

» Erik Hyde of Starkweather Academy, who plans to attend Schoolcraft College. He has volunteered for a total of 230 hours with the Open Door Ministries and Rouge River Rescue. He is also president of his school's Key Club.

» Samantha Riga of Ladywood High School, who plans to attend Grand Valley State University. She has logged a total of 236 volunteer hours as a soccer coach, with Connect US Livonia, St. Aloysius-Detroit, for which she served food for the homeless, and as a Ladywood student ambassador.

STUDENT ACHIEVERS

Outstanding student

Cynthia Bradford of Canton earned the Criminal Justice Program's Outstanding Student Award from Siena Heights University. Bradford graduated in May 2015 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and is a 2011 Plymouth High School graduate.

Graduated

Leah Parker graduated cum laude with a degree in accounting (C.P.A. emphasis) and business and organizations. The honor of cum laude signifies that Parker achieved a cumulative grade-point average above 3.5.

Parker is the daughter of Richard and Loren Parker of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

Awarded

Migle Orentas, 13, an eighth-grade student at Spiritus Sanctus Academy in Plymouth, is one of the top 10 statewide winners in the America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Orentas received an engraved plaque and a cash award during awards ceremonies in Lansing in May. Eighth-graders from across the state participated in the 46th annual contest.

Migle's essay, based on the topic "My Personal Michigan Hero," earned second place in the state out of nearly 4,000 essays

submitted by students from about 400 Michigan schools. Orentas is the daughter of Linas and Vida Orentas of Novi.

Future leader

Alexander Schreck, a freshman at Plymouth Christian Academy, has been nominated to attend the Congress for Future Medical Leaders, June 24-25



Schreck

in Boston.

Alexander was nominated by Dr. Connie Mariano, medical director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists, to represent Plymouth Christian Academy based on his academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

Merit winners

Plymouth-Canton students are among the National Merit Scholarship Corp.'s approximately 2,200 winners of scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities.

Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution.

These awards provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four

years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship. The students include:

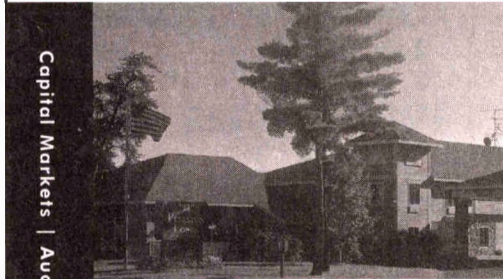
» Matthew J. Dottavio of Canton, a Plymouth High School student, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Scholarship. Business management is his probable career.

» Jil K. Shah of Canton, a Plymouth High School student, University of Central Florida scholarship. Medicine is her likely career field.



Migle Orentas (second from left) receives her award in the America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

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Canton garage burglar gets probation

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

An Inkster man charged after a rash of garage burglaries occurred in Canton has been placed on probation for two years, a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk said Friday.

Paul Allen Ziolkowski, 42, was given credit for 23 days he already served in jail and was ordered to pay \$400

in restitution to a garage-burglary victim, the clerk said.

Ziolkowski was sentenced Wednesday by Wayne County Circuit Judge James Chylinski after he pleaded guilty to one of three counts of breaking and entering.

Authorities agreed to dismiss the remaining two counts as part of a plea deal.

Ziolkowski was charged in March after police say an alert Canton woman noticed suspicious activity in her neighborhood and reported it, helping investigators solve the garage burglaries.

By accepting a plea deal, Ziolkowski averted what could have been a 10-year prison sentence.

Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor has said the garage burglaries occurred near Lilley and Palmer roads.

Stolen items included snow blowers, power tools, generators, leaf blowers, tires, power washers and other items, prompting police Lt. Craig Wisher to issue a warning to residents to keep their garage doors locked to protect their belongings.

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Plymouth-Canton top high school tech talent competes

More than 100 students from schools throughout Michigan showcased their automotive knowledge and hands-on skills learned in the 2014-15 school year May 15 at the MITES Auto Competition.

The technical competition, in its 21st year, was organized by Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society and was held at MIAT College of Technology Main Campus, in Canton.

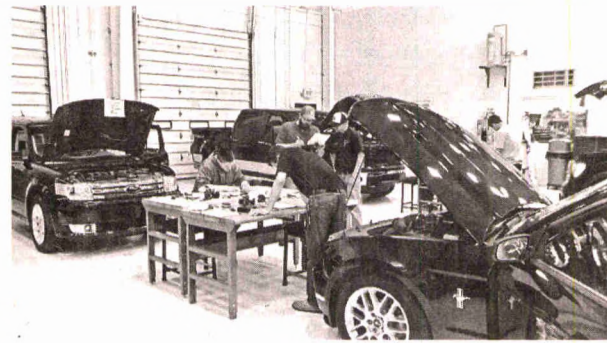
Awards were presented to first- through 10th-place winners in first-year and second-year divisions. According to Gerald Lickey, MITES Auto Competition chair, scholarships from colleges and technical educational institutions were



Participating Plymouth-Canton students included (from left) Jacob Stott, Daniel Cremen and Kaleb Muncher, with instructor Gerald Lickey of Canton High School. Also participating was John Everitt.

offered to participants by the day's end. "On behalf of all the technology instructors

here today, I'd like to say how proud we are of all the students who came out today to show us what



High school students check engine performance on autos provided by Jack Demmer Ford and Lincoln dealerships.

they can do. They've worked hard all year and represented their school programs at the highest level," Lickey said.

Larry Gaul, MITES member and assistant director of admissions for MIAT College of

Technology, said the students were challenged at a variety of stations, including written examinations, safety inspections, parts and tool identification, brakes, steering and suspension. Jack Demmer Ford

and Lincoln dealerships provided 12 vehicles for an engine performance portion of the competition.

"We set up the vehicles with the engine lights on and the students use scanners and other tools to troubleshoot and diagnose the problems," Gaul said.

When students finished the automotive stations, they had a chance to explore some of the aircraft and energy equipment in the college's hangar/high bay area.

"It's a treat to host these students on our campus. They are mechanical kids and all of our programs are mechanically based," Gaul said.

Library helps First Step



CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

First Step has benefited from a collection spearheaded by the Canton Public Library, whose patrons and employees gave items such as several boxes of body wash, lotions, hand sanitizer and other toiletries. Also, the afghan club from Summit on the Park gave the library many hand-crafted blankets, scarves and hats to take over. The collection coincided with Mother's Day.

Lieutenant governor honors good work of Easter Seals

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley made a special visit to Easter Seals in Walled Lake, but it was Emily "Punky" Lickman who stole the show with her smile and shining example why Easter Seals is such an important organization.

Standing before a gathered crowd of people celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month and the opening of the location in Walled Lake, Punky, 9, took to the microphone as an ambassador for Easter Seals.

"Thank you," she said to Calley, for visiting Walled Lake and supporting Easter Seals.

Punky has spastic quadriplegia cerebral palsy. Through Easter Seals Michigan, she and her family have seen new opportunities and been helped. She, along with ESM ambassador Melvin Eckles, was at the open house to share stories and experiences.

Both have seen their lives greatly impacted.

"Easter Seals has been huge for me. They've helped find a new life," said Eckles, who had troubles in the past with his mood disorder, but now has made personal gains and found employment at a homeless shelter.

Calley said during his visit that Easter Seals plays a big part in Michi-



Melvin receives services out of our Pontiac location. Ask anyone at there about Melvin and they are sure to smile. His warm attitude and willingness to help others is contagious. Melvin was diagnosed with a mood disorder and has made huge strides in his treatment. He enjoys group meetings and being a mentor to other young people with mood disorders. He recently got a job working at a homeless shelter and is the Easter Seals Michigan 2015 Adult Ambassador.

"Easter Seals Michigan saw something in me that I didn't. They believe in me"

LONNIE HUHMAN

Melvin Eckles is an ambassador for Easter Seals Michigan.

gan and he is glad to see this new location in Walled Lake. He emphasized that society should not focus solely on a person's disability, because we all have things that we are not good at, but we should instead define people by their strengths.

"What are the strengths and how can we build around those strengths?" he said. "That's really the first

part of access into a better, more productive, independent, self-determined life and that's type of work done by Easter Seals every day."

His remarks were welcomed by ESM, which called Calley a champion of mental health and wellness through serving on the Michigan Mental Health Commission and being a tireless advocate for autism awareness.

The open house was a good opportunity for ESM in Walled Lake to showcase what it has and offer.

The community has embraced the Walled Lake location in western Oakland County, an area previously considered under served for behavioral health and wellness services.

Open house guests learned about ESM's programs and services, including LUNA (Look, Uncover, Nurture, Act), a groundbreaking program that addresses trauma prevention and intervention in children ages 18 and under.

According to ESM, LUNA is made possible by a \$4.1 million grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. The National Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention estimates 26 percent of children witness or experience a traumatic event before they turn 4 in the U.S. Left untreated, the consequences can be deadly.

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HAMSTRING PULLS

Pain in the back of the leg is at the least annoying, and at worse, incapacitating. In between these two extremes the pain poses a risk to safe walking. A spasm while going to a step can lead to a tumble down the stairs.

The most common cause of back-of-the-leg pain and strain is a hamstring pull. The hamstrings are a group of muscles that start in the pelvis at the site of the butt, travel in the posterior thigh and then anchor into the back of knee. Contraction of the hamstring muscles allows flexion of the knee. Pain during that movement disrupts the ability to take a coordinated step and makes walking impossible.

A person with a hamstring pull does not delay making a doctor's appointment. Unfortunately, a prompt medical remedy is not possible. First, in most instances the reason for the hamstring pull is not apparent. People cannot recall a specific move or strain on the leg that would set off the condition. A hamstring pull comes on while walking or engaged in recreation like jogging or tennis but the activity is the immediate event not the underlying cause. The cause itself is elusive.

Second, what constitutes sound treatment is unclear. With any muscle strain cold to numb the pain and prevent swelling, followed by heat and massage are standard treatments. The help this regimen gives is limited. Physical therapy suffers the same limitations; while receiving PT the leg feels fine, but between treatments the pain likely will return.

What eventually happens is that time and the body succeed in healing. Muscle uses what Nature gave us to make us whole before there were doctors, messages, sources of heat or ways of applying cold.

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John Glenn, Wayne to get college advisers

Students at two Wayne-Westland high schools will get help making it into college with the addition of college advisers to the schools' staffs next fall.

John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools, which include students who live in Canton, are among 51 high schools around the state that have been selected to join the Michigan College Access Network's new AdviseMI program.

The goal of AdviseMI is to place recent college graduates into high schools to serve as advisers in communities across Michigan, particularly those with low college-going rates and low adult educational attainment rates. Working alongside high school counselors and other school staff, the advisers will support students as they make the transition from high school to a post-secondary education institution.

"This is an exciting step to help increase college attainment rates across Michigan," said Brandy Johnson, MCAN executive director.

"These well-trained, dedicated college graduates will be able to provide important support to students and will supplement the great work of high school counselors."

Michigan high school counselors currently average case-loads of more than 700 students apiece, making it hard for them to provide one-to-one college advising or help students navigate the complex process of



college admissions and financial aid.

