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Candidate forum to have Price, Heise

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Voters will hear from both candidates for Plymouth Township supervisor during the next Plymouth Community Forum.

The forum begins at 7 p.m. Monday at Praise Baptist Church, 45000 North Territorial, west of Sheldon.

Current Supervisor Shannon Price and state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, are competing for the Republican nomination in the race for

supervisor.

As there are no Democratic candidates and no announced independent or third-party candidates, the supervisor's race could well be decided in the primary rather than the November general election. The primary is Tuesday, Aug. 2.

Price is a former Wayne County commissioner who moved to the township from Canton Township in early 2015 and was appointed supervisor last April, following the resignation of Richard Reaume



Heise

Price

from that job. Price, first elected to the county commission in 2012, also worked in constituent relations for Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette and had worked as a political

consultant.

Heise, an attorney, is in his third two-year term in the Michigan House of Representatives and cannot seek re-election because of term limits. He is the former director of Wayne County's department of the environment.

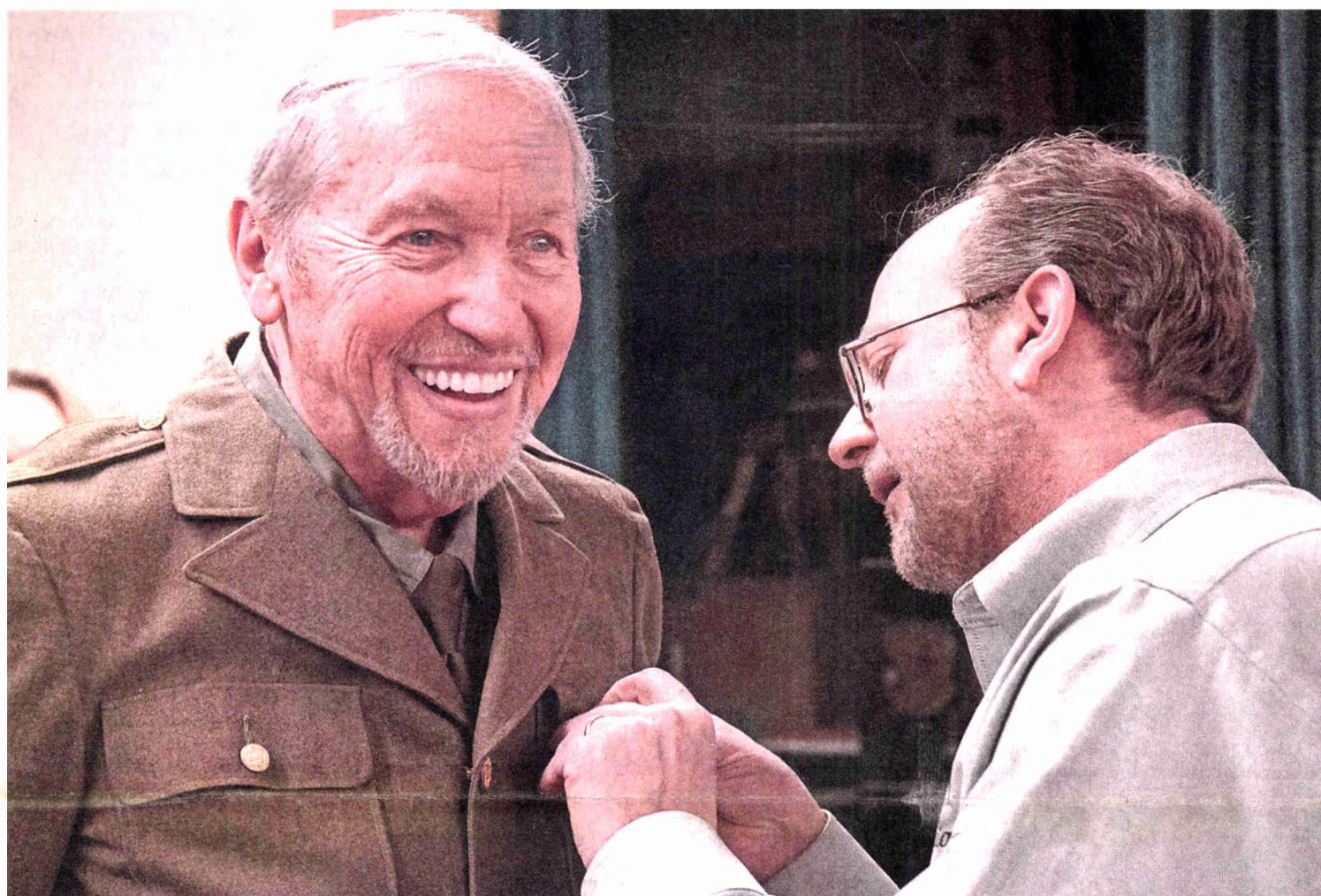
Plymouth Community Forum organizer Arné Guimmo is a city resident, but said the township supervisor race is drawing a lot of interest. Guimmo said the format Monday will be simple: Remarks by

each candidate and then questions from the audience, with both men having a chance to weigh in on each question.

Questions, Guimmo said, will be submitted in writing and any "attack" questions weeded out, although, "if it keeps on track and is important, then the question needs to be asked and answered," she said.

Guimmo said the forum should last about an hour, may-

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Russell Levine, vice president of the Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial, pins a Purple Heart on Henry Malec during a ceremony Wednesday in which Malec's war medals were replaced.

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Veteran has stolen medals replaced

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Henry Malec of Plymouth piled up military honors as he helped liberate Europe in the 1940s, only to have the symbols of those honors — medals, ribbons and badges — stolen in a burglary decades

later.

But Wednesday, Malec's decorations were replaced during a simple ceremony at a luncheon attended by fellow veterans, family members and friends.

"I'm overwhelmed," Malec, 90, said after receiving the medals — including a Purple

Heart and a Bronze Star Medal — at the Finnish Cultural Center in Farmington Hills, where he regularly lunches with members of the 101st Airborne Association's Michigan chapter, of which he is an honorary member.

"I didn't expect all this. ... Thank you, everybody," Malec

said. He was wearing his dress uniform jacket from his Army days.

Historian Russell Levine, vice president of the Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial, had set about getting Malec's decorations replaced

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Suspended bus aide faces third CSC charge

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A Plymouth-Canton Community Schools bus monitor, suspended without pay when he was charged earlier this month with two counts of criminal sexual conduct, now faces a third charge.

Rocky Perillo, 46, of Plymouth Township was arraigned Friday in 35th District Court on one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct. A not-guilty plea was entered for him in Judge Ron Lowe's courtroom.

The charge stems from a January 2011 incident involving a disabled woman for whom Perillo was caring, said Detective Charlie Rozum of the Plymouth Township Police Department. Rozum said the victim in the 2011 incident came forward after hearing about charges against Perillo in Northville Township.

Perillo remained Friday in the Wayne County Jail on a \$750,000 bond. He had been arrested May 11.

Perillo, who worked for Durham School Services, the P-CCS transportation contractor, was charged May 12 with one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of second-degree CSC, with the latter charge involving a victim under the age of 13 when the defendant is over the age of 17.

Those charges stemmed from incidents that allegedly occurred in Northville Township, but neither involved students of the P-CCS or Northville districts.

A first-degree criminal sexual conduct charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, while a second-degree charge carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.

Lowe scheduled a preliminary hearing on all three charges for Perillo for Friday, June 10, in district court.



Perillo

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Love for years: Fountain proposal lasts a lifetime

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On Jan. 6, 2000, Jasper Recto proposed to his wife Rachel by the fountain at Kellogg Park. "He kissed me that night," she said. "The rest is history. We joke we can never leave Plymouth. We have so much history. It's nice, though, it's nice to have that." The couple wed April 28, 2000, and visited Plymouth's Kellogg Park that day for

photos. Rachel, a registered nurse now a stay-at-home mom of two daughters, noted more couples now visit Kellogg Park for wedding photos than did in 2000.

They now visit the fountain each year close to their anniversary for a photo with daughters Emerson, 15, a Plymouth High School freshman, and Avery, 13, a West Middle School seventh-grader. "It's



Rachel, Avery, Emerson and Jasper Recto had a bright, sunny day for their 2016 photo by the fountain in Kellogg Park.

RECTO FAMILY PHOTO

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be a bit longer.

Guimmo began the Plymouth Community Forum in early 2015; the first topic was the state-wide ballot proposal for new tax money to repair Michigan's transportation infrastructure, a proposal that was overwhelmingly defeated in May 2015.

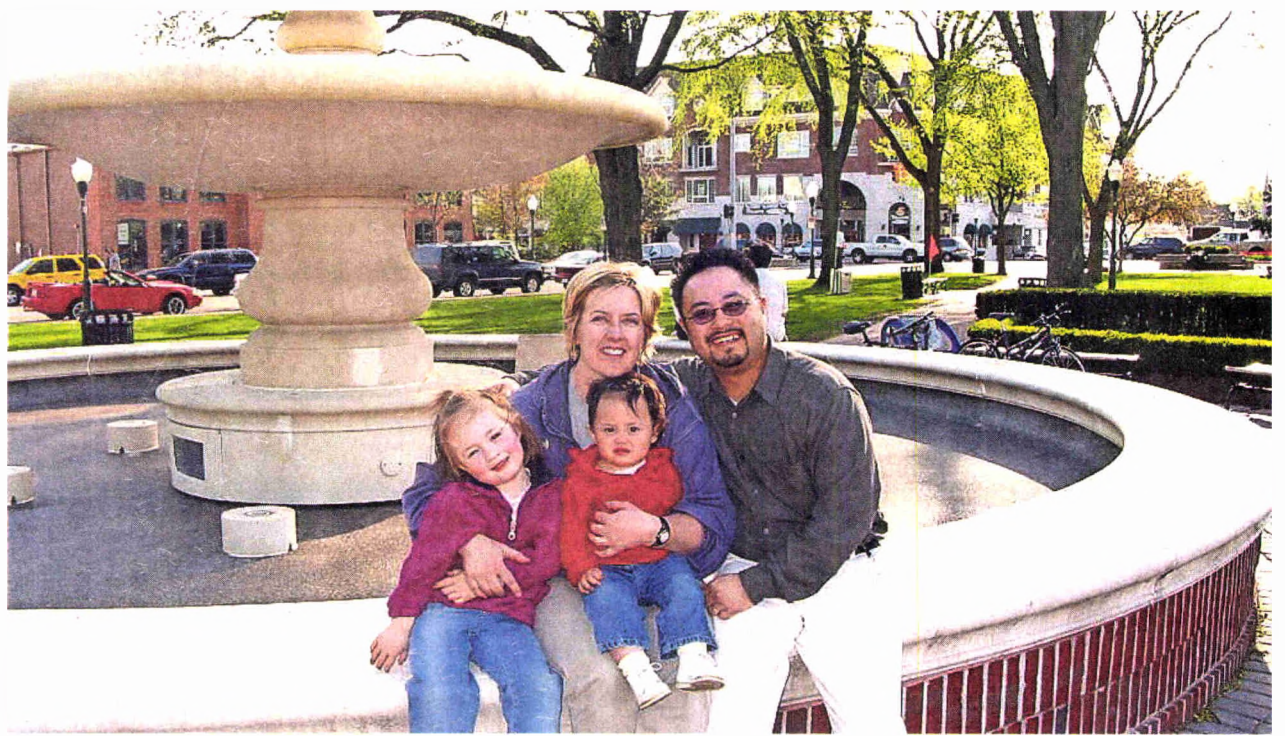
Typically, the format involves two speakers, each take one side of an issue, who debate the topic and take questions. Other forum topics have included vaccinations, marijuana le-

galization and the fledgling Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, or PARC, at the former Central Middle School.

Guimmo has two more election-related forums planned: Candidates for the state House 20th District seat now held by Heise will appear Thursday, June 9, and candidates for Wayne County Circuit Court will appear Monday, June 27.

Both of those forums are tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. at the library.

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Rachel and Jasper Recto of Plymouth in 2004, with daughters Emerson (left) and Avery.

RECTO FAMILY PHOTO

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neat to see the change. Different stores have come in," Rachel said of the annual photo, taken by Jasper whose degrees include photography.

"I never would have thought he proposed at that point," Rachel said. "We were just friends." He grew up in Plymouth and Canton, she nearby in Garden City.

"We would meet at the Coffee Studio here," she said of the former business near the park on Ann Arbor Trail, where friends gathered. A group from there camped up north in 1999.

Jasper asked to meet her right after that. "He said, 'I really like you as more than a friend.' It was very mutual," she

said.

The next night, they went to the Penn Theatre to see "Shakespeare in Love." The proposal followed, as did the wedding, kids and careers. Jasper is director of information technology for Loc Performance of Plymouth.

The family lives on Forest. "It's been so nice," she said. "We have the loveliest neighbors you could ever ask for." That includes Steve and Pat Ribar next door.

When the Rectos bought their home, many newlyweds their own age began to locate nearby. The family likes walking to the nearby Plymouth District Library, where the girls visit librarian Carol Champagne and her colleagues, as well as being able to stop in at Panera Bread.

Rachel praised "people you get to meet on a daily basis."

Jasper came from the Philippines at age 4. "We'd say, 'Oh, I'd love to live in Plymouth,'" she said of finding their early 1990s home around the January ice festival time.

"It worked out the way it was supposed to be," Rachel added. "It's just been really nice."

She graduated in 1987 from Garden City High School, Jasper the same year from Plymouth Salem High. Her bachelor of science in nursing degree is from Wayne State; Jasper did his undergraduate work in chemistry and math at Western Michigan University, along with a photo degree from the Colorado Institute of Arts and a Lawrence Technological University MBA.

He'd come back to Plymouth from out west in 1998.

"I don't think we'd ever move," she said. "You pretty much know everybody on the street."

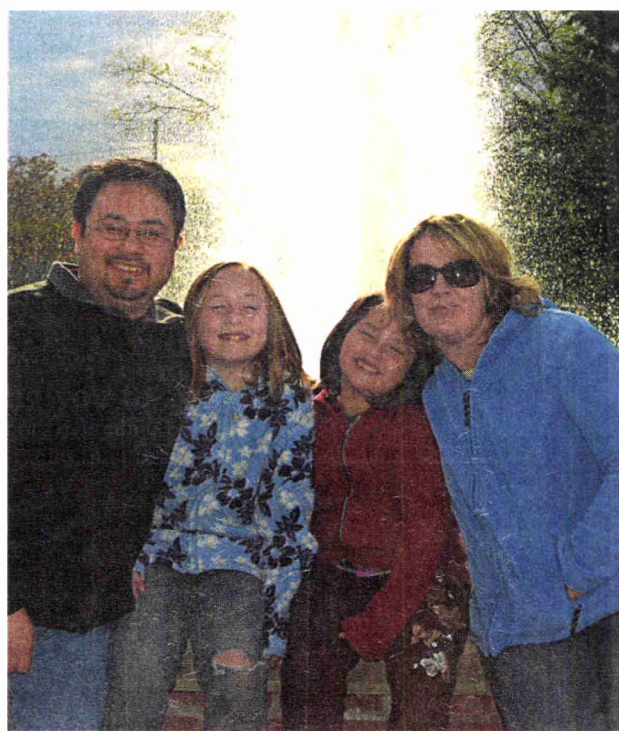
Her parents say when visiting, "It's almost like a Norman Rockwell-type experience. Just that sense of community. We're really grateful to be here. It just makes it so nice."

Of it being harder to locate now financially in Plymouth when buying a home, she said, "Obviously, change is part of life," adding they'd have difficulty buying now. "It's has been such a wonderful place to raise our kids. We're so thankful it's a safe neighborhood."

The family likes downtown concerts and the Plymouth farmers market as well.

"It will always be a part of our history. It feels like home," she said.

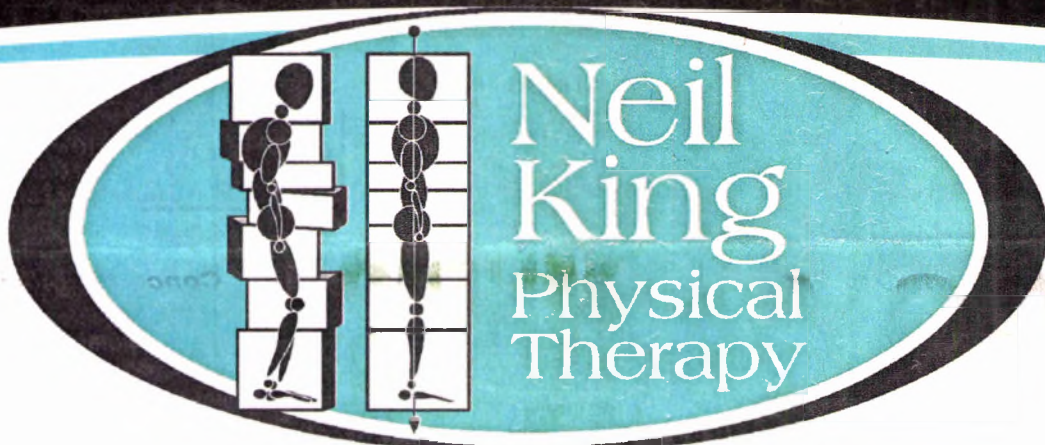
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Jasper, Emerson, Avery and Rachel Recto in 2009 by the fountain in Kellogg Park.

