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# Heise preparing to lead township

Republican resigns from Michigan House

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Plymouth Township is about to see a major change in leadership, with five newcomers, including three who will be taking the township's top elected positions, set to join the seven-member Board of Trustees.

Republican Kurt Heise, who was elected supervisor Tuesday with no opposition, on Wednesday announced his

resignation from the Michigan House of Representatives, effective next Friday. He has represented the township, and several surrounding communities, in the House for nearly six years, arriving in Lansing at a time of steep economic decline.

Heise will be sworn in as supervisor Sunday, Nov. 20, with a ceremonial public swearing-in planned for a special meeting of the new board 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22. Lt. Gov.

Brian Calley will administer the oath of office to Heise and other township election winners at that meeting.

Heise will lead a group of Republican board members who swept four incumbents from office in the August primary. With current Trustee Steve Mann not seeking office this year, the next township board will include only two incumbents, Bob Doroshewitz and Chuck



Heise

Curmi.

"We promised a new, professional direction for the township," Heise said Friday. "We want to just get to work and do the job the township taxpayers hired us to do."

Joining Heise, Doroshewitz and Curmi will be Mark Clinton as the new treasurer, Jerry Vorva as the new clerk, and Jack Dempsey and Gary Heitman as new trustees.

Heise said issues at the top of the new board's agenda include the 2017 township budget; decisions surrounding the possibility of leaving Wayne

County's sewage-treatment system and instead sending all township sewage to the Western Townships Utilities Authority, which could save money by avoiding projected county cost increases; and issues involving the city of Plymouth, such as the retirement tab that stems from a formerly joint fire department, and the prospects for joint recreation programs.

The new board may also have to address the audit of the 2015 fiscal year, which was due to Michigan's treasury department.

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Elsa Potter and Phil Potter are big fans of the Chevrolet Volt.

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## Area electric vehicle charging stations seeing increased use

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Electric vehicles have joined the fleet of gasoline- and diesel-powered engines on local roads in the last several years. That's brought a drive for public charging stations at numerous places across western Wayne and Oakland counties.

But are these stations getting used?

When it comes to the few stations near the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Vice

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# 'TREE-HUGGER' LOVES HER VOLT, DAISY

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Five years after Elissa Potter bought one of the first Chevrolet Volts in the area, she still loves her electric car.

Daisy — that's what Potter named her Volt — has her own Facebook page, although there haven't been recent posts. It's called Volt Girl — a variation in terms of spelling is also used for Daisy's personalized license plate. Daisy has more than 93,000 miles on her odometer.

"I'm a tree-hugger. I wanted to use less oil, to reduce my carbon footprint. I'm a huge recycler — recycle, reduce, reuse," said Potter, a Westland resident

## ELECTRIC LOVE

Five years after initial deliveries, there is still plenty of love for GM's electric vehicle, the Volt. We returned to two original owners, who, despite gas hovering at \$2 a gallon and the huge popularity of crossover vehicles, have no regrets with their vehicles.

tor to provide electricity when the battery needs charging.

"If I had to, I could take Ford Road or Michigan Avenue to work downtown on one charge. I used to get 40 or so miles per charge," said Potter, a nurse at Children's Hospital in Detroit. "I average

who grew up in Garden City.

With a separately metered charging station at her home, Potter said she is paying \$40 per month for electricity to charge the car. That amount has increased from under \$35 per month, she said.

"I saved enough on gas to pay for a trip to Hawaii. I get gas every other month. It takes 10 gallons to fill up," Potter said. "I get 40-mile-per-gallon on gas alone on the generator."

The Volt has a large t-shaped battery under the passenger compartment. It has two engines: the electric engine and the gas engine, which operates a genera-

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## CHARGING

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President and Chief Academic Officer Rich Weinkauff said the answer is unequivocally yes.

"The number of charging sessions has increased each year that the stations have been online, with over 2,000 vehicle charges accommodated in 2015," he said. "Over the years, the number of unique drivers that have taken advantage of the charging stations on the campus has increased, indicating more adoption of battery electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles in the area."

There are several charging stations across the region, with some of those in charge of maintaining them saying usage has justified their existence. Several surrounding communities contain such stations on

public and private property, including Novi, Milford, Livonia, Canton, Westland, Redford, Lyon and Birmingham.

The college campus off Haggerty has four stations on campus for vehicles to plug into at no cost. They were installed in 2010 and have seen increased usage since that time, pumping out more than 59 megawatts of power in that time, Weinkauff said.

### More expected statewide

With some places, such as Schoolcraft College, seeing increases, other charging stations appear to be pretty even when it comes to usage. Such stations would include the three in downtown Milford, which were installed in 2011.

Village manager Christian Wuerth said Milford did have as many as six stations when they were first installed, but some mechanical issues



A charging station at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

DAVID VESELENAK

forced the village to take some out of commission. Still, with three stations available, Wuerth said he typically sees a few of the parking spaces occupied by vehicles charging on a routine basis.

"It was felt that going down to three wouldn't really harm the ability to

use the charging stations," he said. "We're still seeing about the same numbers, about one or two cars at a time."

"It kind of mirrors the rest of the parking demand."

And growth is something that could happen statewide. One company

that sees the value of these charging stations and could increase the number offered in Michigan is Consumers Energy. The power company has installed more than 55 charging stations across Michigan since 2011, with consumer charging stations avail-

able in Livonia, Royal Oak and Groveland Township in northwest Oakland County. Other stations operate in other parts of the state on Consumers Energy's power grid, including in Jackson, Mason and Lansing. The company has another 40 designated specifically for the company's fleet vehicles.