MCAN's advisers will be ready to fill the gap starting in fall 2015 at the high schools selected for AdviseMI. Some advisers will split their time between two high schools, allowing 40 college advisers to serve the 51 high schools.

After an intensive five-week training period, advisers will be able to help students navigate the complex college exploration process, retake college admissions tests, apply to colleges that are a good match or fit, complete the Free Application for Student Aid, secure financial aid and enroll in a post-secondary institution.

The advisers will be recent graduates from 13 partner colleges, including Alma College, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Madonna University, Michigan Technological University, Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, University of Michigan-Flint, Wayne State University and Western Michigan University.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TRASH, TREASURE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 5-6
Location: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton, between Cherry Hill and Michigan Avenue
Details: A trash and treasure sale in the church fellowship hall and on church grounds. Items include everything from toys, kitchen, holiday and hobby items, along with some furniture. No clothes. This is Cherry Hill UMC's largest annual fundraiser.

Contact: Church office at 734-495-0035

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Time/Date: Now
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley Road, Ste. A, Plymouth
Details: Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with office tasks, to serve as friendly visitors for its patients and to sit vigil with patients at the very end of life. Their service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate about two hours of their time per week.

Contact: Volunteer coordinator at 888-983-9050 with questions or to apply for brief interview.

FATHER'S DAY FLY IN

Time/Date: 7-11 a.m. Sunday, June 21
Location: Mettetal Airport, EAA 113 Aviation Center, 8550 Lilley Road, Canton

Details: EAA Chapter 113's Annual Father's Day Pancake Breakfast. Fly in or drive in for breakfast, aircraft rides and static displays. Proceeds help fund the EAA 113 Aviation Scholarship Program.

Contact: www.113.eaachapter.org

CANTON MARKET

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday (with the exception of July 5)

Location: Preservation Park on Ridge Road, Canton

Details: Canton Farmers Market now open

PLYMOUTH MARKET

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 30 (except July 12 and Sept. 6)

Location: In and around The Gathering, downtown Plymouth

Details: Plymouth Farmers Market open

VILLAGE ARTS VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 31
Location: Village Arts Factory, 50625 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities needs volunteers to help prepare the the Village Arts Factory for future renovation and construction. Clean up projects include interior demolition in the Ford Factory and Veteran's Dormitory, exterior landscaping and river clean up.

CARS & CAFFEINE

Time/Date: 8-10 a.m. each Sunday
Location: Parking lot of Biggby Coffee, 44601 Five Mile, Plymouth

Details: Car buffs and enthusiasts are invited to bring themselves, their families and their classic or hot-rod vehicles for a weekly gathering

Cost: Free

JOINT REPLACEMENT SEMINARS

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 25

Location: Classroom 10 at St. Mary Mercy-Livonia, 36154 Five

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Details: The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Livonia offers free monthly educational seminars. Expert staff will answer questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures and available implant options.

Contact: To register, 734-655-2345.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Friday, June 5

Location: Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park, 42550 Executive Drive, Canton

Details: The Canton Police Department offers sessions open to the public to provide a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Canton's neighborhoods and business districts. Kids on June 5 will be permitted to jump during event for \$5 with staff supervision provided.

Contact: 734-394-5401

SHRED DAY

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 13

Location: Plymouth City Hall

Details: Plymouth has partnered with Shred Legal to offer

its second annual Community Shred Day. Residents may take in up to 100 pounds of confidential documents to be securely destroyed.

Cost: Free

Contact: City hall at 734-453-1234 or email to shred@ci.plymouth.mi.us

FLOWERS ARE FOREVER

Time/Date: Noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30

Location: Plymouth

Details: The Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, Trailwood Garden Club, will host the annual Flowers are Forever Garden Walk. Several gardens are featured. Complimentary refreshments are offered. Perennial sale and master gardeners are available.

Tickets: \$8 pre-sale; \$10 day of walk; children 12 and younger tickets are half off; babes in arms are free. Strollers are not permitted. Tickets available from Garden Club members, Backyard Birds on Main Street, Saxton's Power Equipment Center on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth and Sideways on Forest.

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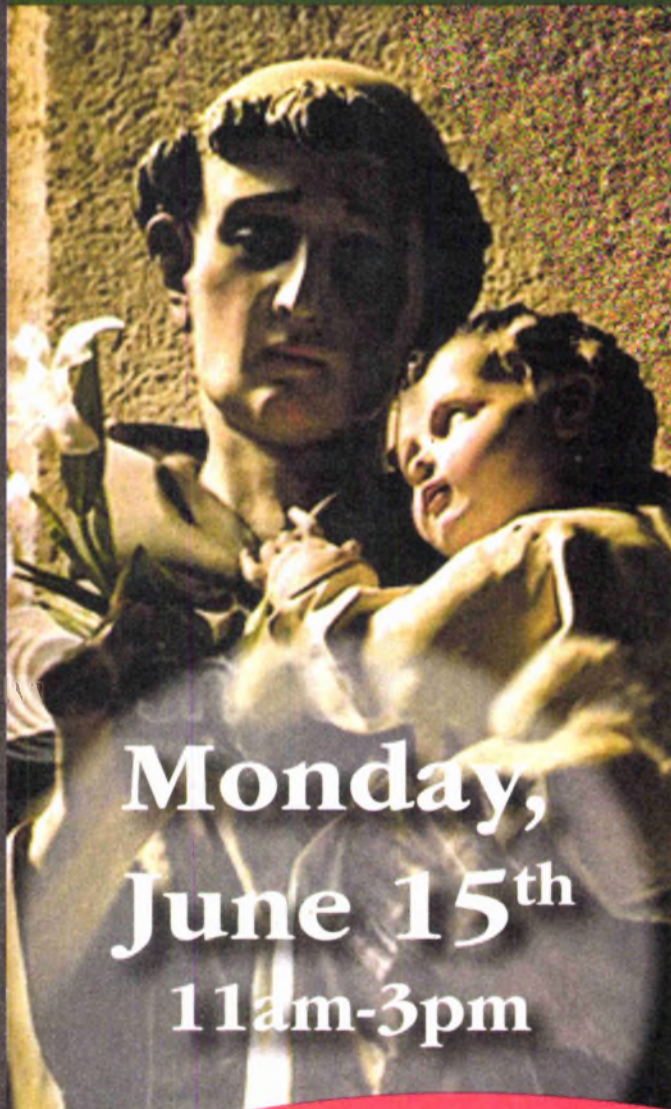


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PREP PROFILE

POWER AND PERSPECTIVE

Plymouth's Downing knocking it out of the park as senior standout

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Patrick Downing flat-out is a baseball player and that's just fine with him.

The hard-hitting Plymouth senior outfielder and pitcher loves to play and he'd never leave the diamond if he had his way.

Oh, and he is pretty good at the game, too. Downing is batting around .450 with five homers — including one

against East Lansing that landed on the tennis courts way beyond the left-field fence at Plymouth.

"Oh, yeah, that's the farthest I've ever hit any ball,"

said the soft-spoken Downing, 17, who will play baseball next year at Concordia University. "Everyone said it went on the tennis court. The wind really helped though. I got it way up there in the wind and it just kept going."

Another round-tripper helped the Wildcats beat host Livonia Franklin during a recent twinbill that decided the KLAA South Division title.

The lanky Downing also is a fleet, strong-armed outfielder who is much faster than he looks, said Plymouth varsity baseball coach Jason Crain.

Don't forget that Downing is delivering as a senior leader and starting pitcher, too.

"Patrick's ERA is in the



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth senior Patrick Downing pitches during an early season game at the University of Michigan.

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BOYS D1 GOLF REGIONAL

'Cats claw to top

Plymouth wins regional, Canton also makes cut for team final

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It's tough to stop a team when all cylinders are clicking, and that's the case with Plymouth's varsity boys golf squad.

The Wildcats — featuring a deep and talented lineup — won Wednesday's MHSAA Division 1 regional championship at Dearborn Country Club.

With a team score of 305, Plymouth added the regional trophy to recent hardware for capturing the D1 district, Kensington Conference and KLAA South Division.

Canton senior captain Donnie Trosper was individual medalist with an even-par 72.

"I'm very happy for our guys," Wildcats head coach Dan Young said. "It was a great day at a great golf course."

Plymouth qualified for the D1 team state championship June 5-6 at Ferris State University's Katke Golf Course.

Also qualifying for the state finals were the second and third place teams — Northville (310) and Canton (311).

The Wildcats were sparked by sophomore Jack Boczar, who scored a team low of 75, just three over par.

Also breaking the 80 mark were Connor Zydeck (76), Justin Kapke (76) and Kyle Kozler (78).

Not far behind was Andrew Lloyd, who also played well with a 83 score.

According to Young, the unsung contributions of senior co-captains Zydeck and Lloyd really helped push the Wildcats over the top during recent high-stakes competition.

Lloyd's outstanding even-par 35 on May 8 was good for medalist that day as Plymouth edged Canton for the division title.

And Wednesday, Zydeck "was the difference" in the Wildcats winning the regional, Young noted.

"He played in the 5 spot for us

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DIVISION 1 GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Late goals lift Chiefs past 'Cats

Canton's Richmond breaks scoreless tie, sparks 2-0 district win

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Good things booked Thursday's Division 1 girls soccer district for the Canton Chiefs.

Canton ultimately won 2-0 over KLAA South Division champion Plymouth at Westland John Glenn, advancing to Saturday's 2 p.m. district final against Livonia Churchill.

The script could have been much different if not for a great stop by Canton junior goalkeeper Jordan Anheuser against Plymouth junior for-

ward Olivia Janke in opening 60 seconds of play.

"It was a tough game, we lost to them two times during the season so there was a lot at stake today," Anheuser said. "Their best shot was probably in the first minute, they came out really strong and I barely got my fingers on it."

That set the tone. Although the Wildcats carried the play for much of the night, they were unable to finish.

"This was our seventh game we won in a row, they've just gotten better and better," Canton head coach Jeannine Red-

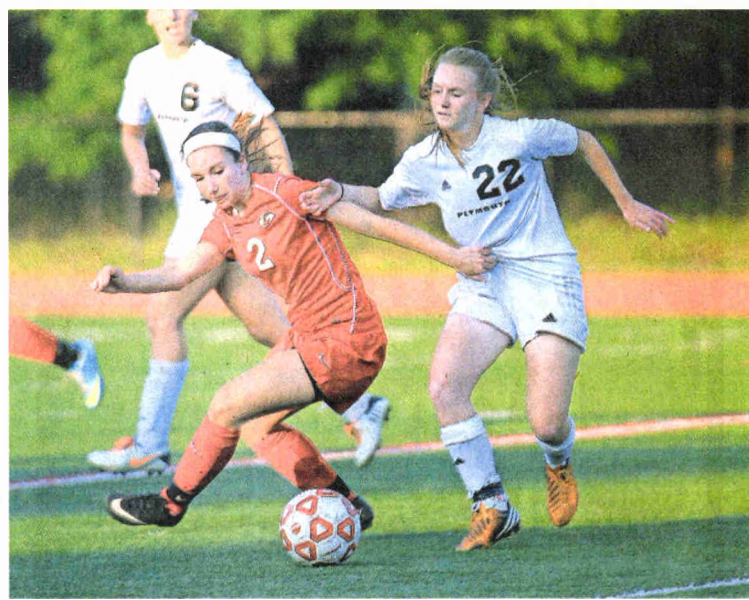
dy said. "I keep telling them, it's hard to have someone beat you three times and Plymouth beat us twice this season."