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said. "This is what Canton is today."

Luzvilla Quito Dresbach, who came to the United States from the Philippines in 1969, and husband Jim brought to the museum a Christmas lantern, Filipino clothing and wood carvings depicting tinkling, a Philippine dance, among other items.

"This is one way to share with the people of Canton what we have in the Philippines," she said. "For me, it's love of my country and also the love of my community in Canton."

Hasina Abdu, outreach coordinator for the Canton Mosque, or the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, became involved in the museum project along

with others such as Navaira Mian and Noura Huraibi, parents from the Crescent Academy International, next to the mosque.

Their display includes the hijab, headscarves worn by Muslim women; henna and examples of how it is used for hand art; scented rocks that serve as incense; Muslim prayer beads; a copy of the sacred book the Quran; and a booklet detailing Muslim contributions to the Canton area, among other items.

"This is a way to express ourselves the way we should be expressing ourselves, in a very positive way," Abdu said.

Mian said Muslim women wear hijabs as a show of modesty and also as religious expression. She said efforts such as the museum exhibit can help to dispel stereotypes toward a Muslim community whose members



Luzvilla Dresbach shows the embroidery details on a barong tagalog, worn by Filipino men on festive occasions.

contribute to society in countless ways. She and her husband are both doctors, though as a mother she is taking time off.

Huraibi said the Muslim prayer beads on display at the museum are similar to those used in religions other than Islam.

Their display features Sri Lankan clothing such as a batik dress; a book detailing technological innovations of Sri Lankans; and brass artwork depicting elephants — a symbol of wisdom, power and wealth. Elephants have historically been tamed to use on tea plantations.

"Elephants also have been used in Buddhist religious processions," Ranjini Deraniyagala said, adding that the elephants are adorned in colorful attire.

Prasadh Deraniyagala said Sri Lanka is known for its tea, cinnamon and gems.

"It has some of the best tea in the world," he said.

Museum visitors looking at the Brazil display will find jewelry, cooking utensils, a dress worn on special occasions and a recipe for Brazilian fish stew, among other items.

Visitors also will learn from the American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine, display that the culture has a strong emphasis on religion, with a picture of the Virgin Mary and Christ in most every home. A velvet box containing silver liquor cups is brought out during Christian holiday celebrations and special occasions.

The display also shows the kafeyeh or hateh — the traditional heard scarf worn by Palestinian farmers. For more playful times, backgammon is a popular game.

Taylor, the museum director, said the exhibit runs through July 30 and museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

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Donald Trump is that he has made bigotry acceptable not just against Muslims, but against anybody who looks different, who is brown, who wears clothes that are different or who speaks a different language."

Hasina Abdu, outreach coordinator for the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, or Canton Mosque, said she and other Muslims question how Trump has gotten this far in the presidential race, considering his rhetoric.

"We're just surprised at how many people are supporting Trump," she said. "That in itself is a huge eye-opener, with people willing to stand up for whatever he is proposing. That is scary to me. That is scary to the people around us."

"We are scared, yes. We are cautious, yes. But at the same time, we see this as an opportunity to

get the vote out and do a better job to get the message out there to fight hatred," Abdu added.

Geoffrey Boltach, Canton Republican Club chairman, conceded Trump's remarks on Muslims have made it difficult for other Republicans.

"We're completely against bigotry and racism and stuff like that," Boltach said, saying the focus should be on fiscal conservatism and individual liberties.

Saying Trump's remarks "put us on the defensive" as Republicans, he said, "We want to create a climate that supports diverse viewpoints."

When asked if he could vote for Trump, he said, "I will support the party's pick."

Boltach and Steven Sneiderman, Canton Democratic Club president, are among the candidates seeking a township board seat in November. Sneiderman blasted Trump's remarks about Muslims.

"I think the rhetoric is abhorrent," Sneiderman

said, adding that all Muslims shouldn't be viewed suspiciously because of groups such as ISIS. "I feel that the wrongdoings of a few are being attributed to the many, which is wrong and ridiculous."

Sneiderman said U.S. laws on immigration should be enforced fairly without Muslims being singled out for a potential ban.

"We should be equalizing the laws that are in place and ensuring that the backgrounds of anyone coming into the country should be properly checked — no one should be treated differently," he said.

Abdu said it's possible that some Trump supporters are acting out of fear rather than hatred toward Muslims.

"I'm trying to give people the benefit of the doubt," she said.

Ahmed accused Trump of riling up supporters.

"He says things to get them fearful and angry," Ahmed said. "He will say anything and do anything to get elected."

Ahmed said supporters of Trump and Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders — who is challenging front-runner Hillary Clinton — both appear to be seeking an outsider.

"They have a genuine amount of dissatisfaction about how our country is being managed," Ahmed said. "A lot of people have been left behind in the economic upturn in the country. People are understandably upset and they are grasping for any ray of hope."

Yet, he said it's wrong of Trump to lash out at Muslims and other minority groups with far-reaching statements.

"He is appealing to people's fears and ignorance and, when he stokes up this fear and ignorance on one population (Muslims), it will have a spillover to all minorities," Ahmed said. "It becomes acceptable to be harassed."

Abdu said Muslim organizations, for their part, need to do a better job spreading the word of their good deeds, such

as helping during the Flint water crisis, distributing gifts with Jewish volunteers at Christmas time or providing services to families in need. She said plans already have begun to collect backpacks for Detroit students this fall.

The Canton Mosque has hosted events inviting the larger community for visits. Local Muslims also have been involved in events such as Know Your Muslim Neighbor at places like the Canton Public Library. They have sought to help the larger community better understand them.

Abdu said some segments of the Canton community, such as the library and the Canton

Police Department, have been particularly supportive.

"I do feel safe here. I feel very comfortable in Canton," she said. "We are thankful for the community."

Still, Muslims say much work lies ahead — work made more difficult, they say, because of political rhetoric.

"We work. We pay our taxes," Abdu said, adding that Muslims are teachers, doctors and other professionals seeking to improve their communities. "We do contribute, but somehow we have to make it more public."

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Canton student makes visit to space academy

Danielle Alexander
Staff Writer

Nicholas Elwell, a Canton resident and 10th-grader at Detroit Country Day School, recently attended a unique leadership program called the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala.

Elwell was selected to join 320 students from 36 countries and 30 states to participate in core science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) capability development activities in an effort to help encourage student interest in STEM-related career fields, an opportunity provided by Honeywell in collaboration with NASA.

"I got there not knowing one person and it was very interesting being with people from all around the world," Elwell said. "The way they talked and how they did things was very different from what I am used to, but it strengthened my ability to collaborate with people I've never met before. It was an amazing challenge."

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"I was nervous at first, because I didn't know what to expect, but if I had the chance to do it again, I definitely would," Elwell said. "It was an unbelievable experience."

Elwell said he continues to stay in touch with other attendees via social media. As of now, he plans to pursue medicine after high school.



Karina Martinez Rozo of Colombia (left) and Canton resident Nicholas Elwell complete mission training on the third day of the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy in Huntsville, Ala.



Nicholas Elwell learns what it's like to be an astronaut.



Nicholas Elwell participates in astronaut simulations on the third day of the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy.



Canton resident and Detroit Country Day School student Nicholas Elwell attempts an aviation challenge mission.

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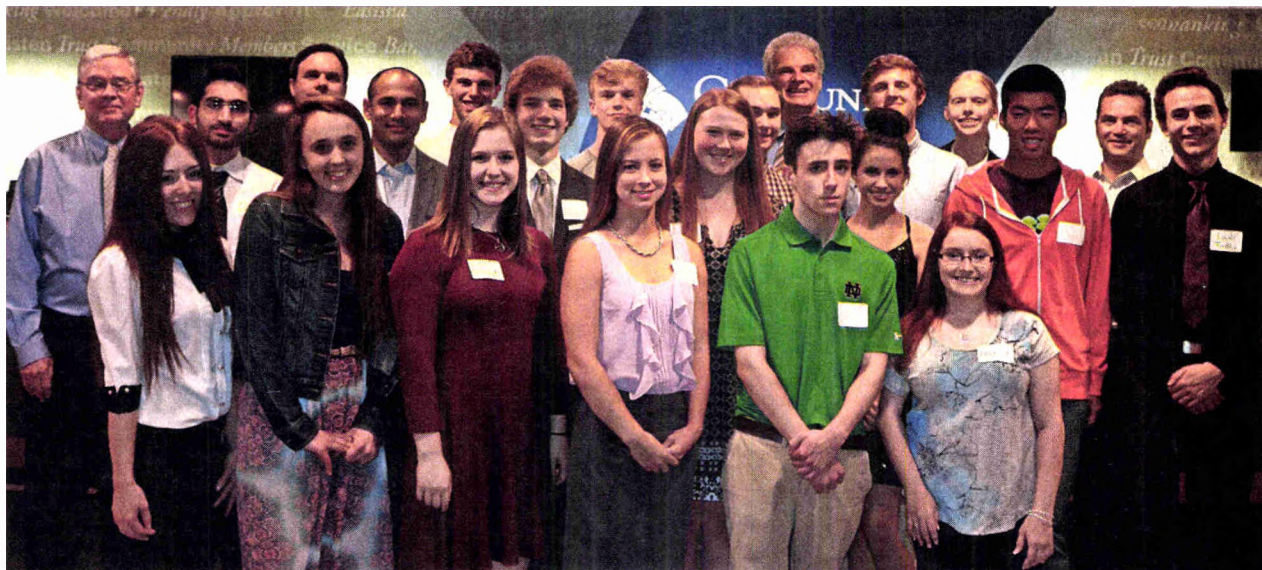
Jehovah's Witnesses feel that all, including non-Witnesses, will benefit from the positive message and practical suggestions that will be highlighted at the 2016 Remain Loyal! convention beginning May 27 at the Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 43777 Ecorse Road, in Belleville.

The three-day program will feature 49 presentations, each exploring the theme "loyalty." Additionally, the Witnesses have prepared 35 video segments specifically for the program, plus two short films that will be shown Saturday and Sunday. Each day, the morning and afternoon sessions will be intro-

duced by music videos recorded for the convention.

Jehovah's Witnesses will put forth extra effort to extend a personal invitation to individuals throughout the area to attend the convention with them. The convention program will begin at 9:20 a.m. Friday, May 27. The daily themes and titles of program parts are Bible-based and will answer the questions: Why does God expect us to be loyal? How can being loyal improve our lives? How will God "act in loyalty" toward us?

There is no admission fee. Conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses are supported entirely by voluntary donations.



Winners of the 2016 Community Financial Scholarship awards.

CFCU announces scholarship winners

Plymouth-area residents were among students from several high schools in northern and southeast Michigan honored as the 2016 Community Financial Scholarship award winners recently, continuing the credit union's commitment to supporting youth and education in local communities.

The scholarships were

awarded to 20 students, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. Community Financial's scholarships are awarded to students who exemplify the credit union's "People Helping People" philosophy. Students received a \$1,000 Ron Carlson Scholarship, a \$1,000 George Lawton

or Margaret Dunning Memorial Scholarship or a \$500 Employees' Children Scholarship and were honored at a reception May 9.

George Lawton Memorial Scholarship winners include: Kaleigh Carlone, Anne Patterson, Shannon Kievit, Kayla Ross, Samuel Tufts, Nathan Ewell, Amanda Liddicoat, Stephen Rowley, Allison Rutkowski, Zain Khera, Peter Bruchnak and Waldo Everett.

Margaret Dunning Scholarship winners include: Samantha Morehouse, Sarah Osen, Cassidy Gordon, Haley Bickhardt, Alaina Ableidinger and Joshua DeGraw.

Ron Carlson Scholarship winners include: Alan Sun and Nicholas Peck-Dimit.

Employees' Children Scholarship winners include: Madeleine Burt, Angela Dickinson, Cassandra Kolka, Kevin Kollar, Alexander LaForest and Trevor Lassaline.

"All of these students are outstanding students and citizens and deserve our applause for their accomplishments," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial president and CEO. "We are proud to support their education going forward and look forward to seeing what they accomplish next."

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Plymouth-Canton students who competed in the MathCon competition in April.

East, Pioneer kids bring home medals

More than 30 East Middle School students and one from Pioneer not only proved they know their math, they brought home medals April 23 in the annual MathCon at the University of Illinois-Chicago. The following stu-

dents took home awards: Risha Narayanan, Vedika Narla, Julia Bhuiyan, Jason Jiang, Alice Qin, Vasu Ramanujam, Bala Arunachalam, Axel Mikulan and Vishal Nayak. Sixth-graders brought home two bronze medals, seventh-

graders had two gold, two silver and one bronze medals and eighth-graders had one bronze medal. Bhuiyan also entered MathCON's photo/art contest and won second place for her facial graph drawing.

Canton Prep teens give to community

Canton Preparatory High School students are givers. That's evident from their Day of Service work Friday, May 13.

The school had students who had very successful days at the following organizations: United Way of Plymouth (gardening), Canton Leisure Services (working on the community garden at the dog park), the Gleaners community garden in Plymouth, Cass Community Social Services (preparing meals for homeless people), Michigan Urban Farming Initiative (working on an urban farm in Detroit), Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (pulling invasive species from Black Pond Woods) and Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (cleaning up Le-Furge Woods).

Katherine Sucha, Canton Prep's choir and music teacher, coordinated the local Day of Service. The students traveled by bus to the service project sites. Prepnets Schools all



Canton Preparatory High School teens enjoyed their Day of Service at a number of sites May 13.

hold an annual day of service where students are placed out in the community to work with local nonprofit and charitable organizations. This is part of the Moral Focus and it helps students develop their personal character and integrity, a school press release notes.

Students become more connected with their communities and it builds a better sense of community within the school, organizers say. They get to know each other better when they have to work

toward the same purpose and have time to talk and laugh while they're doing it. The program builds a sense of citizenship and empathy among students, the press release adds.

Prepnets students are required to get 60 hours of community service in order to graduate. While the day of service doesn't count toward their 60 hours, it connects them to organizations where they may be interested in volunteering on their own time, the press release adds.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Graduated

Robert Lowe of Canton graduated from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, May 7. Lowe earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science.

Grand prize winners

Brielle Catrinar, a Plymouth junior, and Anahat Sandhu, a Plymouth senior, are the grand prize winners in the Courageous Persuaders video contest, a scholarship program managed by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

The 30-second videos were required to educate teens about the dangers of underage drinking and texting while driving. The videos were viewed and judged on their per-

suasiveness by volunteer middle school classrooms. Students from 41 states and two Canadian provinces submitted more than 600 videos.

The students get to share a \$3,000 prize and will have their commercial aired on television in metro Detroit. Prior to airing, the team that produced the commercial will have an opportunity to have a hands-on experience by working with video editing/production professionals to upgrade the commercial for broadcasting at Pluto Post Productions. The winning team will also receive a \$3,000 scholarship provided by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association Education Foundation.

Dean's lists

Emily Lang of Plymouth has been named to the dean's list at Marietta College for the spring 2016 semester.

Paige Marie Freehling of Canton has been named to the Newberry College dean's list for the spring 2016 semester.

Honors

Two Canton residents were among 250 students recognized by Trine University at its annual Honors Program. Students received honors for academic achievement, membership in national honor societies and leadership in their academic field.

Kyle Livingstone of Canton was honored for magna cum laude, Eta

Kappa Nu, Gold Key, Honors Program, Outstanding Senior in Electrical Engineering and Who's Who. Catherine Porter of Canton, who was honored for cum laude and Chi Alpha Sigma.

Graduated

James Christian Maciag of Canton was among nearly 2,800 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Maciag earned a bachelor of science from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Competing

Saginaw Valley State University student Anthony Brown of Canton will compete in an international contest with the university's Cardinal Formula Racing team.

Brown is a mechanical engineering major.

"This is a sophisticated race team, and we are prepared and we are ready," said Brooks Byam, SVSU professor of mechanical engineering and the team's adviser since 1998. "Sometimes, though, it can come down to racing luck."

Byam and last year's team learned that the hard way when a 10-cent oil line broke during the final day of the annual competition. The team still finished in 26th place out of 110 institutions, the highest of any exclusively undergraduate team, but likely would have finished in the top 10 if not for the malfunction, he said.

"We were so unbelievably close, it was heart-breaking," Byam said. This year's team

hopes to combine last year's performance with better luck when the annual competition kicks off again at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn this week.


Teams from higher education institutions across the globe attend the series, which features multiple competition categories such as endurance, acceleration, autocross, cost, presentation and skid pad. The scores from each category determine an overall tally.