"I told them to come out here and not to leave the field with any regrets."

Finishing touch

Several corner kicks did not deliver the breakthrough tally and the scoreless tie continued until 13:04 remained in the second half — when Canton sophomore forward Jennifer Richmond roped a shot from


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Canton's Jennifer Richmond (No. 2) tries to maneuver around Plymouth's Hailey Melnick (No. 22) Thursday. In the background for the Wildcats is Erin Winters.

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FAMILIAR TERRITORY

After years playing at Canton Cup, Winingham enjoys reffing the tourney

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Soccer is like a life-blood running through Tyler Winingham's veins.

And Winingham seemingly loves to call his favorite sport as much as compete in it. Last weekend, he was one of many referees officiating the 33rd annual Canton Cup.

Winingham, a 21-year-old who was part of the Canton Chiefs' 2011 Division 1 state championship team, ran up and down Field 8 at Independence Park while the Canton Celtic 00 Black and AC Milan Detroit 99 boys teams did the same.

"It was probably the best game of the day for us," Winingham said. "Both teams came out wanting to play and wanting to play hard. It was a good game and a clean game."

One of his former college coaches, Rick Larson — who coached Winingham in 2013 at Schoolcraft College — watched Winingham ref his team (AC Milan Detroit) on Field 8.

"Tyler has the right demeanor to be a referee," Larson said. "He has the right temperament to be a referee. It's great to see him involved."

Mutual respect

Always a steady influence when he played high school soccer, Winingham brings that same reliability to the pitch when he is out there calling the shots.

"From Rick's standard, probably just the attitude that I bring on the field," said Winingham, told about Larson's positive comments. "As a ref you can't be shy but you can't be ... you got to find that middle ground to still let the players play and still let the coaches coach."

"So players respect you, coaches respect you and you show them respect as well."

He said he began reffing the Canton Cup when he was about 12 years old, encouraged by his dad, Kevin Winingham, who coordinates the officiating schedule for the Canton Soccer Club's showcase event.

"I grew up in this community," said Winingham, asked after the game why he signed up to ref the Canton Soccer Club's showcase event. "It's a big community event that everyone's involved in. So I always



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Directing traffic on the pitch during Canton Cup action at Independence Park is Tyler Winingham.



want to try and get involved.

"If I play, if I coach, if I ref, just somehow get involved in the big community event that we host every year."

A proud member of the United States Soccer Federation Referee Program, Winingham estimated he refs between 100-150 games a year.

Most of those are club games on the weekend, whenever he can fit them into his busy college and soccer playing schedule.

For example, after calling Canton Cup games on the first two days of the tournament, he couldn't come back for last Sunday's conclusion because he had to play a Sunday game with the Michigan Stars.

He understands

The fact that Winingham still is a player — and has played the sport since he was a kid — informs his approach and attitude when reffing.

"I think it does," Winingham explained. "I can see the game a little differently than other people. At the same time I understand what the players are going through on the field."

"I kind of use that

when I'm reffing, give little benefits here and there, and also little cautions here and there."

Winingham still has a couple years to play as a defender at Lawrence Tech, where he transferred from Schoolcraft to pursue a four-year degree in medical engineering.

Meanwhile, he'll still find plenty of time to play and ref soccer, always circling the Memorial Day weekend on his calendar to work the prestigious Canton Cup tourney.

He hopes to continue working what is considered the Midwest's biggest club soccer tournament because of its importance to Canton.

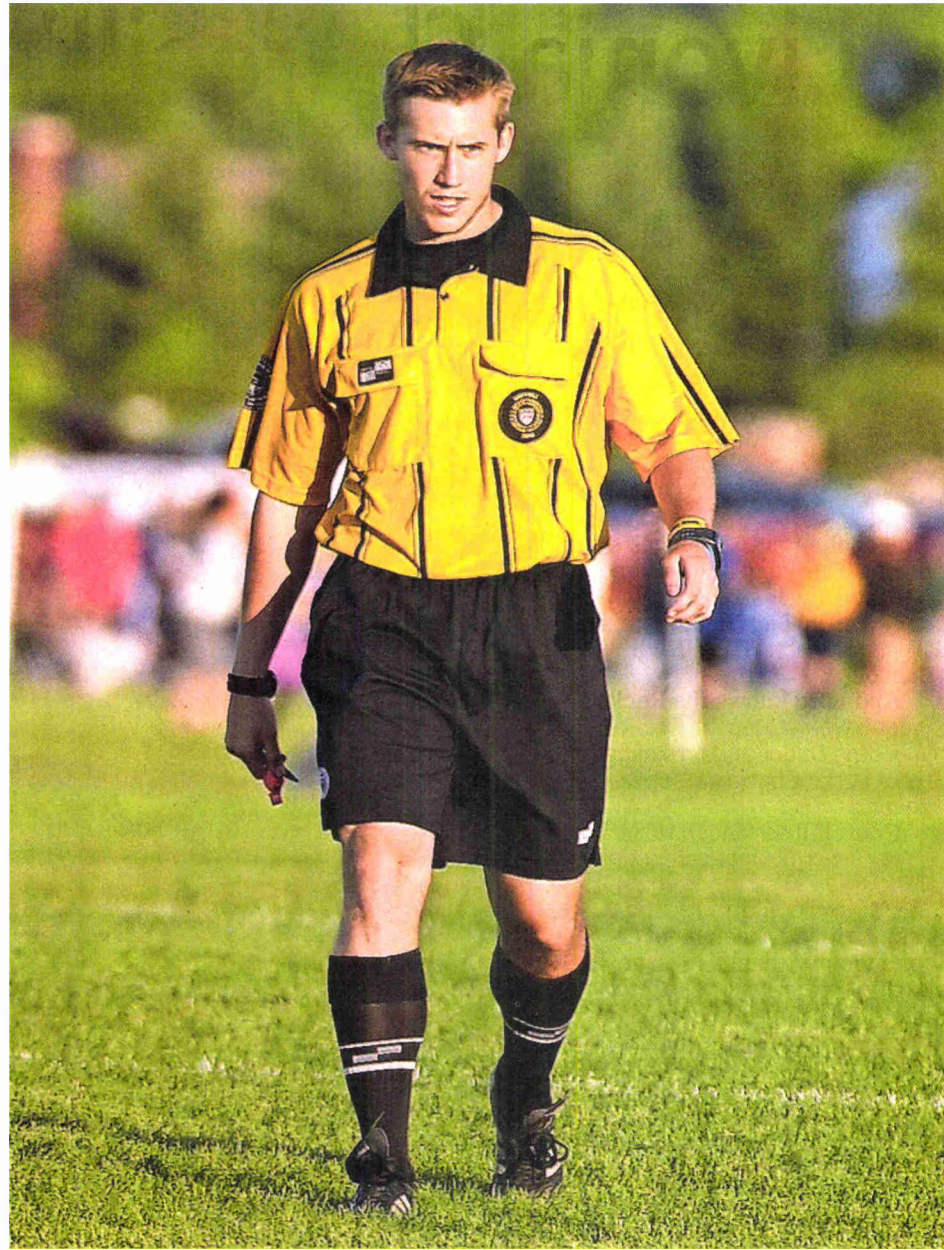
"You always see a lot of kids getting involved, you see kids volunteering," Winingham said. "You see parents involved. ... You have kids learning to play soccer and they still work up here because they know what it means to the community."

Besides, there's always the benefit of running into old Canton classmates or renewing acquaintances with Salem and Plymouth alums.

"It is a big Park reunion," said Winingham, unable to suppress a smile. "You see a lot of people you haven't seen in a few years. It's always nice."

So is Tyler Winingham's unwavering dedication to the Canton Cup.

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Canton High School alum Tyler Winingham already is a veteran referee at the Canton Cup.

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- Canton Spitfires
- Michigan Hawks 06
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- MI Rush Northville Nero
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- Northville Hurricanes
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- Sterling Gold Rush
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DISTRICT SOCCER SEMIFINAL

Livonia Churchill's Hayes foils Rocks

Goalkeeper phenomenal in 1-0 double-OT victory over Salem

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Nothing less than kryptonite was going to stop Livonia Churchill goalie Brittney Hayes during Thursday night's hyper-intense Division 1 district soccer semifinal against Salem at Westland John Glenn High School.

And Lord knows the Rocks kicked everything short of a speeding bullet and a roaring train at the Chargers' super-keeper.

Churchill advanced to Saturday's 2 p.m. final against Canton (a 2-0 victor over Plymouth in the night's second semi) with a 1-0 double-overtime victory thanks in large part to Hayes, whose spectacular performance included the turning away of three point-blank Rock missiles – one with an all-out horizontal diving effort – and the defusing of a first-overtime penalty kick that appeared to be headed into the top-left shelf of the field's south net.

The instant classic's lone goal came in the eighth minute of the first overtime when Charger sophomore Sara Taylor roped a penalty kick into the twine moments after the on-field official ruled Salem keeper Skylar Brant fouled Churchill's Ashley Slaviero when the two collided just inside the top of the 18-yard box.

Taylor calmly placed the ball on the PK line like Tiger



Salem's Bridget Nicol (No. 3) and teammate Ari Finn (No. 8) get after a loose ball during Thursday's Division 1 district game against Livonia Churchill.

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they're going to take and how wide they're going to go. I just stayed on my line until the first touch and then I reacted."

Utilizing some slick dribbling moves, Bridget Nicol penetrated deep into the box twice in the opening four minutes of overtime, only to get her shots defused by Hayes.

Finn's sweet moves and door-step shot also met a similar fate with three minutes left in the first extra session when Hayes did a stellar impersonation of Hope Solo.

"If you make one save like that during a regular season game, it's cool," said Friedrichs, a former standout goalie at Michigan State University. "But when you make three or four saves like that – and you stop a penalty kick in a state playoff game, well, that's pretty amazing."

Brant was brilliant as well, keeping the turf inside the net she was guarding vacant except for Taylor's tough-to-stop shot.

"Our center-back Sylvia Cervantes was unbelievable and Loren Kruger – who is a freshman making her first varsity start in a state playoff game – did an outstanding job," said Friedrichs. "But this really was a total team effort. Everybody did their job."

Friedrichs couldn't say enough good things about Hayes, who has worn a jersey throughout this season that her coach wore during an all-star college game over a decade ago.

"Brittney is making a bid to become one of the better goalies in the state right now," Friedrichs said. "Only once this season has she given up two goals in one game."

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Woods teeing up a Titleist, then ripped the eventual game-winner into the net.

"Ashley Slaviero would have normally taken the PK, but she was feeling sick and we had to sub her out every six or seven minutes," revealed Churchill head coach Reid Friedrichs. "But Sara is one of our best at penalty kicks and I had complete confidence that she would make it. She is so calm

under pressure."

The Rocks were still very much alive, however, as MHSAA rules require that two 10-minute overtimes are played to completion in all postseason contests that end in a tie regulation play.

Thus, 76 seconds after Taylor's goal, the official whistled Hayes for a similar foul on Salem's Ari Finn just inside the box, giving Rock senior Hayley

Rogers an opportunity to deadlock the score.

Rogers struck a searing laser to the right of Hayes, who went parallel to the ground to knock the shot away. She then regained her footing and secured the rebound before the quickly advancing Salem players could pounce on it.

"You're kind of guessing on those," Hayes said, "because you don't know which side



Ann Arbor Rudolph Steiner players surround Plymouth Christian's Ally Crecelius (No. 19) during Thursday's game.

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D4 GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICTS

Eagles clipped by Rudolf Steiner

Despite season-ending loss, PCA coach likes how team jelled

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Annette Somercik took over as head coach of Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls soccer team midway through this season, she stressed the importance of teamwork.

Somercik, who not too long ago was a PCA player (she graduated in 2011), liked the progress the 2015 team made although the season ended with Thursday's 3-1 loss to visiting Ann Arbor Rudolph Steiner in a Division 4 district semifinal.

"Soccer's always been more about how can I make it a life lesson, how can we be a team," Somercik said. "How can we encourage each other on and off the field."

"My goal this year for them was to see that serving others is our goal. ... It wasn't the season we wanted, but we came out and we played our hardest. Today I couldn't have been more proud of the way we played."

The host Eagles, who finished just 1-10-1 (with their win and tie both against Bloomfield Hills Roeper), played what Somercik called their best game of the season in front of the home fans on "Senior Day."

PCA took a 1-0 lead in the first half, when senior midfielder Sarah Durham set up sophomore midfielder Jessica Paulson.

Rudolf Steiner evened things up, sending a shot past Eagles senior goalie Abby Wyman



It was Senior Day Thursday for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls soccer team. From left are Sarah Durham, goalie Abby Wyman, Lauren Schlientz and Anna Nichols.

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New PCA girls soccer coach Annette Somercik enjoyed her first season at the helm.

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before the intermission.

The contest might have turned early in the second half when officials did not allow a PCA goal to stand.

Somercik and her team thought the Rudolf Steiner goalkeeper did not have possession of the ball before it went into the net. It was ruled that the goalie did have control.

Had that goal stood, the Eagles would have gone up 2-1. Instead, "we got down on ourselves," Somercik said, and Rudolf Steiner talked a pair of goals to take the lead.

Down the stretch, PCA just

could not create dangerous chances to draw any closer.

The day ended with a tough loss, but that didn't take away from the pre-game "Senior Day" festivities that honored Durham, Wyman, midfielder Lauren Schlientz and forward Anna Nichols.

Each player was introduced with their parents, and Somercik read comments teammates culled for the occasion.

"It was amazing to see the way the girls played throughout the season," said Durham, a co-captain along with Schlientz and Paulson. "... Senior Night, I loved it. I was (not) part of another sport this year, so I never experienced it before. But it was amazing to hear what the rest of the girls had to say and to see us work really hard together."

Durham also said the team quickly meshed with their young coach.

Somercik started the year as assistant to head coach Nathan Yates; when Yates' wife had a baby during the season he yielded the reins to Somercik.

"I loved it, it was easy to relate (to Somercik)," Durham noted. "Just getting to know her was amazing."



The jubilant Canton Chiefs celebrate after sophomore forward Jennifer Richmond (No. 2) scored her second goal Thursday night against Plymouth.

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about 20 yards away.

Richmond took a precise feed from junior Casey Muggia, dashed around defenders along the right side of the field in Plymouth's zone and launched her winning drive over Plymouth junior goalkeeper Julia Laflair under the crossbar in the middle of the cage.

"We adjusted things (in the second half), I changed a few things up top, like putting Jen back in," said Reddy, whose team improved to 11-5-3. "... She's got a great shot, she's fast and she never gives up."

With a big smile, Richmond said she was "super happy because we won when it mattered. I shot it (the goal) because I knew we needed a win."

For good measure, Richmond scored Canton's insurance goal with 19 seconds to play. She booted the ball from the left side of Plymouth's goal and it landed inside the far post.

"Late in the ballgame, as we were pushing people up we let them have too many opportunities," lamented Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich. "They (Richmond's goals) were fantastic finishes."

The Wildcats needed to go into desperation mode late in the contest largely because they couldn't cash in earlier.

Neschich did not fault his team for its effort, but "I think that first half we had three or four really quality chances that we kind of left on the field."

Right after Anheuser batted away Janke's shot in the first minute of the game, the Wildcats took a corner kick that was headed just wide of the goal by senior defender Erin Winters.

Unable to connect

Several other Plymouth corner kicks did not connect, either. On one attempt, with

about 11 minutes to play in the first half, the ball scooted right through the box out the opposite side.

"We certainly had enough of them that we should have done a little better on them," said Neschich, about the corner kicks. "They defended them well, but I think we just missed a little bit on our kicks. We were a little off on placement."

Until Richmond's goal, Canton's best scoring chance came in the 13th minute of the second half. Sophomore forward Hannah Lapko cut in off the right wing and ripped a 15-yard shot that Laflair dove to her right to swat away.

Meanwhile, Plymouth hit the post on a direct kick by junior defender Kelsey Melnick and a low drive by junior forward Katelyn Chipman was scooped up by Anheuser.

"We fought hard, it's one game I thought we could have pulled out," Neschich said. "But we left the goals on the field tonight, especially in the first half."

"I thought we really controlled a lot of the play and limited their opportunities and having half a dozen quality scoring chances. We couldn't get it in. At the end of the day, good season, bunch of good kids. I enjoyed working with them."

Learn from it

Janke credited Anheuser for making the key stop against her. "Jordan Anheuser is a very good keeper and she can save anything."

But Janke added that, disappointing finish to the season aside, the many returnees in 2016 (there are only four seniors, Winters, Hope Sheffield, Alyssa Swanson and Olivia Turner) will bank the experience.

"My team worked well, I thought we should have had a goal at least," Janke said. "Pretty disappointed. But just use it for next season."

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DOWNING

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low 1s, I don't think he's lost a game," Crain said. "He's doing a great job for us on the mound."

All-Star prowess

Crain, of course, points to Downing's prowess with a bat in his hands as the main reason why he nominated him to play in the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game June 17 at Comerica Park.

"He's batting .460 with five home runs and 35 RBIs, extra-base hits and a high on-base percentage," Crain said. "He doesn't strike out very often. He's just been a huge catalyst for us."

"He's kind of a middle-of-the-order hitter for us, starting in the year 4-5-6, and he's moved into that 3 spot and he's just anchored it."

All of those qualities also are why Downing is headed toward a baseball career at Concordia.

He will join Plymouth alums Nate Percy and Brandon Waack on the Cardinals. A 2015 teammate, Seth Hubbard, also is Concordia-bound, Downing added.

"They talked to me a little about it, they said it's a lot of fun," Downing said. "That's one of the reasons I want to go there, because I'll know some



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Patrick Downing's potent bat is the main ingredient in the Plymouth player's all-around game.

people there."

Downing has plenty of fun with his high school team, too.

Lifting his game

Consider that he enthusiastically stepped in to play shortstop during a recent practice when Crain asked him to.

"He's the type of kid any (college) program would want," Crain noted. "He just goes after it every day, every practice, it doesn't matter.

"We have him playing shortstop in this little drill just because we needed someone. He's up for anything and he's always got a great attitude. He brings his teammates up to the level that he's at and that's key."

Crain, finishing his second season at the Plymouth helm, said Downing was a solid player as a junior. But he has really lifted his all-around game this spring.

THE DOWNING FILE

Who: Patrick Downing, 17, senior at Plymouth High School.

What: Downing, who is enjoying a stellar season at the plate (.450, five homers, 35 RBIs) and on the mound (low ERA as a starting pitcher) was nominated by his coach to play in the annual high school all-star game at Comerica Park.

College: He will play baseball in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference at Concordia University. Holder of a 3.26 grade-point average, he wants to pursue a degree in computer engineering.

Misc: He lives in Canton with parents Peggy and Rich Downing.

"I just think it's maturity," Crain said. "He's gotten stronger and feels more confident in himself out there, being a senior. Knowing the landscape a little bit more."

That comfort zone is why Downing's contributions have gotten better and better as Plymouth won a division and now look for postseason success.

"I'm trying to help everybody else to play, but it's been a good senior year for me," Downing noted. "It's been my favorite year so far, because I've done the best."

"But it's also the kids on the team have make me enjoy the year. I just like to come here and play the game."

That's been in his DNA for a number of years, all the way

back to his days with the Plymouth Rangers in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association.

"I played basketball when I was younger but I never liked it," Downing explained. "Baseball was where my heart was. I just had the most fun with baseball."

"I like playing a lot of sports for fun, but baseball's the one sport where I like to compete and try to win."

Good advice

Downing's hunger to excel on a baseball field is obvious.

But his perspective about the game itself is another positive attribute that he possesses. As a senior, he tries to share that outlook.

"What I always say is don't get down on yourself," Downing said. "It's a game of failure, you're going to fail, people in MLB fail seven out of 10 times and go in the Hall of Fame."

"You're going to strike out with men on second and third with no outs. It's going to happen. You just got to overcome your failure and do better next time."

With that grasp on the sport he loves, coupled with his budding talent, there's no doubt Patrick Downing's baseball career will continue trending upward next season in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

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and similar to Andrew Lloyd the other day he shot eight strokes below his average," Young said. "He got into a good rhythm today and came through for us when it counted the most."

"I'm very proud of him and Lloyd. They have really stepped up the last few weeks."

Chiefs qualify

Also proud of his team was

Canton head coach Tom Alles, whose Chiefs finished third out of 12 teams.

"Dearborn Country Club was a challenging but fair test of golf," Alles said. "Narrow tree-lined fairways required accurate tee shots. The slick undulating greens made it difficult to avoid three putting."

"Overall I was very pleased with our effort. It is always a tremendous honor to qualify as a team for the MHSAA golf finals."

The Chiefs were led by Trosper, who topped the field of 72 golfers. Trosper has

medaled in four of the six tournaments Canton has taken part in.

Senior Noah Lindlbauer and sophomore Suhans Potluri each chipped in with stellar 79s, meeting their season averages. Senior Hunter Schlamp and junior Brian Oldani helped the Canton cause with scores of 81 and 89, respectively.

"Hunter Schlamp really came up big for us equaling his best 18 hole round of the year," Alles added.

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COURTESY PLYMOUTH ATHLETICS

Plymouth's varsity boys golf team proudly displays the Division 1 regional championship trophy after finishing first Wednesday. Pictured, from left, are Jack Boczar, Kyle Kozler, Justin Kapke, captions Connor Zydeck and Andrew Lloyd.

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Livonia peace group kicks off summer youth series with 'Mr. Peace'

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Colleen Mills hopes a combination of music, poetry, hip hop artistry and motivational messages will inspire teens to follow their passions this summer.