The 26th-place overall finish was the fifth-best all-time showing for SVSU's team. Four times Cardinal Formula Racing has placed in the top 20 overall: sixth place in 2002, eighth in 2005, 14th in 2008 and 18th in 2010.


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Census report: More than a Detroit story

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The city of Detroit's population loss has dominated headlines, with Mayor Mike Duggan touting its recent slowing pace. The U.S. Census Bureau does population estimates annually for suburban communities, too.

The city of Detroit has fallen out of the top 20 U.S. cities in population, while Observer-area communities also show slight shifts based on estimates released this month. Denver joined the list of the 20 most populous cities in the U.S., moving up two spots to 19th. It displaced Detroit, which fell from 18th to 21st.

Cities and townships in the Observer coverage area show population estimates:

- » Canton at 90,173 in 2010 Census, 89,879 by July 2015 estimate
- » Farmington at 10,372 in 2010 Census,

- 10,523 by July 2015
- » Farmington Hills, 79,740 in 2010, 81,330 by July 2015
- » Garden City, 27,692 in 2010, 26,920 in July 2015
- » Livonia, 96,942 in 2010,



Stoskopf

- 94,635 in July 2015
- » Plymouth, 9,132 in 2010, 8,905 in July 2015
- » Plymouth Township, 27,524 in 2010, 26,967 in July 2015
- » Redford Township, 48,362 in 2010, 47,389 in July 2015
- » Wayne, 17,593 in 2010, 17,081 in July 2015
- » Westland, 84,094 in 2010, 82,000 in July 2015

To produce population estimates for cities and towns, the Census Bureau first generates county population estimates using a component of population change method, which updates the latest census population using data on

births, deaths and domestic and international migration, a press release notes. This yields a county-level total of the population living in households.

Next, updated housing unit estimates and rates of overall occupancy are used to distribute county household population into geographic areas within the county. Then, estimates of the population living in group quarters, such as college dormitories and prisons, are added to create estimates of the total resident population.

Comparisons are tricky

Robin Boyle, a 25-year urban planning professor at Wayne State University, said of the population figures, "There is always going to be some discrepancy." He agreed the Canton and Livonia numbers aren't huge differences and cautioned on comparing an actual number, those

from 2010, to the 2015 estimates.

"So it's a relatively small number," Boyle said. "You've got to be very careful about reading in too much. It does say something about the suburbs."

Added Boyle, "In effect, (Michigan) has a very static population profile. People are becoming more selective in where they want to live."

He noted population loss "is slowing significantly in Detroit, it's reflecting an interest people have in coming back to the central city." Detroit's suburbs are "not growing as quickly. The suburbs are slowing down," Boyle said. "It's reflected in these numbers."

Also released this month by the Census Bureau were July 1, 2015, estimates of the number of housing units for the nation, states and counties. These estimates show that Texas gained more housing units than

any other state between 2014 and 2015 (adding 162,000), with North Dakota experiencing the fastest rate of growth in the number of units (3.5 percent).

Home building fluctuates

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of South-eastern Michigan, noted January-February 2016 were the highest two months for building activity since 2006. April this year was lower than expected, he said.

"The winter was a lot more mild this year," Stoskopf said, noting builders were building those months. That meant they were pulling fewer municipal building permits in January-February of this year.

The HBA of South-eastern Michigan has preliminary May figures that "showed a corresponding jump more along the lines of what I expected," he said. That

number corresponds more to 2013, with Stoskopf's prediction for 2016 probably a little lower "only because April was so far below," he said.

Stoskopf said Wayne County's Canton Township and Oakland County's Lyon Township "still have capacity to grow and they have a lot of activity going on." He noted seasonal fluctuations, such as fewer contractors working in summer "because they're off on vacation in Traverse City."

The HBA uses a mathematical model, including looking at energy prices, to predict housing data. Stoskopf said the Census Bureau also uses detailed mathematical models including forecasts and actual data. He's more familiar with HBA's model, which includes monthly regional building reports for southeast Michigan.

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Forever After stages 'Brighton Beach Memoirs' this weekend

A local cast of Forever After Productions will stage one of Neil Simon's most popular works, "Brighton Beach Memoirs" this weekend at the downtown Plymouth Arts and Recreation Center.

The play is a semi-autobiographical look at growing up in Brooklyn during the 1930s and a portrait of the writer as a young teen living with his family in a crowded, lower middle-class Brooklyn walk-up.

Eugene Jerome, standing in for the author, is the narrator and central character. Dreaming of baseball and girls, Eugene must cope with the mundane existence of his

family life in Brooklyn: a formidable mother, overworked father and his worldly older brother Stanley. Throw into the mix his widowed Aunt Blanche and her two young (but rapidly aging) daughters and you have a recipe for hilarity, served up Simon-style. This bittersweet memoir evocatively captures the life of a struggling Jewish household where, as his father states, "If you didn't have a problem, you wouldn't be living here."

This production is outrageously funny, though it does feature some adult situations, so it receives a PG-13 rating.

Forever After also hosts a variety of other productions throughout the year and also provides opportunities for youth to perform in various summer camps.

General admission tickets are \$10. Show times are 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, May 22.

Tickets may be purchased at www.iheartforeverafter.com or by calling Forever After Productions at 734-547-5156. The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex is the re-purposed Central Middle School located in Plymouth between downtown and Old Village at 650 Church Street.

Two drivers seriously injured in Canton crash

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police are continuing to investigate a two-vehicle crash Thursday afternoon that left both drivers with serious injuries and snarled traffic at the Sheldon Road-Michigan Avenue intersection.

A 30-year-old Taylor man was driving a 1995 Chevrolet Cavalier southbound on Sheldon when he collided with a 1994 Dodge Dakota pickup truck being driven eastbound on Michigan Avenue by a 17-year-old

Belleville resident, police said.

The crash happened about 1:50 p.m.

Canton police Lt. Pat Sullivan said authorities are investigating whether one of the drivers may have run a red light, but the official cause of the crash was pending as the investigation continued.

"I don't believe there was any alcohol involved," Sullivan said. "It looks like it was a traffic violation."

Police closed eastbound Michigan Avenue and both directions of

Sheldon Road, steering drivers away from the scene until later in the day.

Police issued a statement saying that both drivers sustained serious injuries and were taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. The Taylor man was listed in critical condition.

The Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team was called in to investigate.

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Albom hopes to score laughs with 'Hockey'

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

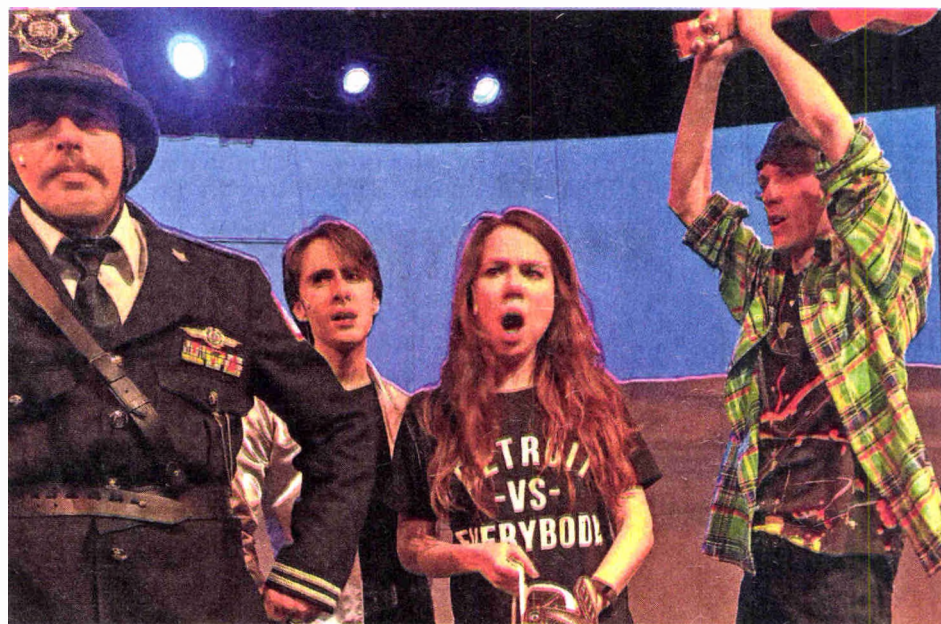
Mitch Albom promises a joke almost every 10 seconds in his first musical comedy, "Hockey - The Musical!"

"It's very very very fast paced. It's a lot like "Noises Off," or "Spamalot," said Albom, in a phone interview earlier this week. "Writing it was funny. Staging it was funny and even when we did the read-through, the auditions were funny. People were cracking up while they were auditioning. I said, okay, I think I've got something here. They can't get through an audition without laughing."

Albom, a Detroit Free Press columnist, author, playwright and radio personality from Franklin, wrote both the book and the original music in the play. He also penned the twisted lyrics to some well-known songs, poking fun at the sport's absurdities in the process.

Unlike Albom's other works, the musical comedy poses no major lessons about life and death. Albom just wants to make his audience laugh.

"I had a hard year last year losing my mom and I just wanted to do something that had no big moral compass, something that was just funny and that's all this is," he said. "I do a lot of things



David Dennison (left), John DeLisa, Kelsey Pohl, and Shane O'Connor rehearse a scene from "Hockey - The Musical!"



Jesse Nassar, (left), video director, and Mitch Albom watch a rehearsal of Albom's first musical comedy.

'HOCKEY — THE MUSICAL!'

When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26 and June 2, 9 and 16; 8 p.m. Friday, May 27 and June 3, 10 and 17; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 28 and June 4, 11 and 18; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22; and 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 29 and June 5, 12 and 19
Where: The City Theatre, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Tickets: \$39.95
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that have larger meaning. It's important to have messages in life and learn things, but it's all right to laugh, too."

The play began a five-week run May 19 at The City Theater in Detroit. It tells the story of God's decision to eliminate one sport on earth. An angel decides hockey should be obliterated, but when an avid fan named Stanley pleads with the Almighty to save the sport, he's given a chance to pick "five worthy hockey souls" and prove the sport's worth. Stanley chooses hockey stars but

the angel can't spell, and he ends up on a mission with a group of zany characters.

Voice of reason

"There is one female role, Dawn Cherry, which is a knock at (Canadian hockey commentator) Don Cherry," said Kelsey Pohl of Farmington Hills.

Pohl, who graduated in 2011 from North Farmington High School, plays Dawn, a hair and nail specialist from New Jersey.

"I like to think Dawn is more the voice of reason. God wants to kill hockey

and they are trying to save it, this group of misfits."

Pohl earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theater from Wright State University and since her graduation has performed in such shows as "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," "Chicago," and "Sondheim on Sondheim." She maintains an apartment in New York, N.Y., but performs in regional theaters throughout the country.

Pohl said "Hockey - The Musical!" demands "extreme focus and ener-

gy," from actors who dance, sing, interact with timed video clips shown on a backdrop and even mimic skating moves.

"There are a lot of elements in the show I've never seen done in a musical before," she said. "There is animation and guest appearances by some famous hockey players who help us on our quest. There are a lot of great one-liners in the show."

Universal appeal

Pohl said she didn't know a lot about hockey, but is learning about the sport through her role.

Both she and Albom said hockey knowledge is not a prerequisite for understanding and enjoying the play.

"I created a musical I think that women and men can enjoy equally," he said.

Albom takes pride in casting nearly all Michigan actors for the play. Bernadine Vida of Redford is in charge of costuming and Albom's long-time assistant, Kerri Alexander of Farmington Hills, is co-producing the play. Albom's brother, Peter Albom, is directing.

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Run 2 Save Our Youth returns June 4 to Livonia City Hall

Run 2 Save Our Youth, the ninth annual 5K run/walk, 10K run and Family Fun Fest, will be held Saturday, June 4, at Livonia City Hall.

The run is sponsored by Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition and the Livonia Police Department, with all proceeds going toward substance abuse prevention activ-

ities in Livonia and the greater community.

"The run is a celebration of substance abuse prevention awareness in our community" said Karen Bonanno, executive director for the coalition. "This event allows the prevention conversation to continue, which can lead to treatment and recovery as

necessary and will, hopefully, act as a catalyst to remove the stigma associated with addiction."

LSOY is a coalition designed to educate the community regarding the health and safety of young people, with a focus on alcohol and other drugs. The group includes parents, teens, educators, health care

workers, law enforcement, the faith community and substance abuse professions.

All residents are invited to attend the monthly coalition meetings to share information about substance abuse issues in our neighborhoods. The next meeting is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, in the Livonia

City Hall Annex conference room.

Run 2 Save Our Youth registration follows a certified course and is professionally timed. Registration includes T-shirts, awards to first-place finishers (overall and in age groups) and much, much more.

In addition to the run, the event includes a Kids

Fun Run, a Family Fun Fest with food, live music, kids' games including a bounce house, a Tin Can Raffle and a Sponsor Expo tent. This year, a Safe and Sober Rally will be included in the fun.

Registration is ongoing. Information can be found at www.livoniasaveouryouth.org or by calling 734-338-9580.

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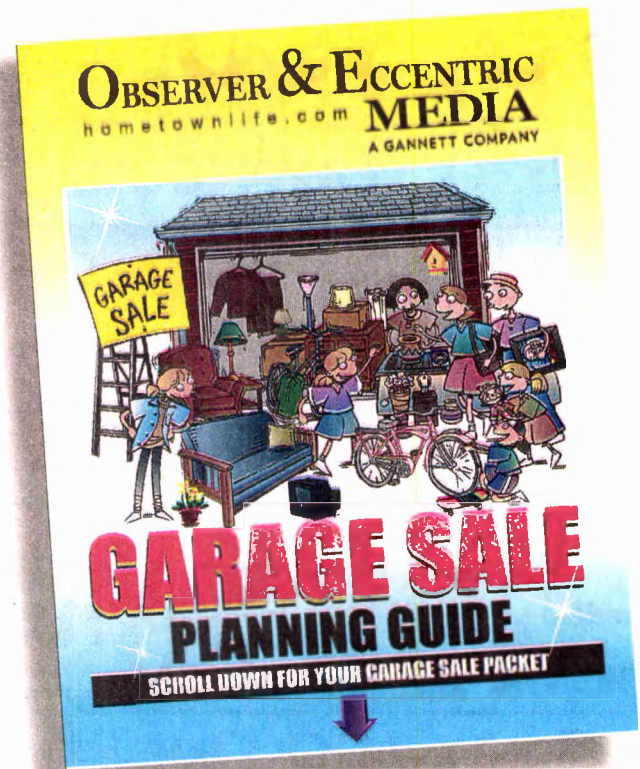
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Check out 2016 Maxima at Nissan of Canton

The redesigned 2016 Nissan Maxima is a powerful, good-handling sedan that stays true to the nameplate's performance-oriented heritage and features an upscale interior that befits its price. You can view and test drive one at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave.

"Maxima" is Nissan's longest continually-in-use nameplate, and the eighth-generation car is a boldly styled sedan that draws heavily from the Nissan Sport Sedan Concept.

Ever since the Nissan Altima grew into a midsize family sedan in the early 2000s, the Maxima hasn't fit neatly into a segment. Nissan says the 2016 Maxima is designed to compete with larger, traditional full-size sedans like the Chevrolet Impala and Toyota Avalon, as well as appeal to buyers looking to move up to a luxury car, like the Acura TLX.

The 2016 Maxima is offered in five trim levels — S, SV, SL, SR and Platinum — that determine the level of equipment; accessories are available, but there are no option packages. We drove an SL, which is priced at \$37,715, and the \$38,495 SR. That one is the most performance-focused model, with unique suspension bushings, springs, shocks, front stabilizer bar and chassis bracing, in addition to 19-inch alloy wheels with stickier Goodyear tires (prices include an \$825 destination charge).

Exterior and styling

The Maxima brings Nissan's Energetic Flow design language to its sedan lineup. Signature cues include a plunging grille bordered by LED daytime running lights and gloss-black pillar finishes that give the roof a floating appearance — something Nissan says is inspired by a fighter jet's canopy. The front end is aggressive — the car looks menacing when you see it coming up on you in your rear-view mirror — and also memorable. It's a design that demands a reaction, good or bad.

How it drives

Large cars may be known for a forgiving, comfortable ride quality, but that's not the



Test drive the 2016 Nissan Maxima at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave.

Maxima formula. Compared with a Chevrolet Impala or Chrysler 300, which both do a good job smoothing out bumps and cracks in the road, the Maxima is a much more connected, tighter-handling car. There's remarkably little body roll when driving quickly through a corner. You feel bumps, but they're dealt with in a refined way.

The SR trim level's unique suspension is considerably firmer and busier; you feel more road imperfections, even smaller ones, and the impact is harsher when you hit a big pavement crack. It's a little too rough-riding for me, especially considering the good ride-and-handling balance the regular suspension provides.

You'll want the SR trim if you really care about steering feel, as it offers the best of the bunch. Press the Sport button in an SR, however, and the steering wheel gains a nice, firm heft to it and some feedback through the wheel. It feels right in this performance-focused trim.