"It's basically to get the kids involved in something that touches their hearts to improve the world. We're trying to encourage students to get involved in something important, like their future," said Mills, president of Citizens for Peace, a Livonia-based organization dedicated to the practice and principles of nonviolence. "So, we're drawing them in with Kevin Szawala, who has devoted his life to peace activism for young people."

Szawala, 30, of Redford, is a motivational speaker known as "Mr. Peace" and a youth minister at St. James Catholic Church in Novi. He'll kick off the organization's "Summer of Youth," monthly meetings that will focus on youth issues.

His free concert, with poetry, hip hop and inspirational message starts at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia. Betty Appleby of Detroit will be on hand to talk about a peace quilt she created.

Although the meeting is aimed at youth, it's also open to adults. Young attendees will receive guides with ideas for getting involved in peace-related activities, along with a pack of "conversation starter" cards about love, forgiveness and compassion.

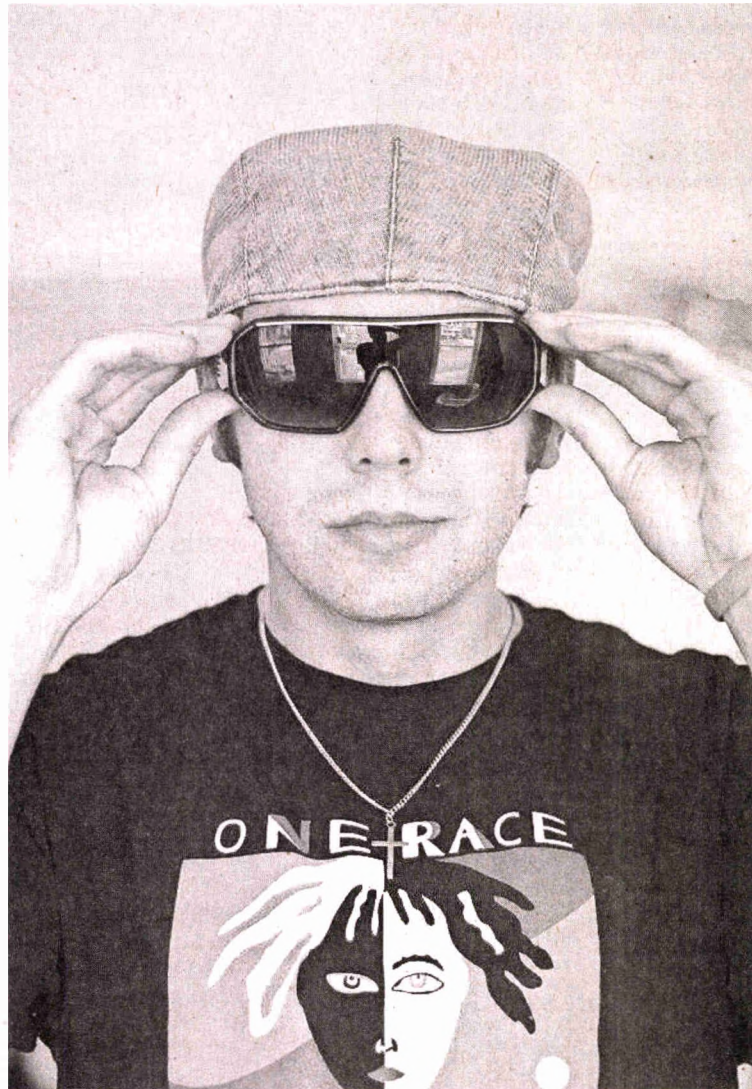
"They'll be getting a lot of cool stuff and hopefully they'll take it home with them and think about what they can do this summer. That's what we're hoping to motivate them to do," Mills said.

Inspirational speaker

Szawala, who presented an anti-bullying program May 22 at Franklin High School in Livonia, started his motivational speaking forum, Being Who I Want 2 B, in 2006. He found his passion for peace activism while studying economics, Spanish and global change at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

"I think it was through a series of meeting certain people. You know, you're called to do something greater and act on it. It was one of those things that I had gone to some life-changing workshops ... I was off and running and started to go after my passion. It was peace for me."

Szawala started a peace day event on campus that will celebrate its 10th year in September. After graduating from the



Kevin "Mr. Peace" Szawala of Redford will kick off the Citizens for Peace "Summer of Youth" with a concert, poetry and inspirational message.

University of Michigan, he spent five years working in management and marketing for a corporation, but used his days off for peace work and motivational speaking. He earned a master of business administration degree from Wayne State University before leaving the corporate world in 2010. As the state coordinator for the national Department of Peace campaign, Szawala traveled throughout Michigan in 2011 promoting the idea of a state peace and justice commission.

"By 2012, I was pretty much a full-time speaker. You can't put a price tag on passion. I ended up going another route," he said, reflecting on his split from his management and marketing work. "And I haven't looked back since. My spirit and soul have been fulfilled since then."

Get involved

In his talks, he encourages students to discover and follow their passion, to consider their dreams.

"Ask yourself, what makes you come alive. Tell me something you're passionate about.

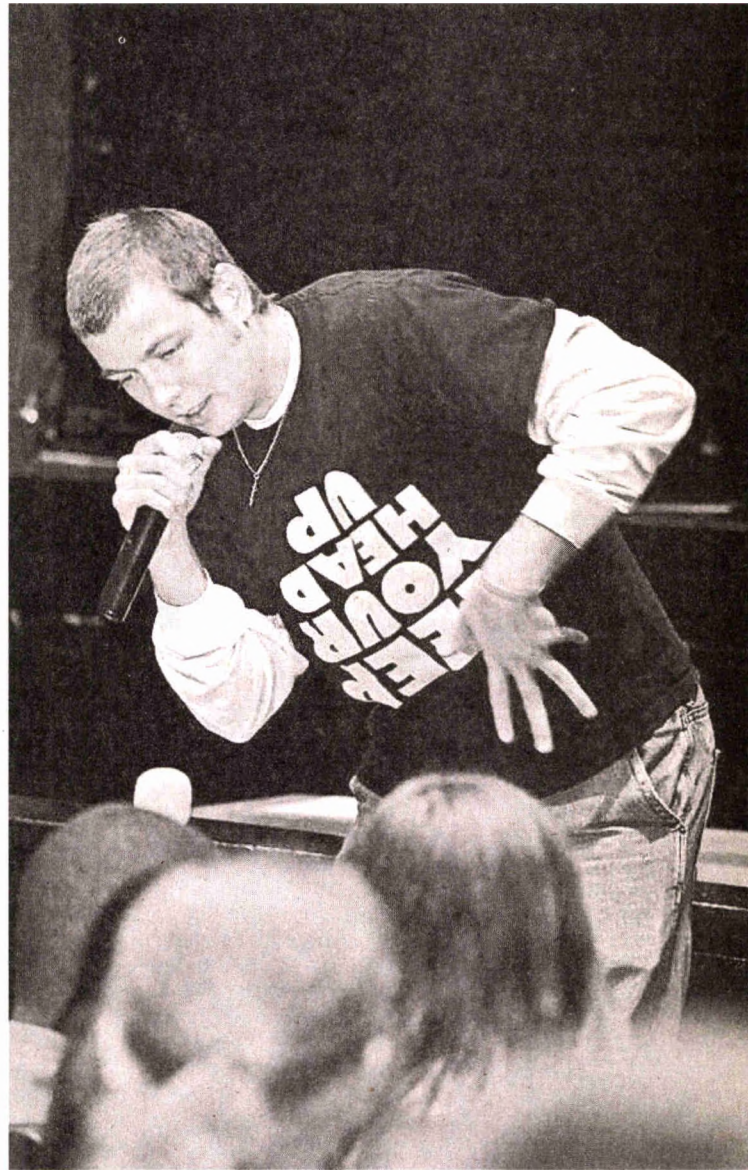


Betty Appleby will talk about her peace quilt project at Citizens for Peace, June 9, in Livonia.

My greatest passion is helping other people find theirs or begin the search."

Other Summer of Youth meetings will include a presentation by Monica Evans, a certified Gang Resistance and Education Training instructor, on July 14. Evans promotes conflict resolution and other restorative practices as an alternative to suspensions, expulsions and exclusionary punishments for students.

The meeting on Aug. 11 will focus on youth in prison and



Kevin Szawala talks to students at Franklin High School in Livonia. He'll bring his poetry and inspirational message to the Citizens for Peace meeting on June 9.



Monica Evans promotes conflict resolution and other alternatives to expulsion, suspension and exclusionary discipline programs in schools. She's the guest speaker at Citizens for Peace on July 14.

the Youth Promise Act. It will include a video of author Nell Bernstein, who wants to close juvenile prisons, and a discussion by Ann Abdoo, a Citi-

zens for Peace board member. For more on Citizens for Peace, visit citizens4peace.com.

Livonia teen wins prom dress in online contest

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Melissa Flannigan, dressed in a floor-length gown and with her date at her side, had one important stop to make on her way to the Stevenson High School prom on May 22.

She popped into the dress department at Von Maur department store, to thank the saleswoman, Phyllis Urban, who had helped her shop.

"She was a really nice lady and really helpful and she helped me multiple times when I was in the store," said Flannigan, who posed with her date, Fred Schulz, a Northville High School senior, and Urban for a photo.

Flannigan won a dress from Von Maur after entering an online contest that asked teens about prom.

"It was an explanation of what prom meant to you. I said how it was one of the last nights of the year with your class and friends together," said Flannigan, a Stevenson High School senior. "I clicked and entered, but I didn't think I'd win."

She won one of six available styles, and chose a floor-length gown with tulle skirt



Melissa Flannigan shows her prom dress to Phyllis Urban of Von Maur, before heading to the Livonia Stevenson High School prom with Fred Schulz, a Northville High School senior. Flannigan won a free prom dress from the store.

and a sparkly, mesh bodice. She ended up buying a different dress, red with sparkles, for the Northville prom.

Flannigan, who plans to swim and study secondary education math at Grand Valley State University, said she enjoyed her senior prom.

"It was not extravagant. It was like a school dance, but more formal."

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Hugo needs a home

Guardian Angel Animal Rescue in Livonia is looking for foster care — or a permanent home — for a year-old Lab/bulldog mix named Hugo.

"His owner had a family emergency and had to leave town immediately. Hugo and his yard mate had nowhere to go and the owner was going to release them to the streets of Detroit," said Sandra Mezza, Guardian Angel founder. "One of our volunteers heard about the situation and was able to get there in time."

The organization placed a mother dog and puppy in foster care, but hasn't found a permanent foster or adopter for Hugo. He's currently with a temporary foster.

Hugo is neutered, playful and needs an owner or family with lots of energy to keep him active.

"He is a very large and strong pup but thinks he is a lap dog. He is just a big clumsy pup full of love and energy.



PET PROJECTS



Hugo, a Lab/bulldog mix, needs a permanent home. He's available for adoption or fostering through Guardian Angel Animal Rescue in Livonia.

Hugo lived his life as an outdoor dog, but is adjusting well to the comforts of being an indoor dog."

If you're interested in adopting Hugo, or fostering him until he is adopted, call 734-516-2171 or email guardian_angel_rescue@hotmail.com or imdanac@yahoo.com.

Guardian Angel Animal Rescue finds new homes for surrendered, abandoned and



Peanut Butter is featured in the 2015 Michigan Humane Society Pet Calendar as pet of the month for May.

abused dogs and cats, and focuses on rescue in Detroit.

On the calendar

The Michigan Humane Society wants to feature your pet in its 18th annual wall calendar. It's accepting photos for its 2016 Pet Calendar through June 15.

The entry fee is \$25 per photo. Submitted photos are guaranteed a place in the calendar and top entries will be chosen for Pet of the Month placement. The calendars will be sold for \$15 beginning in mid-October.

Here are submission guidelines:

» Photos must be clear, in

Spotlight: Variety, The Children's Charity honors media celebrities at gala

This time of year is always incredibly busy for Variety, The Children's Charity, based in Birmingham. The mighty organization puts on the always-popular, Tabletops Luncheon followed by the night-time black-tie gala, A Star is Born. The summer is left for planning and then October rolls around with the Variety Movie Night. Thanks to the generosity of Emagine Theatre owners Mary and Paul Glantz, Variety board treasurer, the Star is Born Gala has been held at the Royal Oak Emagine and Star Lanes and the movie event is held at the Novi Emagine.



Julie Yolles

SOCIAL SCENE

Fun was all around and more than \$150,000 was raised this month at A Star is Born. Over 400 guests enjoyed bowling in their fancy clothes, strolling appetizers, dinner and desserts, live music and dancing all night long; casino games and, if you were a night owl, your choice of a movie and unlimited popcorn.

This year, Variety honored the "The Voices of Detroit," our top media celebrities in print, radio and television. The evening's emcee, Deputy Mayor for the City of Detroit's Ike McKinnon, introduced the inductees: Mary Kramer, *Crain's Detroit Business* vice president and group publisher; Monica Gayle and Huel Perkins, Fox 2 News co-anchors; and News-Talk 760 WJR's Paul W. Smith.

"I'm not a celebrity," Kramer told the crowd. "I'm a Detroit Booster and advocate for children." Kramer and Smith just wrapped up an intensive week of meetings at the Mackinac Policy Conference on Friday.



Sarah Knoblock of Royal Oak and Max Kelmigian of Farmington Hills enjoy the Star is Born black-tie gala to benefit Variety, The Children's Charity at the Emagine Theatre in Royal Oak.



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Attending Variety, The Children's Charity's Star is Born black-tie gala are Michele and Variety board member Nathan Mersereau of Livonia.

"We know in our hearts that no child wants to come into this world impoverished and hopeless," Perkins said before leaving the event with his 22-year on-air partner, Gayle, to co-anchor the 10 p.m. newscast.

Smith wrapped the induction ceremony by saying "Remember that each day is a gift — make each and every day count."

Pewabic Pottery

Thursday, June 4, Pewabic Pottery will kick off its 25th annual For the House & Garden Show, a four-day celebration of handcrafted ceramic art. Those wanting first dibs on more than 80 ceramic artists' works will want to come to the Preview Party Fundraiser, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 4. Guest will enjoy shopping, live entertainment by jazz crooner Ben Sharkey, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails along with demonstrations by staff artisans and docent-led tours of the museum, exhibition space and education studio. Tickets are \$75. Call 313-626-2000 or visit Pewabic.org/GardenParty.

Then, beginning on Friday, June 5, Pewabic opens the party to the public with activities and shopping for the entire family. The sale and scheduled tours continue Saturday-Sunday, June 6-7 with the

addition of a biergarten. Guests can refresh in Pewabic's courtyard with beer and food from Atwater Brewery and enjoy live music from local folk-blues act Behind the Times. Docent-led tours will be at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday. The biergarten will be open noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. The full event schedule can be viewed online at www.pewabic.org/gardenparty/event-schedule. Pewabic is located at 10125 E. Jefferson in Detroit. For more information, call 313-626-2062 or visit Pewabic.org.

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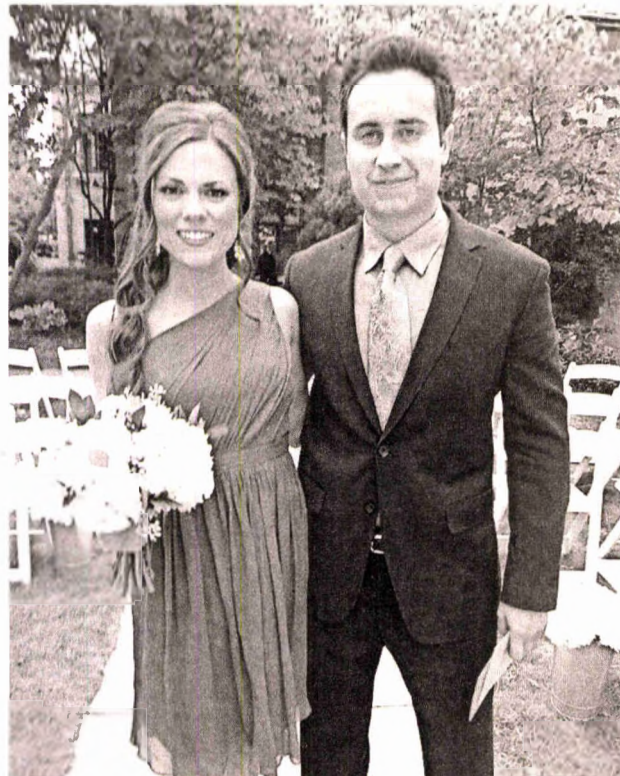
Whether he's on a film or television set in Hollywood or on Broadway, you can hear Jeff Daniels promoting his beloved Detroit. And if

you're fortunate enough to catch one of his legendary Unplugged shows on his own stage at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea you know that you're in for a rockin' great time June 12 at the Music Hall Center for Performing Arts. At the Music Hall's largest fundraiser of the year, Daniels will take the stage with his son, Ben Daniels, and Ben's bandmates for a special performance of music and anecdotal stories and songs. It's Cars & Stars "in 'Da Moonlight" starting at 6 p.m. for VIP cocktails and dinner, followed by the 8 p.m. show, dancing on the Music Hall's main stage and an after-party on the rooftop. And while Daniels likes to kick back with his blues guitar in jeans and a plaid shirt, the evening's attire will be black-tie elegance.

Cars & Stars is chaired by Jim Vella of Canton and Donna and Jeff Vanneste. Proceeds benefit Music Hall's Education Programs. Gala patron tickets are \$600. Supporter Patron tickets are \$150 for the 8 p.m. performance, dancing and after-party on the rooftop terrace. Call Latasha Burnett at 313-887-8510 to make your reservations.

Contact Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist, at socialscenejulie@gmail.com or leave a message at 248-642-9465.

ENGAGEMENT



Erin Bartos and Ben Kramer

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BARTOS-KRAMER

Erin Ashley Bartos of Plymouth and Benjamin Kramer of Royal Oak announce their engagement.

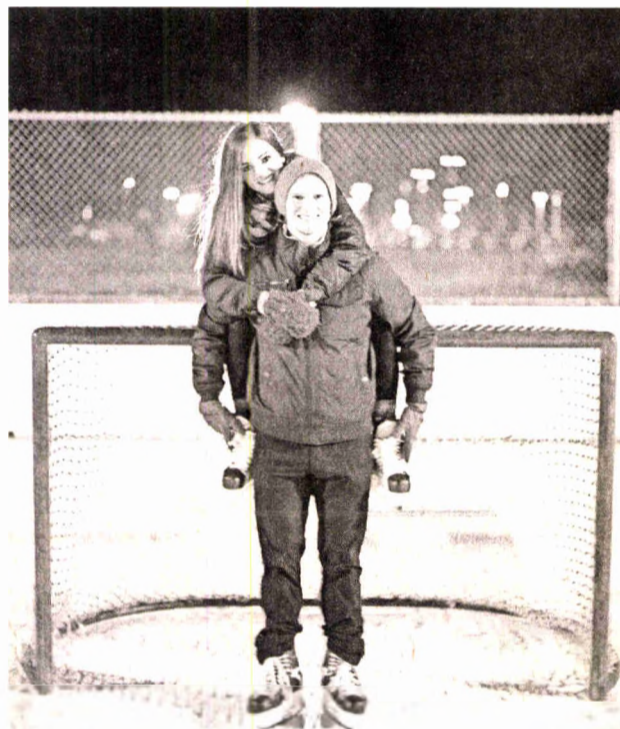
The bride-to-be, daughter of Janice and Michael Bartos of Plymouth, is a Churchill High School graduate. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University and a juris doctorate degree from Wayne State Uni-

versity. She is a bankruptcy attorney in metro Detroit.

Her fiancé, son of Nancy and Jeffery Kramer of Farmington Hills, is a graduate of North Farmington High School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University and is employed as a national sales account executive.

A wedding is planned for September 2015 at The Henry in Dearborn.

ENGAGEMENT



Laura Daniels and Greg Wolfe

SUBMITTED

DANIELS-WOLFE

Laura Daniels and Greg Wolfe announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Tom and Sally Daniels of Canton, is a 2008 Canton High School graduate. She graduated in 2012 from Grand Valley State University and holds a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

Her fiancé, son of Chris and Liz Wolfe of Canton, is a 2008 Canton High School graduate. He graduated in 2014 from Michigan State University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in finance. He plays professional hockey.

A September 2015 wedding is planned in Hartland.

ENGAGEMENT



Lynne Ashley Jefts and James Garvey

SUBMITTED

Lynne Ashley Jefts of Big Rapids and James David Garvey of Livonia plan to wed this summer on the Jefts' family farm in Big Rapids.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Paul and Denise Jefts of Big Rapids. She is a 2004 graduate of Big Rapids High School and a 2007 graduate of Ferris State University, with degrees in ornamental horticulture and general business.

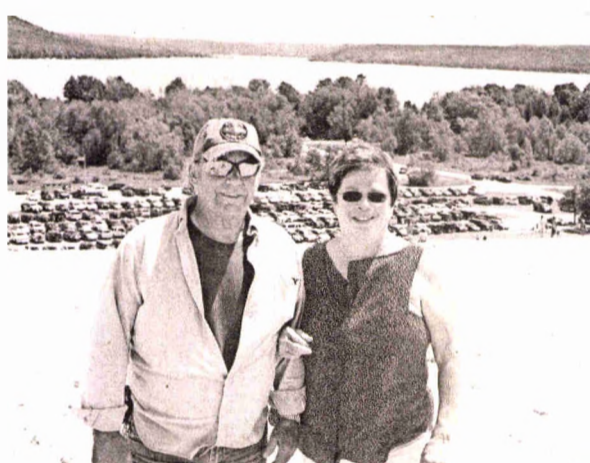
She works as a store manager at Rite Aid in Ypsilanti.

Her fiancé is the son of Keith and Linnea Garvey of Livonia. He is a 2002 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia and a 2008 graduate of Michigan Technological University, with a degree in computer network and systems administration. He is employed at AAA as a senior IT analyst in Dearborn.