All trim levels benefit from the performance of the standard 3.5-liter V-6 engine, which provides smooth, effortless acceleration. Rated at 300 horsepower, the V-6 still has power to spare for a quick pass at highway speeds. It pairs with a continuously variable automatic transmission that's programmed to act like a conventional automatic at low speeds for a more traditional driving experience, according to Nissan.

The Maxima shows how far CVT technology has come recently, at least when paired with a powerful engine. It's mostly unobtrusive, with only a hint of the droning that's associated with this type of transmission when you accelerate hard. If you've been driving a car with a conventional automatic, this CVT won't seem strange or different.

One of the benefits of a CVT is that it's able to quickly increase engine speed when you want more power because it doesn't need to shift to a lower gear. The Maxima's CVT is very responsive; nudge the gas pedal and engine rpm immediately increases, providing more power.

CVTs usually enhance gas mileage, and the Maxima's EPA-estimated 25 mpg combined rating tops most V-6 competitors by a few mpg or so.

Interior

Overall quality and attention to detail is very good. The standard leather-wrapped steering wheel feels great; it's even better in the SR, which has Alcantara simulated-suede inserts.

The upper sections of the doors are finished with soft-touch material that's a comfortable alternative to the door armrests.

The center console has a padded section to rest your knee against, and there's real stitching on the doors, console and dashboard. One element that doesn't look premium,

however, is the simulated metal finish on the dashboard, doors and center console. It doesn't look real.

Fighter jets also informed the layout of the cabin controls, according to Nissan. The center dashboard control panel is angled 7 degrees toward the driver, and center console controls are close at hand.

The new Maxima's roofline is 1.3 inches lower, which contributes to the sedan's hunkered-down look.

The Maxima has the latest version of Nissan's NASA-inspired Zero Gravity front seats. They're finished in cloth (S), leather (SV and SL), premium leather with quilted Alcantara inserts (SR) or premium leather with quilted leather inserts (Platinum).

Ergonomics and electronics

Digital screens are rapidly taking over the dashboards of modern cars, and there are two in the Maxima: a 7-inch screen between the gauges and an 8-inch touch-screen in the center of the dashboard. The gauge cluster screen lets you cycle through different modes to see information like speed and heading, trip data, tire pressure and active safety features.

The dashboard screen is the primary display for the standard navigation system and multimedia functions. The Display Commander control knob on the center console can also operate the dashboard touch-screen.

Cargo and storage

The Maxima's 14.3-cubic-foot trunk is nicely shaped, and the trunk lid's support arms move within an enclosed area, so there's no risk of them crushing your cargo. The release straps for the 60/40-split folding backseat are in the trunk. The rear seatbacks fold flat with the trunk floor.

The Maxima has a media bin just ahead of the center console cupholders. The bin is large enough for an iPhone 6 Plus, according to Nissan, and it's also where the car's two standard USB ports are located.

Safety

Most of the Maxima's active safety features come on SL and higher trims. These models have standard blind spot warning, rear cross-traffic alert, adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning with autonomous braking and predictive forward collision warning. Predictive forward collision warning uses low-mounted radar to "see" under the car directly ahead of you to the next one in line. The system can issue a warning if it senses that car slowing suddenly — even if you can't see it yourself.

The top-of-the-line Platinum trim adds a surround camera system with moving-object detection and a drowsy-driver warning system. Drowsy-driver warning compares steering inputs at the beginning of a drive with ones later in the trip to determine if the driver is getting tired and needs to take a break.

Value in its class

Years ago, Nissan dubbed the Maxima the 4-Door Sports Car. It's an ambitious tagline, but it reflects the fact that the car caters to a specific type of buyer: the driving enthusiast who still needs sedan practicality. The 2016 Maxima is no different from its predecessors in this regard, but its new level of luxury — both in terms of cabin materials and features — now makes it a credible alternative to entry-luxury sedans. If you're shopping sport sedans, it's worth a test drive.

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2016 - 2017 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 6, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. in Kellogg Park, or in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 201 South Main Street in the event of inclement weather, for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2016 - 2017 City Budget.

Proposed 2016 City Millage Rates

The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 2016 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

- The 2016 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.1848 mills, which is .1280 mills less than the 2015 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate, within the maximum allowed rate of 11.1848 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula.
- The 2016 tax rate for debt service millage to fund debt service requirements for the 2008, 2012, and 2014 (refunded 2004 GO bonds) General Obligation and Limited Tax General Obligation refunding bond issues is proposed to be 3.0000 mills, which is .0900 mills more than the 2015 tax rate.
- The 2016 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.8200 mills which is .1000 mills less than the 2015 tax rate.
- The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 16.0048 mills for 2016, which is .1380 mills less than the 2015 total City tax rate.

Property Tax Administration Fee

Pursuant to Section 211.44(3) of the General property Tax law a property tax administration fee of 1% is proposed to be levied on the total of all property taxes levied, both real and personal, on both the Summer Levy due July 1, 2016 and the Winter Levy due December 1, 2016 as authorized by a 5 - 2 vote of the City Commission at a scheduled budget meeting held on April 25, 2016.

Equalization Factors

Wayne County established tentative 2016 equalization factors of 1.1001 for the residential class of property, 1.1218 for the commercial class of property and 1.0307 for the industrial class of property. Since the City has adjusted assessments for all property classes for 2016 by the proposed factors, all 2016 equalization factors will be set at 1.0000.

2016 - 2017 Proposed City Budgets

The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2016/17 as follows:

Revenues		Expenditures	
GENERAL FUND			
Property taxes	\$5,240,350	Administration	\$1,629,420
Licenses & Permits	5,100	Buildings & Grounds	409,590
Federal Grants	1,000	Police Department	3,567,120
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Sales of Service	764,730	Public Works Dept	755,400
Cemetery Revenue	157,000	Other Functions	182,880
Parking Revenue	69,400	Capital Outlay	216,600
Other Revenue	797,180	Debt Service	60,616
Transfers-In	135,480	Transfers-Out	279,344
REVENUE TOTAL	\$8,024,710	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$8,024,710
MAJOR STREET FUND			
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 458,290		
Contrib & Other	500,010		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 958,300	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 958,300
LOCAL STREET FUND			
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 244,770		
Contrib & Other	142,410		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 387,180	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 387,180
RECREATION FUND			
Contrib. From G/F	\$ 200,000		
Prog. Fees & Other	1,006,680		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,206,680	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 1,206,680
WASTE & RECYCLING FUND			
Property Taxes	\$ 802,250		
Sales of Service & Other	420,630		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,222,880	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 1,222,880
OTHER CITY FUNDS			
PARC Fund	\$ 85,000		\$ 85,000
Parking Fund	\$ 10		\$ 10
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 1,006,890		\$ 1,006,890
Building Fund	\$ 577,700		\$ 577,700
Neighborhood Services Fund	\$ 79,730		\$ 79,730
Brownfield Re-Development Authority Fund	\$ 388,530		\$ 388,530
Brownfield Site Remediation Fund	\$ 50		\$ 50
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 6,500		\$ 6,500
OWI Forfeiture Fund	\$ 11,250		\$ 11,250
Omnibus Forfeiture Fund	\$ 1,700		\$ 1,700
2006 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Debt Fund	\$ 122,850		\$ 122,850
2008 GO Debt Fund	\$ 367,640		\$ 367,640
2010 LTGO Debt Fund (DDA)	\$ 233,040		\$ 233,040
2012 GO Bond & 2002 Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 581,150		\$ 581,150
2012 W/S Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 258,050		\$ 258,050
2014 GO/2004 Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 414,310		\$ 414,310
2015 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Debt Fund - DDA	\$ 102,560		\$ 102,560
2015 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Debt Fund - W/S	\$ 258,940		\$ 258,940
Public Improvement Fund	\$ 50		\$ 50
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 4,050		\$ 4,050
DDA Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 25,050		\$ 25,050
2012 GO Bond Construction Fund	\$ 1,076,010		\$ 1,076,010
2015 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Construction Fund - DDA	\$ 309,948		\$ 309,948
2015 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Construction Fund - W/S	\$ 1,033,542		\$ 1,033,542
Water / Sewer Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 150,400		\$ 150,400
Water / Sewer Operating & Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,760,950		\$ 4,760,950
Equipment Fund	\$ 879,630		\$ 879,630
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 14,600		\$ 14,600

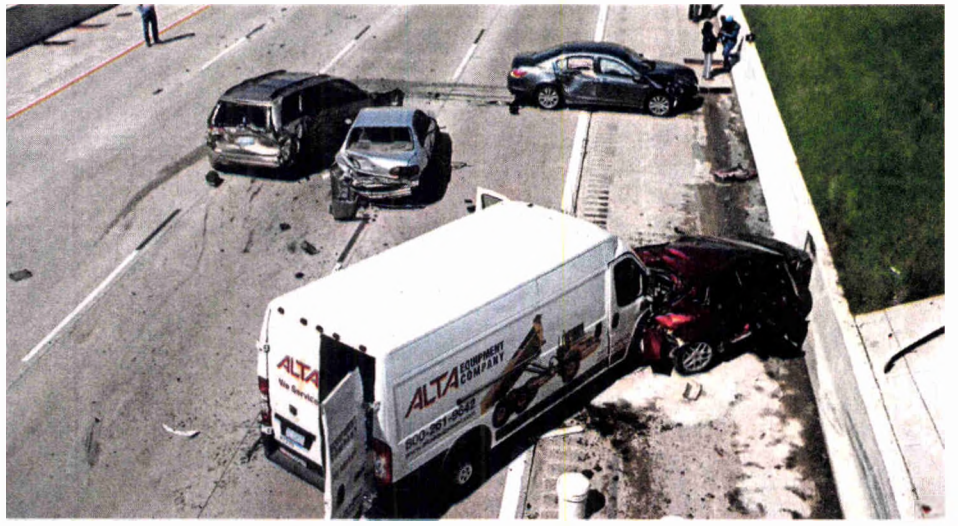
Transfers between Appropriations

As provided in State law, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10 %) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund, but not from Reserve Accounts nor between funds.

Copies of Proposed Budget Available

A complete copy of the 2016 - 2017 City Budget is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours and also at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk



MICHAEL KINNEY

A five-car accident Friday morning took place on westbound I-96, near Middlebelt.

Multiple accidents cause shutdown Friday on I-96

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Friday morning was a bad time to be on westbound Interstate 96 through Livonia.

Multiple accidents took place that required the freeway to shut down for several hours, including one earlier in the morning involving a flipped truck trailer that spilled debris all over the roadway.

The first accident involved a hauler that tipped its open-air trailer on the freeway before 8:30 a.m., between Levan and Newburgh. The trailer's contents, which appeared to be dirt, wood, concrete blocks and metal, spilled onto the freeway, causing crews to bring out a bulldozer to help clean it up.

Sgt. Brian Leigh of the Livonia Police Department said a traffic back-up had taken place in the westbound I-96 lanes, causing the truck hauling the trailer to brake. He said the brakes locked and the trailer tipped over, hitting the freeway and sliding several feet before coming to a stop. "Once it flipped, it slid



DAVID VESELENAK

A truck spilled its load Friday morning onto westbound I-96, causing the freeway to close during the morning commute.

for a little bit," he said.

Another vehicle, a Hyundai SUV with Tennessee plates, was towed from the scene. Leigh said the trailer hit the windshield of that vehicle when the accident occurred. No injuries were reported from that incident.

It's not the first time in recent memory garbage has spilled onto the newly-reconstructed freeway. Another open-air truck rolled onto its side during a commute back in August in the west-bound lanes of I-96, near Merriman, causing the freeway to be closed for some time until crews could take care of it.

A second incident took place later Friday morning, this one involving multiple cars near westbound I-96 at Middlebelt. Traffic was routed off the freeway at Inkster while crews worked at the scene. Leigh said the Michigan State Police were handling the investigation for that accident.

A message was left seeking more information on the accident for MSP Lt. Mike Shaw, but was not returned by press time.

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Indexes can be useful, but not for everyone

Q: I have a couple of investment questions I hope you can help me with. The first deals with my portfolio. I have been using a financial adviser who I am generally happy with. My son, on the other hand, thinks I should be changing advisers. His reasoning is that my account does not do as well as the Dow Jones Industrial Average. My question: Is the Dow a good yardstick to measure my investments? My second question relates to my son, a recent college graduate who is living on his own. Based on one of your columns, I have set up my own matching program in that whatever he puts away in his IRA, I will match. His employer does not have a 401(k) plan. My gut feeling, considering my son is 23 and in a low tax bracket, is that I should use a Roth IRA. What do you think?



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

In reality, indexes are nice to know and provide useful information, but they're not as useful when it comes to looking at your overall portfolio.

25 stocks within the Dow to lose money and five to make money and, as a result, the entire Dow index rises.

In judging a portfolio against an index, whether it's the Dow or the S&P 500, it is important to recognize that those indexes assume you are 100-percent invested in equities at all times. In most investor situations, that doesn't happen. Most investors have diversified portfolios that not only include stocks, but also bonds. Therefore, judging someone's entire portfolio against a stock index does not make sense. After all, you're not comparing apples to apples.

In reality, indexes are nice to know and provide useful information, but they're not as useful when it comes to looking at your overall portfolio. Remember, the goal of your portfolio is not to match an index, but to achieve your goals and

objectives. If as an investor you focus on an index, you may find it's at the detriment of achieving your goals and objectives.

With regard to your son's situation, I love the fact that you have implemented a matching program. I think this is wonderful and believe it will pay dividends into the future. It is important that as soon as young people begin to work, they save for their retirement. It is doubtful that Social Security will exist in the future the same way it does today and that is why it's important that people begin to save for their retirement as soon as possible.

With regard to Roth versus traditional, I would definitely recommend the Roth IRA. Yes, there are some tax breaks with the traditional IRA, but they only defer the taxes and in many situations you'll put yourself into a higher bracket down the road. I'd rather take a short-term hit with taxes now for long-term gains in the future. After all, I think if any one of us with money in a 401(k) or an IRA could withdraw that money tax-free versus taxable, it would make a substantial difference. Therefore, particularly for someone who is just starting their career, I definitely recommend Roth IRAs.

Good luck!

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

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A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

1. Z 16-09 197 Arthur
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Ask Dr. Stewart



Dr. James Stewart offers treatment for sleep apnea and chronic snoring from his practice in Livonia, MI. Today, he discusses how treating sleep apnea can help improve heart health.

SLEEP APNEA AND HEART HEALTH

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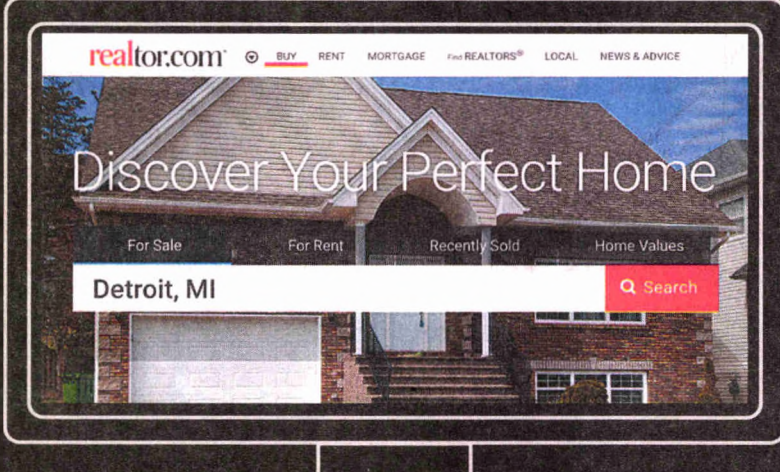
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KLAA SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Last-pitch rally: Clutch Chiefs win KLAA

Two-out hits by Izzy Dawson, Zajdel bring Association trophy to Canton

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The see-saw swung between joy and despair for the Canton Chiefs and Milford Mavericks during Wednesday's winner-take-all KLAA softball championship game.

It ultimately shifted in host Canton's direction, as the Chiefs rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh to earn a 5-4 victory and win the Association title.

Canton took an early 3-0 lead, saw it disappear on a pair of two-run homers by Milford's power-hitting junior pitcher Natalie Herrington and was down to its final strike during the final half-inning.

After senior spark-plug Elizabeth Yager started the Chiefs' last-ditch rally with a one-out bunt single (she went to second on a wild throw to first), Herrington retired Olivia Grant for the second out.

Izzy Dawson then rifled a double off the left-center fence for a run-scoring double to make it 4-4, bringing Hannah Zajdel to the plate.

Urgency

"I just had to get a base hit to score Izzy from second base," Zajdel said, recalling the clutch at-bat — which ended with her dumping a fly ball into right field in front of Milford's diving



DAVE PAYNE

Canton players mob each other after scoring the winning run in the bottom of the seventh to beat Milford 5-4 in the KLAA softball championship game.