ANNIVERSARY



Ron and Nancy Heath of Livonia on their wedding day in 1975.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Ron and Nancy Heath of Livonia celebrated 40 years of marriage on May 24.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Ron and Nancy (Cain) Heath of Livonia marked their 40th wedding anniversary on May 24. They were

married in 1975 at Chery Hill United Presbyterian Church in Dearborn.

They have two children, Misty and Kevin.

PETS

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PFEIFER, JUDITH ANNE
Age 72. May 29, 2015. Loving wife of Jerome Pfeifer for 49 years. Caring mother of Denise (Craig) Justice, Dianne (Larry) Barbarich, Jerry (Vickie), Chris (Stacia), Carl (Anna), Mark, and Mike (Joanna). Cherished grandmother of 15. Daughter of the late Raymond and Janet Kreucher. Devoted sister of Sandy (Steve) Freriks, Karen (Bob) Johnson, R. Nick (Karen) Kreucher, and the late Marylynne Johnson. Visitation on Monday 4 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday 2 to 8 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 6 Mile Rd., Livonia. Funeral Mass Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. Friends may visit the church beginning at 10 a.m. Visit www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

DOYLE, MICHAEL KENNETH
Age 52, died on May 20, 2015 graduate of Stevenson High School, 1980, in Livonia, Michigan. Michael was born in Detroit, MI and has lived in Sterling, VA for the past 25 years. He is survived by his wife Brenda, daughter, Crystal, and granddaughter, Lily, mother Rosemary, and siblings, Julie and Tony. Michael will be remembered for his quick wit, intellectual brilliance, and friendships. A Memorial Service will be held in Virginia on May 30, 2015.

KELLER, SYLVIA J.
May 25, 2015 age 97 of Livonia, formerly of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late Burdette. Dear mother of Roger, Joan (Joseph) Rice, Gary, Arthur (Michelle), Cindy (Fred Withrow) Keller. Loving grandmother of Bradley (Jennifer) Rice, Cassandra Burns, Katrina (Tim) Hopper, Michael (Meagan) Keller, Misty (Thaddeus) Swartz, Laura Moe and Sherry (Doug) Gerhardt. Great grandmother of 13. Funeral Friday, May 29, 2015 5 pm at the Uht Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Family received friends Friday 1-8 pm. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfh.com.

PHILLIPS, BETTE M.
Passed away on May 6, 2015 at the age of 73. She will be remembered by her many friends as a beautiful woman who loved her children and grandchildren, golf, bunco and cruising. Bette prayed the Rosary daily. She was the beloved wife of Bill, a loving mother of William, Janet (Tierny) and Brad, grandmother to Claire, Lillian, Collin, Melanie, William (Charlie), Erin and Blake and younger sister to Rosemary Gates, Ann McManus, Joanne Drake and Carl Neuser. A Memorial Service honoring Bette will be held on June 8, 2015 at 10:30 am at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church 32340 Pierce Rd. Beverly Hills, MI. Memorial donations may be made to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration. www.theaftd.org

A loving tribute

Livonia woman raises awareness of Turner syndrome

If you need inspiration to deal with a rare medical disorder, look no further than Jennifer Wakenell of Livonia.

Jennifer is a wonderful example of one who transforms personal misfortune into self-healing and reaching out to others. You see, Jennifer has Turner syndrome.

This rare disease is a non-inherited chromosomal condition. It causes a multitude of lifelong health and learning problems in females. It can impact kidneys, thyroid, cardiac functioning and cause specific learning disorders. Common physical traits can include: short stature, low-set ears, triangular face, and webbed neck.

Jennifer is the creator and director of an inspirational awareness campaign that enlightens us and reduces stigma about those among us who are "different."

Someone once said that the only thing worse than a trauma is a maladaptive attitude about it. Rare disorders, some of which meet criteria as orphan diseases, are said to affect too few people to attract wide attention and research funding. But, did you know there are an estimated 7,000 different, distinct and separate orphan disorders in the United States? One need only meet



Len McCulloch

Jennifer to get a dose of inspiration from her positive attitude.

Unique project

Amid competition with so many other maladies having low-profile status, Jennifer proceeds bravely and optimistically. Working against the odds, she has achieved a master of social work degree from the University of Michigan and has maintained her Turner syndrome awareness campaign for a decade. At its center is The Turner Town Project, a collection of dollhouses with accompanying storyboards. This educational, interactive, traveling exhibit depicts the day-to-day challenges of a girl with Turner syndrome and nonverbal learning disorder from birth through later years of adolescence. It offers suggestions for dealing with both medical and academic obstacles. It is a rare and valuable asset for family members and friends of folks with Turner syndrome. Visitors to Turner Town enjoy an interactive, engaging experience. As she points out, the initial learning



Jennifer Wakenell of Livonia and The Turner Town Project that teaches about Turner syndrome

of the diagnosis can be accompanied with anxiety and confusion about what it means. Visitors to her website commonly report relief and clarification.

If you have a suggestion for a Turner Town exhibit venue, need a speaker on Turner syndrome for a group meeting, or want resources and information, email Jennifer at jwakenell88@gmail.com. Visit her website at Jwakenellts.wix.com/theturnertown-project or watch her videos on YouTube.

The Turner Syndrome Society of the United States website is www.turnersyndrome.org.

Len McCulloch is a Diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is credentialed in mental health, addictions, trauma, brain injury and social work. His "Our Mental Health" columns are archived at www.farmlib.org. For a courtesy consultation, call McCulloch at his Farmington Hills office at 248-474-2763, Ext. 222.

JENNIFER WAKENELL

» Works for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan in Farmington Hills
» Created The Turner Town Project in 2005 to earn a Girl Scout Gold Award while attending Divine Child High School

» Expanded the project and created educational posters and workshop materials, including children's activities, a teen newspaper, "fast-fact" flip books, photo collages, a resource guide book and portable reference/lending library and more

» Turner Town has been on exhibit in more than 25 venues, including the Livonia Civic Center, Plymouth District Library, Redford Township Library, Farmington Community Library, Westland Public Library and Wayne Public Library

» Wakenell says she wants to take the campaign to "as many places and communities as feasibly possible," ultimately placing it on permanent display as part of a learning center for individuals with disabilities.

— Compiled by Sharon Dargay

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Back pain

Oakwood Healthcare sponsors a free class with orthopedic spine specialists who will explain the causes of and treatments for back pain, 6-8 p.m. June 9, in the Oakwood Physical Therapy and Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda Drive, Dearborn. To register, visit Oakwood.org under the Classes & Events tab or call 800-543-9355.

Congestive heart failure

Jeffrey Zaks, M.D., cardiologist, will explain how to man-

age congestive heart failure through lifestyle changes, diet and exercise, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Register at 888-751-5465.

Diabetes management

The St. Mary Mercy Livonia Diabetes Support Group offers a free educational seminar, "Managing Diabetes: The Next Step," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, in the North Auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. JoAnn Henderson-Collins will share in-

formation about diabetes self-management and insulin based on formal training and her personal experiences. For more information, call 734-655-8950.

Free dental care

Farmington Hills Oral Surgery group will offer a choice of a filling, tooth extraction or a cleaning to the public, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at 32905 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. The first 200 individuals in line are guaranteed to see one of the dentists. Appointments are on a first

come, first served basis. For more information, visit dentistryfromtheheart.org.

Weight loss

Tallal Zeni, M.D., director of bariatric surgery at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, will talk about laparoscopic bariatric surgery, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4, in the North Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Register at 877-949-9344

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An Ab-Anon meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

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Tricks for a happier day at work

EVEN IF THIS ISN'T THE JOB THAT YOU GREW UP WANTING, YOU CAN STILL ENJOY EACH DAY OF IT.

Economists Andrew Oswald, Eugenio Proto, and Daniel Sgroi from the Department of Economics at the University of Warwick recently researched how happiness affects employees and their productivity. The findings, to be published in the Journal of Labor Economics, reveal that happiness made people about 12 percent more productive.

"Companies like Google have invested more in employee support and employee satisfaction has risen as a result. For Google, it rose by 37 percent; they know what they are talking about. Under scientifically controlled conditions, making workers happier really pays off," says Oswald.

"The driving force seems to be that happier workers use the time they have more ef-

fectively, increasing the pace at which they can work without sacrificing quality," adds Sgroi.

Don't worry about trying to get a job at Google, though. There are plenty of simple ways you can invest in your own happiness on the job and boost your career at the same time.

Become a morning person

If your job requires you to get a start in the morning, you may have fallen victim to the "Groundhog Day Syndrome," stuck in a rut and repeating the same events over and over like Bill Murray's character in the holiday-named movie. You may dread the morning fight to board the subway, the never-

ending questions of what to wear for work that day or what to bring for lunch. Skip the daily dread, and instead become a morning person.

Lorena Prime, a productivity expert, says, "The successful habit I adopt before breakfast is to make things really easy for myself! I want the time after I wake until the time I eat breakfast and leave for work as stress-free as possible. This first hour is so important—if you start in a bad mood, it can affect your day. If you start in a good mood, it also affects your day! So I plan the night before: get the coffee pot ready, plan my lunch, set out my clothes, plan if I need to complete something for work just to make it super easy in the morning. This way I can start my day in a pleasant way, even if I'm not quite awake yet."

Work smarter, not harder

Sometimes the reason we feel unhappy or trapped in our jobs is because we're overwhelmed with the amount of work or the people who require it from us. But focusing on boosting your productivity will make your job much easier, which may make it more enjoyable for you.

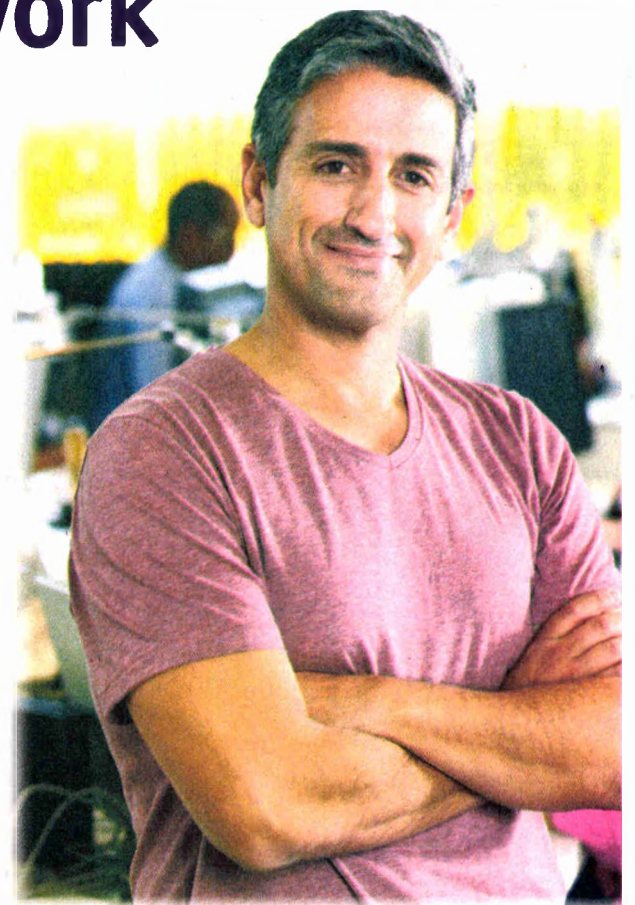
"What I've found helpful is adhering to period of time that I call my power hours," says Nicholas Shum, co-founder of the apparel company Topwick. "I'm most effective in the mornings as opposed to the afternoons. Therefore, I typically schedule all my meetings and phone calls for the afternoon when I'm more mentally lax. This allows me to prioritize my most important tasks during this period of time with zero distractions like emails, Facebook or the news."