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D1 TRACK AND FIELD REGIONAL



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem and Livonia Churchill finished first and second at Friday's Division 1 boys track and field regional and they are leading the way here in the 800 run.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Victorious Salem boys, Churchill girls rack up points across the board

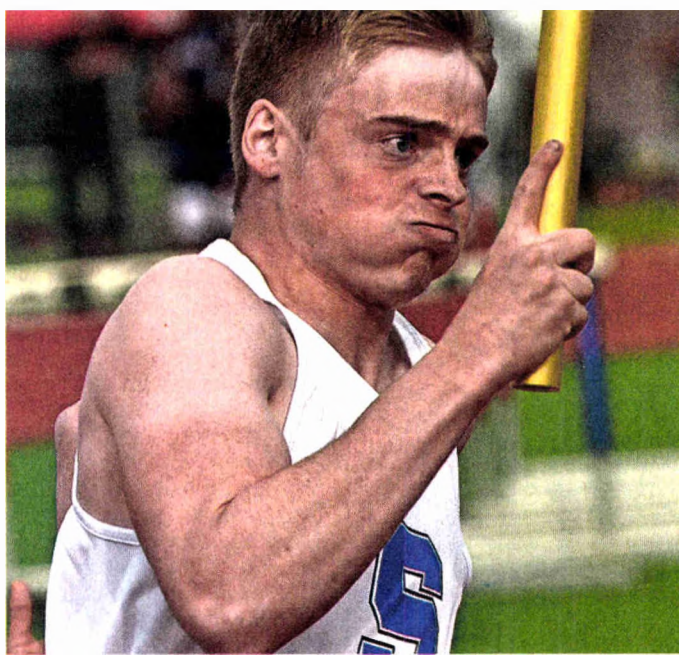
Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Racking up points by the bushel in field events launched Salem's boys track and field team to the regional championship Friday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Salem started rolling early with dominance in the shot put and discus — Jannik Schmitt (53 feet, 7.5 inches) and DeAngelo Meredith (145-5) won those events, respectively — and continued with a regional championship and school record in the high jump by Cameron Grace (6-6.25).

That set the tone for Salem's first-place total of 118 points, well ahead of second-place Livonia Churchill (92).

"We started peaking during the week of Observerland meet and we carried it through conferences and today," Rocks head coach Dale Maskill said. "We've got good coaches that are working with those guys, sprint coaches Ron Davis



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Picking up speed during the third leg of the 400-meter relay is Salem's Jacob Miller.

and Tom Crawford and our throws coach who was really the coach of the year, Jimmy Crabill.

"He's done a heck of a job with those guys. They scored 28 points in the disc today and 18 points in the

shot today. Got a really good group over there. Hopefully it continues for the next two weeks into the state meet."

Joining the Salem points party were first-year senior Calin Crawford, who scored in the high jump and long jump, and sophomore thrower Alex Howie (who qualified in the shot put with a personal best throw of 49-3).

"Very proud of them (seniors Schmitt and Meredith)," Crabill said. "Very excited they both qualified for states, both in the discus and Jannik in the shot put. And sophomore Alex Howie qualified in the shot put too, which was very good."

Salem perennial all-stater Chaz Jeffress also qualified in the 1,600 and 800 with second-place finishes of 4:22.75 and 1:57.92, respectively.

"Those two were legit runners that beat him today," Maskill said, referring to Dearborn's Riad Rababeh

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USA HOCKEY NTDP

'LET'S GET TO WORK'

U18s new coach Wroblewski back where he formerly played

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Less than two months ago, John Wroblewski stood behind the Youngstown Phantoms bench during the U.S. NTDP Under-17 team's home finale at USA Hockey Arena.

That night, Wroblewski's team shellacked Team USA, 12-0, but the coach was impressed by some of his opponents.

"I thought at that point they were on the cusp of something," Wroblewski said. "That game, the score was not indicative of how that game was played or the stature of the athlete that was on the other bench."

Next season, Wroblewski will have an even closer view of what that group of hockey players can achieve — leaving the Phantoms to become head coach of the NTDP U18s.

Players who were on the younger NTDP team in 2015-16, coached by Don Granato (who resigned to become associate coach at Wisconsin), move up to the Under-18 team. That group would have been coached by Granato had he stayed on board at USA Hockey Arena, but now will be guided by Wroblewski.

Staying on with the program is Danton Cole, who now takes

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HICKLING IMAGES

New U.S. NTDP Under-18 coach John Wroblewski, shown here behind the Youngstown Phantoms bench in 2015-16, favors a "power and speed" style of play.

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DAVE PAYNE

Canton junior Hannah Zajdel connects on a single in the bottom of the seventh Wednesday to give the Chiefs a 5-4 win over Milford and the KLAAs softball championship.

SOFTBALL

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right fielder, Riley Simler. "I was really nervous. I think we all knew we had it. We do really good in these types of situations."

Yager (2-for-4, run, RBI), who will play next season at the University of Detroit Mercy, figured she had to start something.

"They were playing deep (in the infield) and I knew I could beat them out, so I just had to do something to get myself on," Yager said. "We never give up. Every pitch counts and we were going to make them work for those last three outs."

Two batters later, however, Yager remained at second as Dawson stepped into the batter's box.

In the third, the sophomore first baseman yanked a drive that cleared the fence, but landed just foul down the left-field line. She flew out to the fence in the fifth. There was one last chance to make something happen, with everything on the line.

"I was at two strikes, so I was hoping I would get an outside pitch, because I've been pulling everything toward the foul line," Dawson said. "She threw one and made a mistake and I drove it to the left-center gap."

"It feels pretty awesome, I'm not going to lie. I was pretty nervous walking up there. And having two strikes, I was nervous."

Positive vibes

Dawson's gapper brought up Zajdel, who perfectly placed her fly ball for the winning hit.

"These girls never got down. They did not get down," veteran Canton head coach Al White said, almost in awe about how his team pulled out the win. "Just like I told Yager, 'The third baseman's been playing you back all game, lay it down and make her throw you out.'"

"Then once I saw Izzy coming up, I knew we had a chance. She hits the ball hard, don't she? Just line drives."

Another player doing just that was Herrington, who connected on two homers and drove in all four runs for the Mavericks against Canton senior pitcher Mackenna Payne (who earned a complete-game win).



DAVE PAYNE

Canton shortstop Olivia Grant (left) slaps a tag on Milford courtesy runner Lauren Carrannanto trying to steal second base during the fourth inning Wednesday. Throwing her out was catcher Victoria Porter.

The Chiefs (25-4, 15-1) took a 3-0 lead with three runs in the second, with freshman Nicole Dawson's single up the middle scoring Peyton Philbeck (walk) and Sydney Dawson (bunt single).

Yager then lined an RBI single to center to bring home Nicole Dawson.

Through three innings, the Lakes Conference champion Mavericks (19-8, 13-3) did not reach base against Payne.

But Julia Stevenson singled with one out in the fourth and Herrington easily cleared the fence in right for her first two-run homer.

Mavs' muscle

The Chiefs held a 3-2 lead into the sixth when Herrington struck again. Opening the inning with a double was Kat Hancock, then Stevenson sacrificed her to third.

White came out to talk to his battery of Payne and senior catcher Victoria Porter and discussed strategy.

The former Madonna University coach insisted it never was in the cards to walk Herrington. "No, I just went out and told Mackenna, 'Whatever you do keep it two inches inside on her. If she can jack one out inside, OK,'" he said.

But Herrington then lofted a fly ball down the right-field line that barely stayed fair to make it a 4-3 Milford lead.

"I was a little bit surprised that they pitched to her (again) after the first one she hit," Milford head coach Tom Firman said. "The first one was a solid, solid home run."

With Milford finally in the lead, the program's first-ever KLAAs title was within reach and even more so after Her-

rington set down the Chiefs in the sixth.

Meanwhile, Payne had settled down again to keep the Chiefs close. In the top of the seventh, Gianna Seets singled to left, but she was stranded.

Down to their last licks, Porter flew out to right field for the first out of the Canton seventh. That's when Yager stepped up and started what Zajdel finished with her do-or-die single.

No shame

"It was kind of a floater," Firman said. "We call those the wounded ducks. ... We don't want to lose, but losing to a team like that, we got to hold our heads up."

Firman, whose team also received a two-hit performance from Koryn Pennebaker, shook his head about coming within a whisker of a KLAAs championship.

"It was a great game and that's what you expect in a game like this. You expect it to be tight," Firman said. "We knew it was going to be tight. They're a good team. ... It was a good feeling when we got up by a run or two but, yeah, that's the way it turns out sometimes."

And even though the Mavericks wound up falling short, the benefit of being in such an intense, close match-up should help them in the postseason.

"It would have been sweet, but just for the kids to be in this position right now, to be playing in games like this, you get stronger," he said. "Hopefully, we do that and we get stronger as we go."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Canton hockey tryouts

Tryouts are just around the corner for hockey players looking to make Canton High School's 2015-16 varsity or prep teams.

Varsity tryouts will take place at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 23, and 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 24.

Tryouts for the prep (JV) team are set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, May 25-26.

Each skate costs \$15 and will take place at Arctic Edge Arena on Michigan Avenue, west of Canton Center Road. For more information, contact Mark Wherrett at 734-837-6854 or Dave Flack at 734-658-3507.

Salem coaching vacancy

Salem High School is looking for a new varsity girls swimming coach, to succeed the retired Chuck Olson.

Interested applicants should email athletic director Brian Samulski at brian.samulski@pccsk12.com.

Minimum requirements for applicants include the follow-

ing: high school graduate or equivalent; experience in high school level coaching or competing at the college/university level in swimming; have a time schedule compatible with that of high school; CPR and/or first-aid training preferred; demonstrated ability to work with parents and children.

Salem camp offerings

A series of summer camps is being offered at Salem High School.

Contact athletic director Brian Samulski at brian.samulski@pccsk12.com or go to the Salem athletics website if interested.

Following are the various offerings:

Sports Camp Grades 1-5: Fee is \$60 for residents, \$70 for non-residents; camp is 9 a.m. Monday through Thursday, July 11-14; for boys and girls of all ages in grades K-5.

Basketball Skills Camp (Boys - Grades 5-9): Fee is \$85 for residents, \$95 for non-residents; camp is 8 a.m. Monday through Friday, June 20-

24. **Basketball Youth Camp (Girls - Grades 3-6):** Fee is \$50 for residents, \$60 for non-residents; camp is 10 a.m. Monday through Thursday, June 27-30. Boys also are welcome to sign up.

Basketball Youth Camp (Girls - Grades 7-12): Fee is \$50 for residents, \$60 for non-residents; camp is 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 6-9. Boys also are welcome to sign up.

Hole-in-one club

» Jeff Horton, 60, of Plymouth, registered a hole-in-one April 27 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

He aced the 108-yard No. 5 hole on the Woods course, using a 9-iron and Titleist Pro V1 ball.

» Marty Rapson, 54, of Plymouth, shot a hole-in-one April 27 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

He aced the 108-yard No. 5 hole on the Woods course, using a Callaway Gap Wedge and Titleist ball.

PREP SOFTBALL

Salem roars back from heartbreaker

Rocks go 3-0 after falling to Canton in conference final

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's varsity softball team bounced back from Monday's heartbreaking loss to Canton in the Kensington Conference final with a 7-5 victory over Walled Lake Northern.

Wednesday's game featured the Rocks and Lakes Conference runner-up Knights and Salem's offense roared throughout — Maddy Rosiewicz, Kara Hutchison and Krisin Mihalic each blasted a homer.

Rosiewicz helped her own cause as she pitched the Rocks (25-7) to the win, giving up just seven hits.

"Great win and accomplishment," Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland said. "Finishing third in the KLAAs out of 24 teams is a pretty big deal. The girls certainly played hard and made us proud."

"We still have some things to prove and we will prepare these next two weeks for districts."

Rosiewicz and her catcher, Hutchison, combined to knock in five of the runs.

Senior night fun

On Thursday, which was Salem's senior night, the Rocks swept a doubleheader from Farmington, 1-0 and 9-2,

with key contributions from seniors Hutchison and outfielder Jamie Squires.

In Game 1, sophomore Morgan Overaitis pitched a shut-out and singled home the winning run in the bottom of the eighth for good measure.

The Rocks opened the eighth on a bunt single by Hailey Dechack and she went to third on a single by Caroline Miller. After a walk to Rosiewicz, Overaitis came through with the decisive hit.

Closing out the sweep was Jenna Taylor, who pitched six strong innings for the victory.

Sparking a 15-hit attack were Hutchison (double, single, RBI) and Squires, who homered (to pad her Salem career home run record) and doubled and drove in five runs.

Overaitis went 4-for-4, while Jordan Hazel had a 3-for-3 game (RBI) and Alyssa Hauser chipped in two hits.

"It was only fitting that Jamie got a home run this game," Southerland said.

"That makes 31 home runs in her four years at Salem. I know she's not done yet and that number will continue to grow so she makes sure it can't be topped."

Southerland said it was great to honor "two amazing four-year starting seniors," Hutchison and Squires, before the doubleheader. "These two have been solid performers their entire career at Salem."

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(4:21.90) and Churchill's Dash Dobar (1:57.48). "He scored some big points today."

Although the Chargers came in second, head coach Rick Austin was taking more positives away than negatives from the meet.

"They have a very strong team, so my hat's off to Salem," Austin said. "But we shot ourselves in the foot today. We failed to make a call for a race and some of the events did not work out in our favor."

"But we had a lot of different kids step up today and score points for us in a lot of different areas. So I think we had a good showing today."

Churchill's Jamal Allen (11.11) finished third to qualify in the 100 dash, having beat the 11.20 state qualifying time. Also making the cut in that event were David Graham of Westland John Glenn and Andrew Davis of Salem.

In the 200 dash, Livonia Franklin's Brandon Smiley took second (22.42), ahead of additional qualifiers Johnathan Parker (John Glenn) and Darren Davis (Canton).

Regional champion in the 400 dash was Wayne Memorial standout Montel Hood (47.42), who outraced Churchill's Carrington Smith and John Glenn's Jared Tarrance.

Franklin's Tony Floyd placed second in the 3,200 run with a time of 9:38.22.

In other events, Garden City senior Denzel Timsley took the top spot in the 110 hurdles (14.56), with Canton junior Jemal Vaunado winning the 300 hurdles (39.79). The Chiefs also had a regional champ in the pole vault, with Andrew Koenigknecht recording a 14-0 mark.

John Glenn (400 relay, 800 relay), Wayne (1,600 relay) and Franklin (3,200 relay) topped the relay events.

Girls recap

On the girls side, Churchill took a similar path to victory as the Salem boys did — piling up points in field events and enjoying outstanding depth across all events.

The Chargers totaled 153 points, well ahead of second-place Plymouth (116.5), to win the regional for the eighth time in nine years.

"We scored a lot of points like we have been all year coming out of field events," Chargers head coach Pat Daugherty said. "And then the 4-by-8 team won and really set the tempo for us. Gabby Swider and Chanel Gardner are going to score in all four events they're in."

"Gabby Carter won both



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Canton's Jada Sabir and her teammates won the 400 relay.

throws, so we've have a lot of success today. Takia Bradley had a really good turn in the 300 hurdles and she qualified. It's been a total team effort."

Daugherty added that Friday's success was heartening because there were so many contributors.

"We rely heavily on about five girls to do most of our point-scoring and they all came through today," Daugherty said. "I'm proud of them and proud of the whole team. We're looking forward to the state meet. We have a chance to score in a couple events there for the first time in a while."

Setting a school record in the pole vault was senior Olivia Ryktarsyk (11-9).

Plymouth head coach Ricky Styes credited the Chargers' balance for keeping the Wildcats from the top spot.

But he said there were numerous key performers from his team, including high jumper Kat Harris, who qualified for the fourth year in a row, long jumper Bailey Brown (first with a PR of 17-2) and sprinter Ryen Draper (qualified in the 200 and 400 dashes with school records in both).

Plymouth's 800 relay team of Erin Bradley, Faith Washington, Reghan Draper and Ryen Draper also broke a school record and qualified.

Emily Caragay (10-3) and Natalie Janke (10-0) qualified in the pole vault and Bradley also made the cut in the 100 hurdles.

Canton's 400 relay team of Jessica Krone, freshman twins Jada and Jade Sabir and freshman Donae Adams made the cut.

Missing going to states by about six seconds was the Chiefs' third-place 3200 relay team of Sam McGrath, Elaine Bradley, Anna Nagelhout and Isabelle Verdugo (9:52.46).

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2016 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS GYMNASTICS TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Brianna Rhoad, Livonia Blue: The senior capped her incredible high school career by winning the Division 2 all-around state title with a score of 36.525. She became the first Livonia Blue gymnast to win an all-around title in the program's 10-year history.



A gymnast since the age of 6, Rhoad works at her craft on a year-round basis, honing her skills at the Livonia Rec Center during the high school off-season.

Rhoad will attend Eastern Michigan University later this summer and possibly try out for the school's gymnastics team.

"Bri has a laid-back personality, but when she's out there competing, she's very focused," Blue head coach Lisa Broomfield said. "She goes out there, blocks everything else out, and does her thing."

Elisa Bills, Farm. United: The sophomore gymnast had an outstanding state meet, helping her team finish third and earning individual all-state honors.



Bills finished second in the Division 2 all-around with a 36.225 total. She was second on beam with a 9.4, sixth on floor, eighth on bars and ninth on vault.

Coach Jeff Dwyer marveled at how she was able to compose herself and rebound after a fall on bars, scoring well enough to be the No. 2 all-arounder.

"This little girl is loaded with talent and goes all out in competition," Dwyer said. "Elisa has a difficult bar routine with a very risky dismount. Not all gymnasts can get back and do what she did."

"Her last event was beam, and she calmly hit a 9.4 routine. I have seen many gymnasts drop out of contention with such a fall, but I give her all the credit in the world for being such a tough, hard-nosed competitor who doesn't give up."

Jacquelyn Farquhar, Farm. United: A repeat member of the all-area team, Farquhar had a great finish to her junior season, placing third in the Division 2 all-around at the state meet with a 36.10 score.



She was all-state in three individual events. Farquhar was tied for fourth place on vault, finished sixth on bars and placed third on beam with a 9.325.

"Jacquelyn continued to do what she has done all year, placing as one of the top all-arounders in the state," Dwyer said. "She is ultra competitive and hard-working. She was named captain as a sophomore and again this year for those reasons."

"Jacquelyn has learned to not be so hard on herself, and that bodes well for her. I believe she can make a serious run at being one of the top gymnasts again next year."

Jessica Weak, Livonia Blue: Only a junior, Weak has enjoyed an extraordinary high school career. An all-around standout, she joined teammate Bri Rhoad as the program's only individual state champions in March by taking gold in the Division 2 uneven parallel bars event. She is an exceptional student as well, which is reflected by her 4.3 grade-point average.



"Jessie is a fighter," Broomfield said. "Her bars routine is very strenuous because she goes from the low bar to the high bar, back to the low bar and back to the high bar, while most girls just do one bar change. I knew she had it in her to win the state championship."

Jana Hilditch, Canton: There were many outstanding gymnasts on the regional champion Chiefs again this season and junior Hilditch was at the top of the list.

Hilditch earned the team's Most Valuable Gymnast Award with "consistent and all-around leadership all season," coach John Cunningham said.

One highlight was her 9.8 balance beam during the season, which tied the

school record and led to Elite All American recognition (she was All American in all events). Her regional bars (9.0) won second and floor (9.475) placed third.



Already named one of Canton's 2016-17 captains, Hilditch took three medals at states — sixth on vault (9.45) and beam (9.35) and eighth in all-around (36.875).

Kacey Noseworthy, Farm. United: Noseworthy capped a fine freshman season with a seventh-place finish in the Division 2 all-around at the state meet, compiling a 35.275 score.



In the process, she placed second on vault with a 9.45 and was close to being all-state in two other events. She was tied for 11th on bars and was 14th on floor. Noseworthy also worked three events in the team competition.

"She is such a powerful vaulter, and judges value power and height," Dwyer said. "That is the reason for her high scores."

"Kacey is beginning to realize her potential. She has been such a hard worker in the gym, and it's paying off."

"The all-around is crazy hard as a gymnast must remain tough and focused the entire meet (six hours). What a meet for such a young, promising gymnast!"

SECOND TEAM

Kelsea Kernosek, Canton: The junior had an outstanding season, receiving one of the team's trophies for most improved, the result of becoming a leading scorer, Cunningham noted.



Kernosek also achieved All-American status in five events.

At regionals, she won D1 vault with a 9.5 score and also qualified for states in the all-around with a third-place finish of 35.775.

She continued to excel at states, taking third on vault — again with a 9.5.

Haley Metz, Plymouth: The versatile senior qualified for individual states in four Division 1 categories at regionals, finishing first in all-around with a 36.975 tally. She placed first on uneven parallel bars (9.450) and balance beam (9.375) and took fourth on floor exercise with a 9.350.

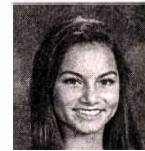


At states, Metz earned all-state honors on bars with her seventh-place tally of 9.125. In the all-around, she placed 14th (35.875).

"Just a very strong performance, with good consistency," said coach Pam Yockey, following individual regionals. "(Metz) was really just right on today."

Metz was a key contributor to the Wildcats' second-place finish at team regionals, earning a spot in the team finals.

Katie Dickson, Canton: Only a sophomore, Dickson made her presence felt for the KLAA and regional champion Chiefs.



"Her five event scores were a big reason for our 13-1 record," Cunningham said.

Dickson had a field day at regionals, qualifying for states in four D1 events. Those included second on vault (9.350) and all-around (36.5) and third on bars (8.850) and beam (9.250).

At finals, her tally of 8.950 on bars earned her a medal (10th place). She came in 11th in the all-around (36.475) and 12th on floor (9.175) while her 9.075 on vault was good for 18th overall.

Jordyn Williams, Salem: The popular and talented sophomore set and broke her Plymouth-Canton Educational Park record on floor three times (9.75, 9.8, 9.85).



The latter score came at regionals, where she won the D1 championship and brought the house down with her routine.

"As good as she is, she's not really full of herself," assistant coach Dana Driscoll said. "She's

friendly with everybody and she just tumbles really effortlessly."

At finals, she tallied a 9.55 to finish second and win all-state honors.

Williams also qualified for states on vault (fifth, 9.05) and came in 15th with a 9.2 score.

Emily Welch, Plymouth: The senior showed her versatility for the Wildcats all season and even more so at regionals.



That's where she qualified for Division 2 states on vault (third, 9.150), uneven parallel bars (third, 8.675) and all-around (sixth, 34.525).

At the finals in Rockford, Welch earned all-state honors in D2 with her fifth-place score on bars (8.725). She finished 13th in the all-around with a 34.700 total.

Rachel Socha, Canton: Another talented sophomore for the Chiefs is Socha, who also won an award for the team's most improved.



Socha was outstanding on beam, most particularly, winning the event at the Jeanne Caruss Invitational and KLAA conference meet.

At regionals, she finished second on D2 beam with a 9.2 score and finished fourth in the event at states (9.25).

She also qualified for states in the all-around (34.675) and was All-American in four of five events, Cunningham said.

Brooke Rabban, Farm. United: A senior and perennial member of the all-area team, Rabban received an all-state medal for her top-10 performance on the balance beam.



The Division 1 gymnast was part of a three-way tie for eighth place with a 9.325. Rabban finished 16th in the all-around with a 35.30.

"Brooke had it tough this year as she would have been eligible for Division 2 status, but she remained a Division 1 gymnast due to a rule change," Dwyer said.

"That put her in competition with club girls who put in many more hours per day. She knew it would be hard to be all-state. It was so gratifying to see her stick her routine."

"She is not a crier usually, but a lot of tears flowed after her dismount. I was so happy to see her dream come true."

"We lose a great competitor. Brooke made this sport look like an art form on beam and floor."

THIRD TEAM

Carina Wright, Farm. United: A perennial all-stater and all-area selection, Wright came back from two injuries during her senior season to qualify in two events at the state meet.



She tied for 10th place on floor to earn all-state status again. Wright competed in every event but bars in the team competition and helped Farmington finish third in the state.

"This was a tough year for Carina as she was out approximately 70 percent of the season," Dwyer said. "I know she looked forward to her senior year. However, life didn't go as planned."

"Without her scores, we don't compete at the level we did. She's a gamer who really turns things on during competition."

"I was glad to see her be all-state. I know she wanted to place higher. Considering the limited time she could practice, it was a courageous effort and it paid off."

"Carina could always light it up on vault, beam and floor. It will be very hard to replace her natural talent and her desire to win."

Hailey Hodgson, Canton: The Chiefs' senior captain capped off a standout four-year career. She excelled on beam (All American Elite, 2014 state champion in the event).



At regionals, her score off 9.150 was good for third in D2 beam, earning her a spot in the

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HONORABLE MENTION

Farm. United: Emily Stecevic, Ava Farquhar, Kennedy Seals, Emily Fowler; Canton: Stephanie Cox, Allison Kurz, Katherine Najduk, Annika Wang; Salem: Cloe Longeway, Camille Burt; Plymouth: Molly McSween, Rebeca Simu, Samantha Fontana, Lindsay Badger, Kayla Janevski; Livonia Red: Mackenzie Borman, Mikaela Hille; Livonia Blue: Katie Grover.

finals. Other state-qualifying events were floor (second, 9.575), vault (seventh, 9.1) and all-around (third, 35.725).

Hodgson then had a strong showing at finals, medaling on floor with a 9.05 tally (tied for sixth). Her 33.875 total in the all-around was good for 18th place.

Emily Chatterjee, Livonia Blue: Chatterjee sparked for Blue this past season, earning all-state honors in three individual events. She placed sixth on the beam (9.125), 10th in the floor-exercise routine (9.0) and 10th on the uneven bars.



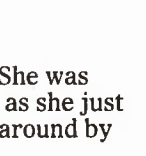
Kelly Shrosbree, Farm. United: Shrosbree earned Division 2 all-state recognition with her seventh-place finish on the uneven parallel bars with an 8.675 score.



The junior gymnast provided needed depth and helped to make Farmington United a force in team competition.

"This was a big goal for Kelly," Dwyer said of her all-state performance. "She was disappointed at the regional as she just missed qualifying in the all-around by one 10th of a point."

"She has been one of our most consistent bars workers this year. I never worry about her hitting a routine. I was so happy for her; it was well deserved. Kelly has lots of potential going into her senior year."



Marissa McVey, Livonia Red: McVey, a Churchill senior, finished her stellar high school gymnastics career by placing 15th in the state Division 2 all-around with a score of 34.350. McVey earned all-state honors on the vault when she tied for 10th at the state meet.



A two-year captain for Red, McVey is very involved in extra-curricular activities at Churchill. She is a member of the school's diversity and spirit clubs, among other interests.

Riley Fisher, Salem: The freshman has a promising future if her "rookie" season is any indication. Her excellent season was rewarded when she was recipient of Salem's Coaches Award.



Fisher qualified for the state meet in D2 on balance beam after tying for fourth place with a score of 8.850. At Rockford, she finished 10th on D2 beam with an 8.875 tally to win all-state honors.

Her 34.5 in the all-around at regionals was good for seventh; that was just .025 short of qualifying for states.

"Riley had a really consistent season," Driscoll said. "She works extremely hard day in and day out to keep improving herself and her skills."

PREP BASEBALL

Park teams tough against Lakes squads

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Two Park varsity baseball teams wound up winning KLAA crossover contests Wednesday by identical 1-0 scores as they gear up for the upcoming districts.

Canton, fresh off a tough 4-1 loss to Northville on Monday in the Kensington Conference championship game, blanked Lakeland of the Lakes Conference on four hits for the win.

Shutting out the Eagles was pitcher Noah Spencer, who was outstanding.

Canton players registering hits included Nick Sprosek (double), Andrew Krafft, Jake O'Donnell (who scored the lone run), Justin Mattson, Aaron "A.J." Brazelton and Lou Baechler.

» It took Plymouth nine innings to

prevail in Wednesday's matchup against Walled Lake Northern.

"The team is playing really well," head coach Jason Crain said. "We played an almost flawless game behind unbelievable pitching."

The Wildcats (15-14 overall) blanked the Knights behind the strong pitching of Brenden Lacorato (6 2/3, seven strikeouts) and Regan Fleisher (2½, four strikeouts).

Knocking in the winning run in the top of the ninth was Evan Claggett, who went 2-for-4.

Mike Matovina collected two hits and two line-drive outs as Crain said he was "hitting the ball all over the field."

Other Plymouth hits were collected by Kyle Wolter and Mike Wischer, while players contributing important at-bats at key times of the game to move run-

ners along included Justin Raylean and Josh Sulak.

"It was probably our most complete game we've played and the (late innings) were filled with intensity and big moments which will help us prepare for districts," Crain said.

The Chiefs, Wildcats and Salem are scheduled to play Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington on Saturday.

PCA wins two

Plymouth Christian Academy posted wins of 17-6 over Huron Valley Lutheran on Monday and 8-5 over Oakland Christian the following day.

In the win over HVL, Norby Hernandez and Elijah Grit each pitched three innings for the Eagles while Matt Cusumano had three hits and walk.

Tuesday, which was PCA's senior

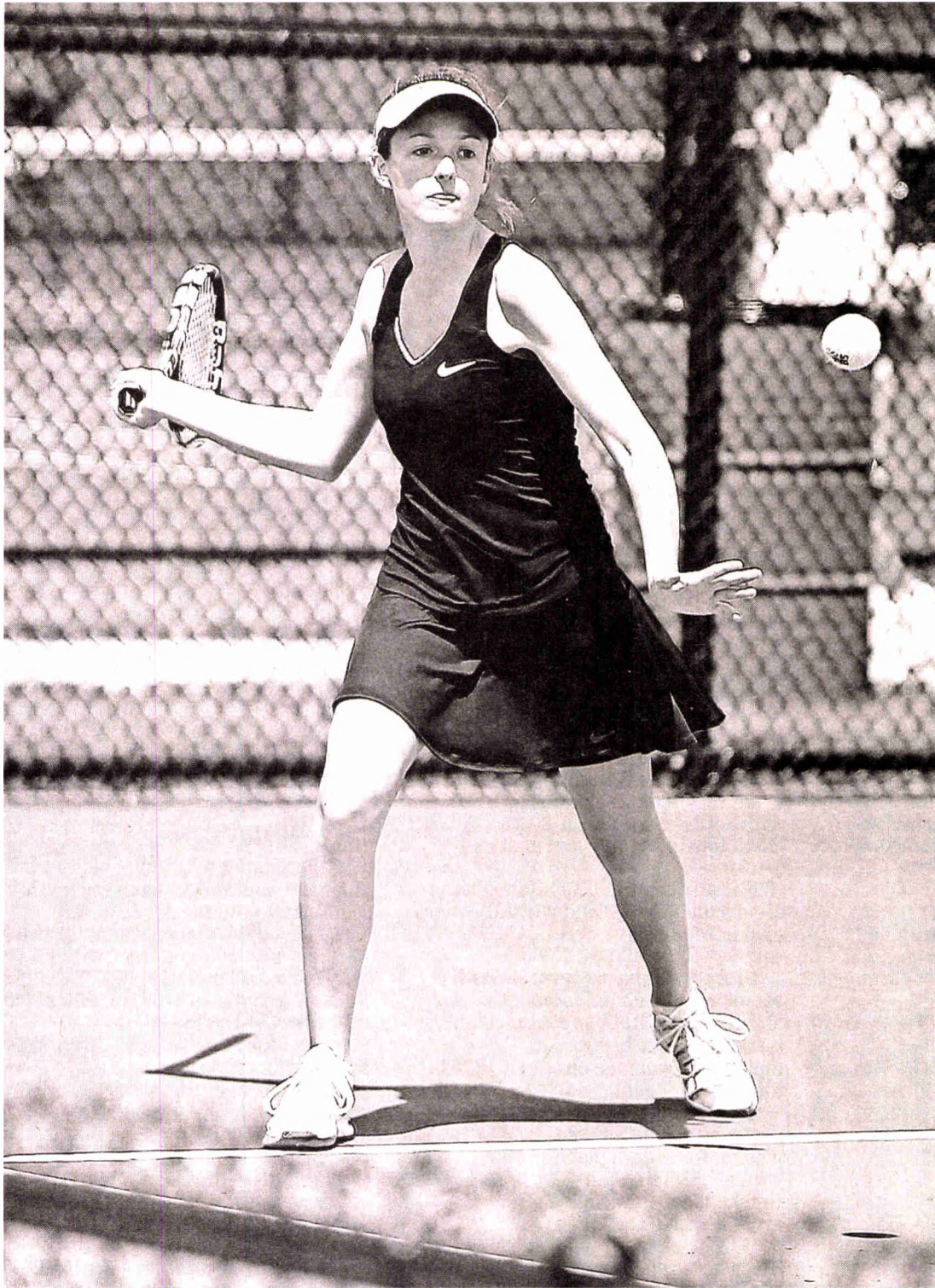
night, the Eagles enjoyed a comeback win that sets the team up for an important final week of MIAC play. Head coach Joe Bortorff said PCA and Lutheran Westland each have two conference losses and those teams will meet Tuesday, May 24.

Notching the win was Adam Albert, who relieved starter Phillip Morby in the fifth.

PCA scored three in the first to set the tone. Josh Slater's single scored two runs. Nick Andres doubled and scored on an error.

The Eagles then blew the game open with five runs in the sixth, with pinch hitter Nathan Bishop ripping a two-run double.

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Plymouth freshman Jessica Braun gets set to return the ball during Thursday's Division 1 girls tennis regional at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. She won the regional championship at No. 1 singles and moves on to the state finals in early June.