Also respect the boundaries you need to be a productive worker. Shum says, "It's incredibly important that an employee learns

to say no to tasks and activities that are unrelated to your main objectives and priorities. Co-workers will often ask for favors or bosses will pile on work without knowing what's on your plate. Also prioritize your projects and tasks for the week and evaluate at the end of every week. If you've made headway on the most important projects, you've done good work. It's important to recognize that business does not always equate to effectiveness. Effectiveness is placing your efforts in the right place."

Thriving in your job, feeling capable of performing your responsibilities and losing many of the sources of daily stress in your life can make a huge difference in your work day. Yes, the main reason you're probably at work is to earn a paycheck. But changing small areas of your life can also give you the perspective you need to see that you're also producing important work and are able to handle your day, and even enjoy it.

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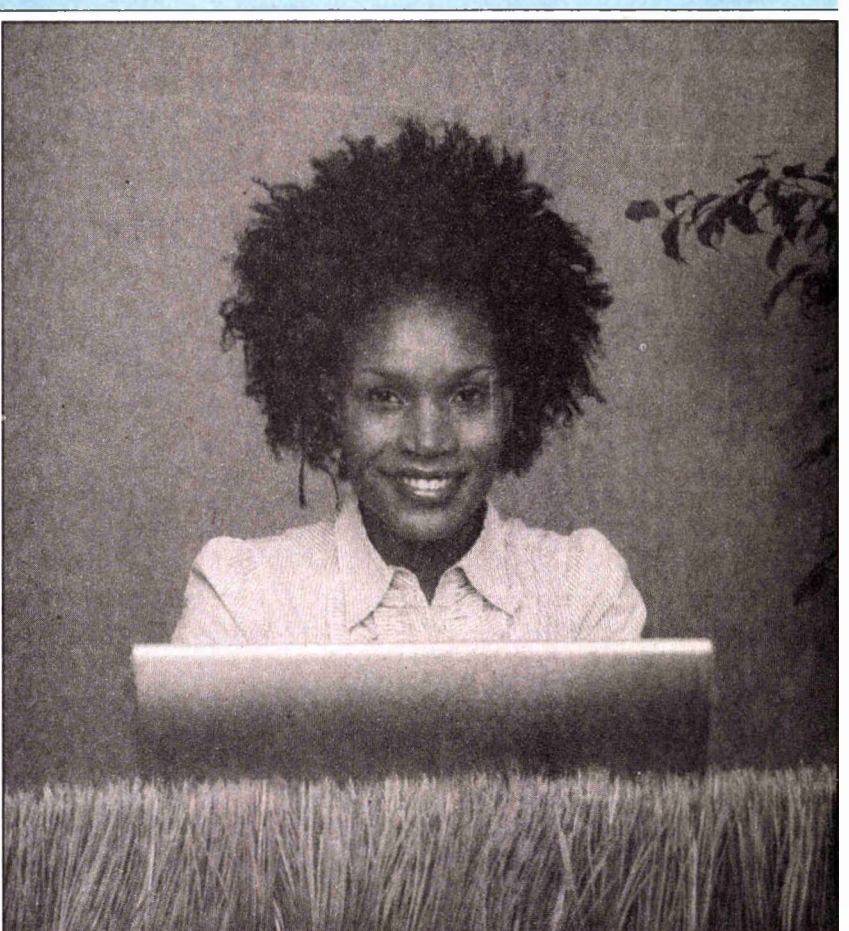
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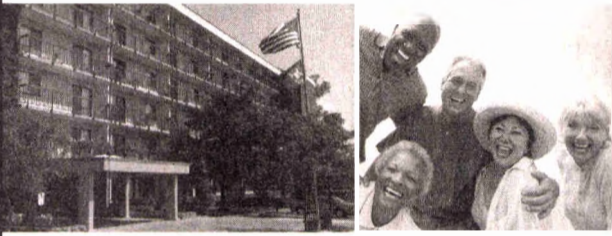
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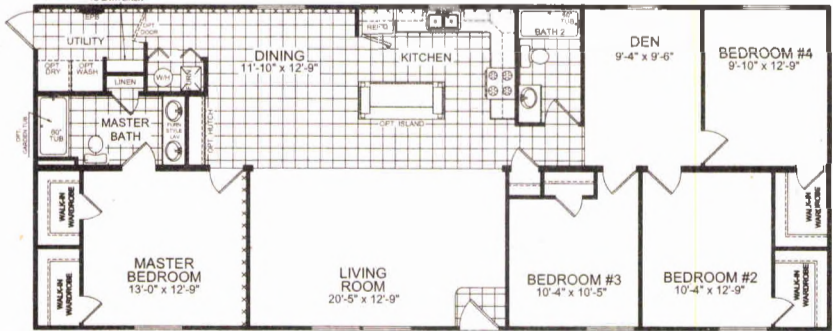
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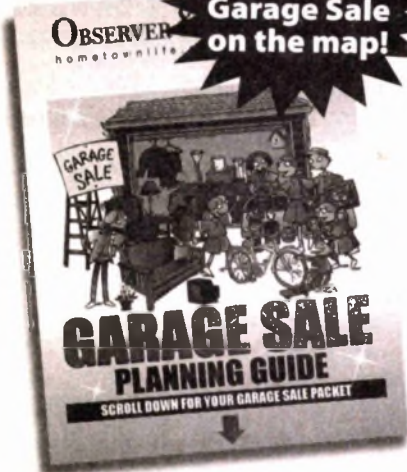
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By Dale Buss

With its "Game Changers" ad campaign of the last couple of years, Mazda helped close the gap between its third-tier status and the second tier in the U.S. auto market, where its market share was just 1.8 percent last year.

the heart of American consumers that it hasn't enjoyed.

"The Game Changers campaign helped us get ahead of Subaru and Kia in awareness in the U.S., and closer to Volkswagen and Hyundai," Russell Wager, vice president of marketing for Mazda North American Operations, told me. "And in familiarity we went ahead of all of them except Hyundai.

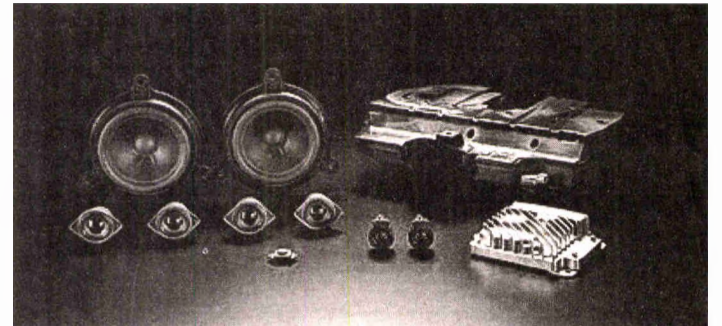
"Our next target is making

will get a glimpse at why driving matters so much to Mazda and why we obsess over every detail in designing our cars. Whether it's for safety purposes or for maintaining our 'fun to drive' nature, it all comes down to the fact that driving matters to our customers and it matters to us."

In the initial TV spot, Mazda traces the life of a middle-aged man through a procession of Mazda vehicles, beginning as a youngster when he gets his driver's license, piloting his first Mazda roadster, finding the right girl, and finally transporting his family in a Mazda CX-5 crossover utility vehicle. And it ends with him ogling a 2016 Miata in his garage -- a plaything returned.

"The ad is about a driver's life story," Wager explained, "with the experiences that all kids start out with, going through college, meeting someone, having a family and coming full circle. This guy really wanted his Miata, but personal life stages say sometimes you can't have that two-seater when you want one."

In addition to addressing the brand's need for stoking some passion in consumers, the new Miata MX-5 provided a natural launching point for the "Driving Matters" effort. "We saw so many stories in our social postings about people who have all these memories -- current Mazda



A new Bose sound system is a highlight of the new Miata MX-5.

owners -- and most of them don't have an MX-5, but they used to."

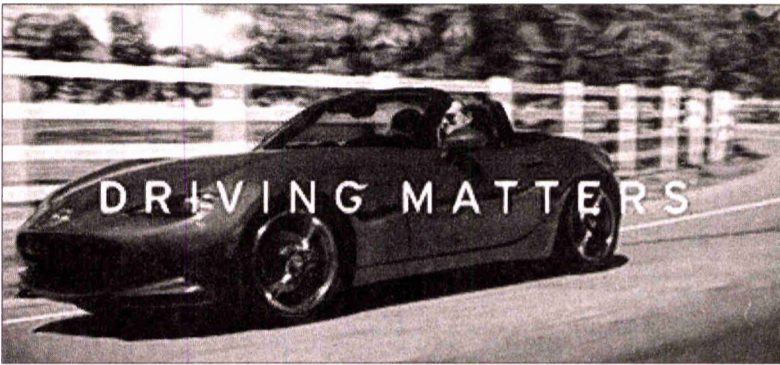
invoked some of the same kind of Forrest Gump-like reminiscences.

It's not that surprising to see Mazda trying an emotional tack. It's long-used "Zoom-zoom" tag line, which it hatched in 2000 and which is still around in limited capacity for Mazda, at least spoke to driving excitement. Yet while fielding a continuing string of worthy products recently, including new versions of the Mazda3 and Mazda6 sedans, the best Mazda has come up with recently is a sort of sub-brand, SkyActiv, which is shorthand for a package of fuel-economy and performance improvements that now are common across most of the Mazda product line.

The nostalgic tack for Mazda seems a bit derivative. Subaru has become renowned for ads that make the point that Subarus last a long time, and remain beloved often from parent to child. And recently Toyota did a "generations" campaign that

One thing these campaigns collectively underscore is just how long major Japanese brands have been a vital part of the American automotive scene. But Wager differentiated Mazda's new campaign.

"Every one tries to tell a life story, but some aren't true," he said. The scenes depicted in the first "Driving Matters" ad "are all true situations. Everyone can picture every one of these scenarios and either has lived it or will live it. Everyone tries to make some sort of emotional connection. Ours is true to the brand and true to the target we're talking to."



New slogan and ad campaign, new 2016 Miata MX-5 for Mazda.

elevate perceptions of the brand to match those of Volkswagen and Hyundai.

The first gambit in the campaign is a new TV commercial that breaks Friday and draws upon two key elements -- the long history of Mazda vehicles in the U.S. market, and the excitement of the imminent launch of the 2016 Mazda Miata MX-5 -- to venture into new territory that Mazda must conquer in order to secure a place in

that emotional connection, because in the purchase funnel, we're way below the competition in measurements of opinion and consideration of our brand. 'Driving Matters' is meant to change that."

Specifically, Wager said in a news release, through the Driving Matters campaign, "consumers

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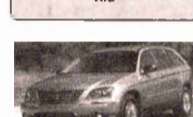
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