D1 GIRLS TENNIS REGIONAL

Plymouth's Braun is regional champion

Freshman wins final at No. 1 singles to move on to states

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Coach Rob McLaren's Plymouth varsity girls tennis team "didn't quite make it as far as we had anticipated" against a tough field at Thursday's Division 1 regional.

But his freshman at No. 1 singles, Jessica Braun, continued her astounding season by winning 6-4, 6-1 in the finals at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park against second-seeded Katie Sesi of Ann Arbor Huron. Braun improved to 22-0 for the season and will move on to the state finals June 3.

"The whole team is proud of Jessica and her accomplishments this year," McLaren said. "She's the first P-CEP girls player to make states in about 20 years, so what she has done as a freshman is extraordinary. She played her best tennis yet (against Sesi)."

Braun is the lone player from Plymouth, Canton and Salem who will be competing at states, as Ann Arbor Huron and Ann Arbor Pioneer dominated the regional.

To face Sesi, the unflap-

pable ninth-grader needed to get past Salem's stellar senior Chelsea Yu.

Braun won 6-0, 6-3 over fourth-seeded Yu (who had defeated Belleville's Shaina Shah 6-0, 6-0).

Although Plymouth only tallied eight points (one per win), short of qualifying for finals as a team, "We have a lot of returning players who are committed to working hard throughout the year and get to states next year," McLaren said.

There were other strong performances from the Wildcats, as the No. 4 doubles tandem of freshmen Alayna Stults and Olivia Schafer lost 6-3, 6-1 in the semis to Huron.

Stults and Schafer earlier bested Canton's Brooke Posada and Cathy Marudo, 6-3, 6-0.

At No. 4 singles, Plymouth senior Emily Solecki — subbing for Swetha Duraiswamy — won her first-round match-up against Canton's Caroline Scheuing (6-2, 6-2) before losing in the quarters.

Also making quarters at No. 3 singles was Plymouth sophomore Kara Hug, who fell 6-0, 6-2 to Salem junior Bianca Ghita (who then lost

in the semifinal).

McLaren said her No. 1 doubles team of seniors Alysa Lopez and Bei Li Martin lost a tough three-setter against Saline, while senior Amber Tseng also came up short in a three-set match at No. 2 singles.

At No. 2 doubles, seniors Amy Luo and Justine Ko prevailed against Monroe in another three-setter before losing in the quarterfinal.

"Our seniors played their last matches of the year," McLaren said, "but they didn't go down without a fight."

Salem had several strong showings. In addition to Yu and Bianca Ghita, those included:

» At No. 4 singles, sophomore Corina Ghita reached the semis before falling 6-0, 6-0 to eventual champion Michi Ota of Ann Arbor Skyline;

» At No. 2 singles, freshman Lizzy Lu reached the semifinal before losing to eventual champion Miriam Gandham of Huron.

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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

KLAA 'A' GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

May 17 at P-CEP

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 31 points; 2. Novi, 21; 3. Grand Blanc, 15; 4. Walled Lake Northern, 13; 5. Plymouth, 11; 6. (tie) Salem and Walled Lake Central, 10 each; 8. Brighton, 8; 9. Livonia Churchill, 5; 10. Livonia Franklin, 3; 11. Pinckney, 2; 12. Walled Lake Western, 1.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Jessica Braun (Ply.) defeated Emma Worley (N'ville), 6-4, 6-2. **semifinals:** Braun def. Maddie Miller (Brighton), 7-5, 6-3; Worley def. Angelica Zhou (Churchill), 6-2, 6-2.

No. 2: Shanoli Kumar (N'ville) def. Ava Dunlap (GB), 6-3, 6-0. **semifinals:** Kumar def. Jamie Fu (Novi), 6-0, 6-2; Dunlap def. Namrata Kadambi (WLC), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 3: Joanne Gao (N'ville) def. Loren Nelson (GB), 7-5, 6-4. **semifinals:** Gao def. Bianca Ghita (Salem), 6-0, 6-4; Nelson def. Jessica Lypka (Novi), 7-5, 6-2.

No. 4: Renee Torres (N'ville) def. Katie Xie (Novi), 6-1, 6-2. **semifinals:** Torres def. Adiya Young (WLN), 6-0, 6-0; Xie def. Corina Ghita (Salem), 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Serena Wang-Maya Mulchandani (N'ville) def. Youna Lee-Carolyn Zhang (Novi), 6-2, 6-0. **semifinals:** Wang-Mulchandani def. Graceanne Meeder-Nicole Langan (WLC), 6-0, 6-0; Lee-Zhang def. Madison Kulik-Ashley Henderson (Salem), 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 2: Sydney Lushin-Lily Yang (GB) def. Brea Windmyer-Grace Jovanovich (WLN), 6-2, 6-2; **semifinals:** Lushin-Yang def. Teja Mogasala-Michelle Wang (Novi), 7-5, 7-5; Windmyer-

Jovanovich def. Emilee The-Raegan Henderson (Salem), 6-3, 6-4.

No. 3: Neha Chava-Sophie Zhuang (N'ville) def. Morgan Krupic-Alexis Malecki (Novi), 6-3, 6-2; **semifinals:** Chava-Zhuang def. Kayla Behm-Kylie Strange (WLN), 6-2, 6-1; Krupic-Malecki def. Emma Alexander-Mackenzie Borg (GB), 7-5, 6-4.

No. 4: Brittany Macaddino-Alexandria Petix (N'ville) def. Katie Telder-Katie Valade (Novi), 6-1, 6-1. **semifinals:** Macaddino-Petix def. Alayna Stultz-Olivia Schafer (Ply.), 6-0, 6-0; Telder-Valade (Novi) def. Anastacia Gusilenin-Kendell Knebler (WLN), 7-5, 6-0.

No. 5: Connie Gao-Madison DeYoung (N'ville) def. Sasha Tret'yakova-Brittany O'Connell (Novi), 6-3, 6-0. **semifinals:** Gao-DeYoung def. Joanna Saad-Mckenna C'rain (WLN), 6-1, 6-1; Tret'yakova-O'Connell def. Mary Hardenberg-Madison Roberts (GB), 6-1, 6-4.

KLAA 'B' GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

May 14, 17 at Novi

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 27 points; 2. Hartland, 21; 3. Howell, 18; 4. South Lyon, 15; 5. (tie) Milford and Canton, 12 each; 7. Lakeland, 11; 8. South Lyon East, 6; 9. Wayne Memorial, 5; 10. (tie) Waterford Kettering and Waterford Moit, 2 each; 12. Westland John Glenn, 1.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: M.G. Traub (Hartland) defeated Marquette Winston (Canton), 6-4, 7-6; **semifinals:** Traub def. Sam Cyrus (LS), 6-3, 6-4; **winston def.** Summer McEvers (East), 6-0, 7-5.

No. 2: Jill Weiland (LS) def. Lilly Pita (Canton), 6-2, 4-6, 7-5; **semifinals:** Weiland def. Crystal Schupach (Hartland), 6-0, 6-0; Pita def. Camille Cave (East),

6-2, 6-0.

No. 3: Molly Cormier (LS) def. Jackie Spryshak (Hartland), 6-3, 6-1. **semifinals:** Cormier def. Mackenzie Watson (Milford), 6-2, 6-0; Spryshak def. Rachel Egbert (Howell), 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 4: Noelle Hillert (LS) def. Zereth Bustamante (SL), 6-3, 6-1. **semifinals:** Hillert def. Emily Hanner (Milford), 6-1, 6-0; Bustamante def. Janelle Meininger (Howell), 7-5, 0-6, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Natalie Hay-Lauren Larson (LS) def. Sammi Serra-Paulina Parr (Milford), 6-2, 6-4; **semifinals:** Hay-Larson def. Delaney Ruff-Holly VanGordon (Howell), 6-1, 6-2; Parr-Serra def. Colleen Barbara Spalding (SL), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

No. 2: Natalia Roznowski-Allison Malkowski (LS) def. Madison Lamb-Taylor Thornsberry (Howell), 6-1, 6-2; **semifinals:** Roznowski-Malkowski def. Stroven-Young (Hartland), 6-2, 6-2; Lamb-Thornsberry won by default over Rachel Millis-Jade Wells (SL).

No. 3: Isabelle Beeker-Raquel Putrus (Lakeland) def. Juliana Ward-Brown-Jordan Jones (Howell), 2-6, 6-4, 6-1. **semifinals:** Beeker-Putrus won by default over Rachel DeBricat-Sarah Miller (SL); Ward-Brown-Jones def. Regin Horan-Sydney Wesley (Hartland), 7-6, 6-4.

No. 4: Kayla Parker-Hanna Kliza (LS) def. Grace Lemley-Sam Seelinger (Hartland), 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; **semifinals:** Parker-Kliza def. Rachel Becker-Erin Vincek (SL), 6-1, 6-4; Lemley-Seelinger def. Megan Byrne-Stephanie Golphin (Howell), 6-4, 6-1.

No. 5: Rachel Anderson-Anna Bredin (Hartland) def. Anna Buchel-Kayla Hamilton (Howell), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Anderson-Bredin def. Paige Adams-Maria Schimmel (Milford), 6-2, 6-2; Buchel-Hamilton def. Delaney McReil-Kristen Shears (SL), 4-6, 4-4 (retired).

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Celtic assists stricken youth soccer coach

Livonia resident Carlson diagnosed with fast-spreading cancer

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Assists are as important as goals in Ken Carlson's favorite sport, so it's fitting that the ultra-popular Canton Celtic youth soccer coach and his family are receiving waves of assistance while he faces a daunting health crisis.

The long-time Livonia resident currently resides in Livonia's Angela Hospice in the wake of being diagnosed with Grade 4, Stage 4 glioblastoma brain tumors.

The tumors, which are inoperable due to their location in Carlson's brain, have taken a swift and torturous toll on the loving father, son, brother and mentor to a large number of young soccer players who have been the recipients of his vast knowledge and going-the-extra-mile coaching style.

"I've seen several people who I've known and loved stricken with cancer, but I've never seen it become so devastating so quickly like it has with Ken," Canton Celtic club manager Dan McEvilly said. "When I visited him in the hospital a couple weeks ago, we were talking soccer and baseball. Then a few days ago, he didn't know my name."

"Ken is a fantastic coach and mentor for the young players. He prides himself in helping them develop their individual ball skills, while beginning to develop their tactical skills — all while maintaining a fun and challenging environment."

A picture of health just a few months ago, Carlson was hospitalized in early April after he suffered a heart attack.

Just a week after his release from the hospital, Carlson was re-admitted for symptoms similar to the ones he suffered earlier.

More comprehensive tests revealed the terminal brain cancer.

"Ken has had so many of his players and their parents visit him the past few days," said Laura Pakkala, Carlson's sister. "They've made up signs for him and told us, the members of his family, what an inspiration he has been to the kids."

"I was told by several parents of the young girls team he coached prior to this season that they referred to him as, 'The Big Teddy Bear'. He's always been such a big-hearted guy and he loves coaching so much."

"When he was in the hospital after his heart attack, one of his teams was getting ready to play a tournament in Cincinnati. Ken had the coach who was going to replace him come up to the hospital so he could tell him about each of the players."

McEvilly will step in to coach Carlson's U12 Boys Silver and U13 Boys Green teams for the remainder of their seasons.

Carlson is the father of two children: a 20-year-old daughter, Kristen Chase, who recently got married; and 16-year-old son Kody, a student at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Like it's done several times in the past, the Canton Celtic Soccer Club is organizing a fundraiser to help Carlson's family offset mounting medical expenses.

A "Spare Change Drive" has been planned for next weekend's Canton Cup Soccer Tournament. People willing to help Carlson's family can drop off spare change at any of the official Canton Cup apparel sales booths.

Monies collected will be donated to Angela Hospice. The Canton Celtic will match all donations collected, McEvilly said.

For those who will not be attending the Canton Cup, but would like to help out the Carlson family's cause, a gofundme account has been established for the popular coach. The link is: gofundme.com/kencarlson.

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Canton Celtic youth soccer coach Ken Carlson, a Livonia resident, is battling brain cancer.

OUTDOOR SPORTS

Trail Challenge, Bike Fest set for June 4

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Motor City Mountain Biking Association is joining forces with the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance to stage the 11th annual Milford Trail Challenge and Bike Fest from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, June 4, in and around downtown Milford.

Registration is \$20 in advance or \$25 event day.

Proceeds will support development and maintenance of bicycle trails in the region. Cyclists can choose family-friendly paved routes or a variety of back road and mountain bike trails suited for beginners to experts.

Same day registration and event start runs from 7:30 a.m. through 1 p.m. at Main Street Grill, 327 Main Street. Entertainment will be provided by the Orbitsuns beginning at 1 p.m. Parking is available in nearby public lots and on local

streets.

The most adventurous and fit mountain bikers can tackle 16 miles of challenging single track in Highland Recreation Area that is rated as the best trail in the state.

Bikers need to bring strong lungs to complete all four loops of this trail as it offers a total of 2,090 feet of vertical climbing. Additional local MTB trails range from beginner-friendly sections of the Milford Trail to intermediate trails at Proud Lake Recreation Area.

Local rail trails also provide pleasant riding for riders of all ages. Participants may even be able to explore sections of the forthcoming Michigan Airline Trail while communities adjacent to Milford work to develop this section for former railway into a trail that will link multiple communities.

For more information, go to www.milfordchallenge.com.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Chiefs fall in conference final

Novi scores three unanswered goals for 3-1 victory

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

The strengthening bond of family is a miraculous endeavor that pulls people together through whatever challenge life throws their way.

For Novi, that sense of deep-rooted camaraderie and unity has never been better, as it claimed its first KLAAs Kensington Conference girls soccer championship since 2011 with a 3-1 victory Thursday over Canton.

"We have that leadership and this is like a huge family," said Novi coach Todd Pheiffer, whose team improved to 9-1-6 overall. "They're all playing here for each other and I'm just excited every time I get be on the field with them because we have freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors who are all contributing. They know what their role is and, as we saw in the second half, the resilience of this team is just phenomenal."

Down 1-0 at halftime to the reigning South Division champs, the Wildcats bounced

back to score all three of their goals in a 20-minute span, beginning with senior forward Jessica Halmaghi's volley from the left side in the 50th minute.

Just four minutes later, defenseman Katrina Koomen sent a bullet pass inside the box, where an opportunistic Jessie Bandyk decided to go head-first to register the game-winner.

"I just felt that I was going to take one for the team, even if this might hurt a little bit," Bandyk said. "I really had the mindset that I wanted that goal."

With 10 minutes to spare, Chloe Allen added an insurance goal, courtesy of a pinpoint chip from just inside midfield by Julia Stadtherr. Patiently waiting outside the box, Allen maneuvered around a defender before giving the ball a finishing touch.

"That's one thing these girls have done great all season is how we respond," Pheiffer said. "In the first half, we created a lot of opportunities, but unfortunately we couldn't get the ball in the back of the net. We give up the goal — it's been a couple games in a row now where the other team scores first — and then we wake up and the sense of urgency kicks in."

Canton (11-1-4) took the initial lead in the 19th minute, mo-



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Chasing a 50/50 ball Thursday night are Novi's Jessie Bandyk (left) and Canton's Rachel McGue.

ments after a free kick that saw the ball bounce around between both teams before senior Mary Galm ended the play with a wallop from 30 yards out.

The biggest challenge for the Chiefs, however, was matching the speed of their opponent over the course of the game, as Novi held a 14-3 advantage in shots on net.

"Novi's really fast and they play really fast," Canton coach

Jeannine Reddy said. "I told my girls from the beginning of the game that it's going to be a different type of team today and I think they got caught off-guard."

The Wildcats, who also recently earned their third Central Division title in four years, hit the road to face last year's Division 1 runner-up in Grand Blanc on the road next Wednesday for the KLAAs Association

championship.

Pheiffer believes that his tight-knit group has shown time and again that anything is possible.

"We are capable of coming back from anything," he said. "When we put our mind to it, we're a very good team. When we play together and listen to each other, I don't think there's anybody we can't compete with in the state."

COACH

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over as head coach of the incoming group of 17-year-old players as they begin their two-year cycle in the National Team Developmental Program.

Elated to return

"I knew there was an opening," the 34-year-old Wisconsin native said, thinking back to the early April United States Hockey League game between the Phantoms and U17s. "How interested they were going to be in me, that I didn't know. ... I had it in the back of my head that there might be a possibility, but I was elated when the call came."

Wroblewski is no stranger to the NTDP. He was a player in the program from 1997-99 and an assistant coach from 2007-10.

In those years, the program was located at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube. Now, he is part of an ongoing rebranding of the NTDP, which in 2015 moved to the former Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

"This building has gotten a lot better from what we had in Ann Arbor," Wroblewski said during a Wednesday morning interview from his new digs. "We're a much bigger conglomerate than we were. We have the responsibility to

continue to push the envelope and raise the bar in development."

Go for it

The move from Youngstown, where he had coached only one season, developed quicker than one of those brisk, breakout passes Wroblewski will expect his defensemen to complete in 2016-17.

Phantoms team officials recently told Wroblewski that USA Hockey wanted to interview him for the vacancy and he was offered the job May 15.

"Youngstown was extremely supportive of the move, because of the allure of representing your country and the opportunity to coach an IIHF event and to work in this program," Wroblewski said.

The call came from Jim Johansson, assistant executive director of hockey operations for USA Hockey, and NTDP senior director Scott Monaghan.

"What was my response? 'Let's get to work,'" Wroblewski said.

According to Monaghan, the new coach is a perfect fit. "Having played and coached here before," Monaghan said, "he has a unique perspective that will be of great benefit to everyone involved in the program."

Power and speed

bach, Emily LeBlanc and Shelby Strawn all played strong in the back.

Boys golf

Plymouth lost its first nine-hole match in five years Tuesday at Northville Hills, falling in a KLAAs crossover match.

Northville prevailed with a 158, followed by Plymouth (160) and Novi (165).

Leading the Wildcats were Justin Kapke (38), James Baldwin (40), Matt Decker (41), Kyle Kozler (44) and Logan Stefanko (44).

Meanwhile, Salem lost a KLAAs crossover Thursday against Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin at Idyl Wild.

Salem (4-7 in the KLAAs Central) tallied 163, behind Churchill (158) but outpacing Franklin's 161.

The Rocks were led by Hayden Winch, with a low score of 39. Other Salem scorers were Shawn Weldon (40), Adam Marcero (40), Bryce Henderson (44), Travis Stott (44) and Matt Danis (51).

THE WROBLEWSKI FILE

Who: John Wroblewski, new head coach of the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team.

What: The Wisconsin native recently was hired to take over as head coach of the U18s after one season at the helm of the United States Hockey League's Youngstown Phantoms.

Roots: Wroblewski is returning to USA Hockey's NTDP after a six-year absence. He played for the program from 1997-99 and was assistant coach from 2007-10.

College: After his two-year playing stint with the NTDP, when it was located in Ann Arbor, he played four seasons (1999-2003) of college hockey at the University of Notre Dame, where he served as a team captain.

Pro: Wroblewski went on to play four seasons at the professional level with the Fresno Falcons (2003-07). After coaching with the NTDP, he was an assistant coach in 2010-11 with the Wheeling Nailers of the ECHL and became head coach of that league's Gwinnett Gladiators for the next two seasons. He also was an assistant coach with the Rochester Americans of the AHL from 2013-15 before joining the Phantoms.

Personal: Wroblewski, who turns 35 later this month, soon will relocate to metro Detroit along with his wife Ashley.



Wroblewski already is pushing the players during practices on the Olympic-sized ice sheet at USA Hockey Arena (new NHL-style boards and glass are being installed on the

other side of the rink). Picking up where Granato left off, he values "power and speed" first and foremost — and won't stifle players from reaching their potential.

"To me, what we have to be ready to do is take away teams' time and space on all places on the ice," Wroblewski said. "And also create that space. We got to be driving pucks. That's how you create your space. You push teams back."

He and holdover assistant coaches Nick Fohr and Greg Moore will preach the importance of players without the puck being "on a seek mission" to retrieve it.

"You don't give teams any ice," Wroblewski said. "They have to earn everything against you."

As for returning to the NTDP, Wroblewski couldn't be more thrilled to have the opportunity.

"You're honored to work for your country or play for your country at any time," he said. "That definitely played into my mindset when this job became available."

"When the governing body of your country's

federation comes calling, you answer right away. It's an honor to come back."

All about excellence

One key reason is the commitment to excellence that permeates USA Hockey.

"You always want to put yourself into places where your challenged as a coach or athlete," Wroblewski said. "This place does a lot of that for everybody. Every day, there's a number of items you have to take on."

"And the rigors of the schedule that not only the players endure, but the entire staff, to be able to come here, work and manage some of the highest-profile athletes that we have in our country will make everybody around them and this program much better at what they do."

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City of Plymouth Water and Sewer Rate Card # 18					
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Per 1000 Gallons	\$5.07	\$6.56			
Ready to Serve Charges Quarterly Fees		Water Tap Fees Plus Time and Material for City Inspections, Supervisors and Crew		Sanitary Sewer Tap Fees/ Storm Sewer Tap Fees Plus Time and Material for City Inspections, Supervisors and Crew	
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5/8"	\$11.56	Up to and including 1" Tap	\$3,53.00	Up to and including 6" Tap	\$10,000.00
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1"	\$19.76	2" Tap	\$6,515.00	10" Tap	\$40,000.00
1.5"	\$39.65	3" Tap	\$11,410.00	12" Tap	\$55,000.00
2"	\$62.92	4" Tap	\$19,274.00	14" Tap	\$70,000.00
3"	\$117.96	6" Tap	\$38,792.00		
4"	\$185.22	8" Tap	\$50,000.00		
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CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES
For building or construction purposes, the daily charges shall be made for the use of water from the time of installation of the service pipe until meter installation:

"Service Pipe Size"	Charge
3/4"	\$50.00
1"	\$60.00
1.5"	\$85.00
2"	\$115.00
3"	\$165.00
4"	\$195.00
6"	\$385.00
8"	\$750.00

All connections to the water supply system or the sewer disposal system shall be made by and at the expense of the property owner or user so connecting, subject to any rules or regulations therefore now or hereafter established by the city, and subject to inspection and approval prior to use. A permit for such connection shall be obtained in advance from the city, and the property owner or user making such connection shall pay all inspection charges now or hereafter established by the city prior to the use thereof.

Property owner is responsible for TAP compliance with ALL Federal, State or Local Rules, Regulations, All TAPS

RESTRICTED
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RELIGION CALENDAR

MAY
CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Time/Date: After the 11 a.m. Mass, Sunday, May 29

Location: St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia

Contact: maryjo@saintpriscilla.org

WHY BE CATHOLIC?

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: James Steelman, a self-described "suburban rock n' roll gangster turned Jesus freak and gun toting chaplain," tells his story of joining the Catholic Church. The session wraps up the seventh season of Why Be Catholic?

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200; whybecatholic@livoniastmichael.org

JUNE
FOOD ASSISTANCE

Time/Date: 9-10 a.m. Saturday, June 4

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, Redford

Details: The church's food pantry will be open to anyone with food assistance needs

Contact: 313-937-2424

GOOD NEWS DAY CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20-24

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Activities include worship, praise singing, games, arts and crafts, Bible study, nature study and more. Includes snacks. Early-bird registration is \$65 for the first child in the family, \$60 for the second child, and \$55 for each additional child. After May 29, registration is \$65 per child. Deadline to register is June 13

Contact: Judy Cook at 248-442-8822

GUEST SPEAKERS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7

Location: Atonement Lutheran Church, 6961 Mead, Dearborn

Details: Two female Christian missionaries, both former Muslims, talk about living in the Middle East and their escape to freedom. The presentation is sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society and aimed at women. A free will offering will be taken and light refreshments served

Contact: 313-581-2525

HAWAIIAN LUAU

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. to dusk, Saturday, June 11

Location: St. Mel's Church, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: Pig roast and catered dinner, Hawaiian dancers with fire wands and cash bar. Held rain or shine. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids, 6-10 and free for ages 5 and under. One free drink is included with admission. Tickets are available at the parish office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or call 313-274-0684

Contact: Grace Topolewski at 734-525-3607

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 2; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 3; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 4

Location: St. Innocent Orthodox church, 23300 W. Chicago, Redford

Contact: 313-538-1142

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@bosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RECYCLING

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/2-mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroupp.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

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Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

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Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

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Contact: 248-349-2345; faithcommunity-novi.org

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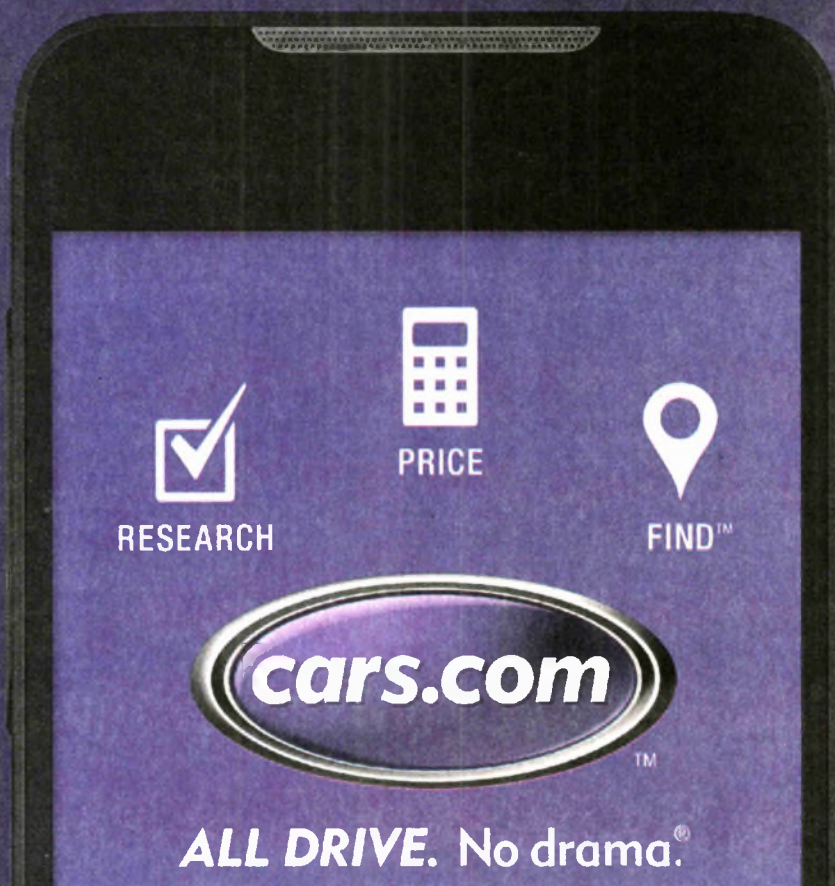
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Get off on the right foot at a new job

BY MATT TARPEY
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Now that the stress of finding a job is behind you, it's smooth sailing, right? Well, not always. The first couple of weeks at a new job can be a major adjustment, and it can be difficult to know where you stand. Luckily, there are some general guidelines you can follow to help you know that you're on the right track.

Consider this road map not only to survive the first month of a new job, but to set yourself up for success in your new role.

First day: Just the basics

The first day of a new job can be pretty overwhelming. There's going to be a lot of information flying at you, but don't be alarmed — you won't be expected to completely absorb everything right away.

"On the first day at your new job, you should focus on the basics, such as where is the break room and restrooms, as well as other simple stuff, like how to clock in and the location of the water cooler," says David Bakke, a career expert at Money Crashers. "You may also want to take some time to read through the employee handbook if time allows."



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First week: Get comfortable

With the first day under your belt, the rest of the week is all about acclimating to the atmosphere and making sure you fully understand your role. Don't be afraid to ask questions about the way things normally work or what you should be doing.

"During your first week, the goal should be to have a crystal-clear understanding of your job responsibilities, as there's often a bit more detail

involved than what you might have read in the job description," Bakke says. "Get going on establishing a routine as to how you'll complete them as well."

It's also a good idea to start working your way into the social environment of the office. Take note of how your co-workers dress and interact with one another throughout the day. Make an effort to start learning people's names.

"No one expects a new employee to remember every-

one's names within the first few days," says James Rice, head of digital marketing at WikiJob. "But the more quickly you remember them, the more you'll look and feel like part of the team."

First month: Establish yourself

By the end of your first month, you should have a well-formed understanding of your role. You've created a routine and gained enough experience working with the

team that you can start looking for ways to make a larger impact.

"Your goal by the end of your first month should be to have contributed in a tangible and exceptional way," says Adam Hatch, a career adviser and hiring manager at Resume Genius. "Do some work that people are patting you on the back for. If you can impress your supervisors and your team in the first month, you're well on your way to being a top employee."

Of course, if you're going to take off the training wheels, expect a couple of spills.

"If you make no mistakes in your first month on the job, you aren't trying enough. Mistakes are learning opportunities, and your supervisors and co-workers will use them as a way of teaching you," Hatch says. "Don't make the same mistake twice, though. When you mess up, make sure you get to try that task again, but crush it the second time around. Nothing shows competence better than having made a mistake and learning from it."

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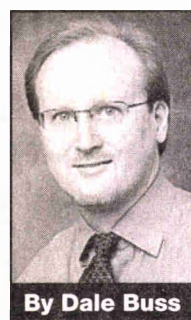
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Car Report

Feisty Nissan Makes Some Aggressive Moves, Taking On Tesla in Advertising, Acquiring Control of Troubled Mitsubishi



By Dale Buss

Nissan is getting aggressive these days, now extending a lifeline to scandal-plagued Mitsubishi on one side of the world even as it gets chippier with electric-power rival Tesla on the other.

As it reported improved operating results, Nissan said earlier this month that it has acquired 34 percent of Mitsubishi for about \$2.2 billion and formed a "far-reaching strategic alliance" that will extend to common vehicle platforms, joint plant utilization and "growth markets," expanding a lower-level tie they have had for five years.

Nissan-Renault CEO Carlos Ghosn has managed to make a success of Nissan's tight alliance

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with Renault (he runs both companies) since it was formed in 1999.

Now that Nissan has effectively seized control of Mitsubishi, in fact, Nissan-Renault has joined the top shelf of global automakers that sell more than nine million vehicles a year, which also includes General Motors, Toyota and Volkswagen.

Pundits have been wondering what — besides control of mere higher numbers of sales — Nissan-Renault sees as advantages in taking the helm of Mitsubishi, whose stock has plummeted and future existence has been brought into question after it was revealed that it falsified fuel-economy reports for vehicles sold in Japan since 1991. (No vehicles sold in the US were affected.)

Mitsubishi just admitted that more models sold in Japan were affected by its systematic overstatements of fuel economy than first revealed. Even as recently as early May, Mitsubishi management had been insisting that the company has enough cash to withstand the hits to sales and its finances from the mileage-inflation scandal that it said affects only models sold in Japan, yet their bravado was wearing thin.

But there are some other things Nissan acquires. They include Mitsubishi's strength in SUVs and electric vehicles, a legendary name in high-performance AWD compact cars in Lancer EVO, strong sales in several Asian countries where

Nissan is weak, and, of course, savings in combining Mitsubishi's engineering and purchasing with Renault's.

"In the profitable segments of pickups and SUVs there is significant opportunity to develop platforms which will gain from the additional economies of scale," Paul Newton, HIS Automotive director of world markets analysis, told USA Today.

Meanwhile, however, Nissan has been preoccupied with what to do about Tesla. Nissan pioneered the all-electric vehicle with Leaf in 2010, but sales have never amounted to nearly what Nissan had projected at the start and, in fact, continue to fall.

Tesla, however, not only has created success, after beginning with no automotive experience, in a luxury-EV segment it essentially originated with its Model S, but also now intends to sell a less expensive all-electric Model 3 within a couple of years.

And after Tesla said recently that it's received about 400,000 deposits of \$1,000 (refundable) for a Model 3 that remains far from production, Nissan tweaked the whole thing with aggressive print ads that asked consumers why they aren't just buying a Leaf EV that is available now at about the same price projected for Model 3 and about half the touted all-electric range of the eventual nameplate.

Also, in the UK at least, Nissan is trying to outflank Tesla in another way — by helping connect



The 2016 Nissan Leaf -- now a Tesla fighter.

EV owners to the grid where they can sell power generated by their battery-propelled vehicles. Tesla has made a big deal of its Powerwall device that will do much the same thing.

But Nissan announced a partnership with Enel SpA that will enable drivers of Leaf and e-NV200 electric vans to sell excess energy during periods of peak demand, effectively turning those Nissan models into mobile power sources — as Powerwall plans to do. They'll use an energy storage unit dubbed "xStorage" and made by Eaton, a US-based company, that will be priced at about 4,000 euros (US \$4,560), according to Bloomberg.

For its part, Tesla keeps auto watchers surprised with CEO Elon Musk's ever-accelerating

schedule for meeting demand for Model 3, which he recently moved up a couple of years to volume output by 2018. Tesla, however, just parted with two of its top manufacturing executives.

And while Tesla then turned around and hired an experience manufacturing leader from Audi, practically no outside observer gives the company a chance of ramping up from its current production of about 50,000 autos a year to its intended 500,000 Model 3 units within two years.

Yet Musk just keeps doubling down. Tesla said this week that it hasn't even finalized the design of Model 3, which would call for a never-before-seen fast timetable to production to meet Musk's new goal. He may have to visit that deadline yet again.

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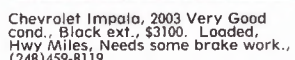
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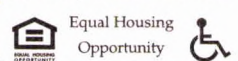
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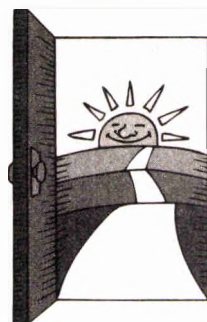
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