Chris Weber, the company's director of alternative energy solutions, said they continue to see increased usage of these stations statewide. He expects those figures to increase, especially as electric vehicles become more accessible to middle-class consumers.

With leases ending on first-time electric vehicles, as well as the introduction of other electric vehicles such as the Chevrolet Bolt, Weber said there are about 30 models on the market that can utilize charging stations.

"People have a greater understanding now than they did five years," he said. "It's something that's not financially out of reach anymore."

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## HEISE

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ment June 30 but hasn't yet been completed, Heise said.

Heise offered a brief speech to colleagues Wednesday in announcing his plans to resign from the House.

"The last six years serving with you have been among the most rewarding, interesting and challenging of my life. I am honored to have served with each and every one of you," he said.

He credited his family — wife Catherine, a Wayne County Circuit Court judge, and daughters Kate and Claire —

for their support during his time in the House, and said elected leaders had made great strides in improving the state over the last six years.

"Those of us leaving this year can definitely say that we left our beloved state far better off than we were six years ago," Heise said.

Heise, who is term-limited in the House, announced his bid for supervisor more than a year ago. He challenged Supervisor Shannon Price, who had been appointed by the board in April 2015 to fill a vacancy, in the Republican primary, and won the primary as a write-in candidate after a Michigan Court of Appeals decision threw him off

the ballot due to a paperwork oversight.

"The people of Plymouth Township did their homework, knew what was at stake and trusted me with four years as their CEO. All of this in a write-in campaign that made statewide history," Heise told House members Wednesday.

Heise has met with Price several times and also with township department heads. He described the transition so far as cordial and smooth, saying he and Price talked over front-burner township issues.

"I think it's gone well," Price said Friday. "Everyone's starting to get an idea, through the department heads, what Kurt's vision is going to

be." Price said he's also met with a couple of the trustees-elect.

Leaving the board Nov. 20 will be Price, five-term Treasurer Ron Edwards, first-term Clerk Nancy Conzelman and two-term Trustee Mike Kelly.

Heise will be succeeded in the state House by Republican Jeff Noble of Plymouth Township, a senior pastor at Praise Baptist Church. Noble defeated Democrat Colleen Pobur, a Plymouth City Commission member, in Tuesday's election to win in the 20th House District.

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# Garage owners love the Volt: 'It worked out perfectly'

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Dennis Wheeler had his eye on the Chevrolet Volt, a gas-electric hybrid, since it was a concept car, and when it hit the market, he bought one. Five years later, he has no regrets.

"It worked out perfectly as far as I'm concerned," said Wheeler, who owns, with wife Victoria, Denny's Service Center, an automobile repair shop on Starkweather in Plymouth.

"We'd buy another one in a heartbeat. Both of us feel the same way," he added.

The Wheelers, of Canton Township, bought the Volt so that Dennis could study the car over time and learn how it performed and how to maintain and repair it, and because Victoria, who does office work in the shop, needed something to replace the gas-guzzling Chevy Suburban she was driving.

Now, she wouldn't drive anything else.

"It's been a wonderful car, fuel efficiency-wise, maintenance-wise," Wheeler said. The Wheelers' Volt has nearly 99,000 miles on it.

The Volt is a General Motors Corp. plug-in hybrid that relies on a large battery to run an electric motor but also has a small gasoline engine. The internal combustion engine kicks in when the battery's charge gets low, turning a generator that allows the electric motor to continue powering the car. The Volt also features regenerative braking, which recaptures the energy used in braking to further recharge the battery.

Wheeler sounds like a commercial when he discusses the car: Economical, low maintenance, roomy, fun to drive. He's religious about oil changes and tire



Denny and Victoria Wheeler bought the Volt, in part, to learn how to fix it. Very little has needed fixing.

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rotations, but other than some minor electrical problems, having the 12-volt battery used to start the car replaced and having some precautionary upgrades made to the main battery, it's needed very few repairs.

The battery used to power the car, for the first 40 miles or so after each full charge, "works as well today as the first day we had it," Wheeler said.

The Wheelers keep a 110-volt charger at the shop to plug in the Volt when it is there, and a 220-volt charging station at home, which can fully charge the battery much faster.

They pay about \$40 a month extra on their home electricity bill for all the 220-volt power the car needs. They've used free courtesy charging stations, like the ones at



Denny Wheeler talks about his and his wife's nearly 100,000 miles of experiences with the Chevrolet Volt.

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Schoolcraft College, and a charging station gift card they put \$25 on five years ago still has money on it.

And the gasoline fuel efficiency, Wheeler said,

has been tremendous, averaging 109 miles to the gallon since they bought the Volt.

"If she doesn't drive over that 30-40-mile range (between charges),

she doesn't have to put any gas in it," he said.

Not long after buying the car, Wheeler said, he and his wife realized they hadn't gassed up for about six weeks and


stopped at a station when they spotted a good price. They hadn't checked the fuel gauge, and the car only took a gallon or so. "It was like, laughable," he said.

The big battery, Wheeler said, gives the Volt a low center of gravity and even weight distribution. "What you get is a car that hugs the road, and a really nice car to drive," he said.

Wheeler said he's not afraid of high-mileage cars — he has some with well over 200,000 miles on them — and wants to keep the Volt until the motor fails. That, he said, could be well north of 300,000 miles.

"I want to go as many miles as that car will go," he said.


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# VOLT

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about 150 miles per gallon."

## Plug and go

When possible, Potter uses a free charging station but can also use a 110-volt cord to plug her Volt in for a charging. "I'll walk a quarter of a mile for a charge while I do business. My husband won't," she said. "Ann Arbor has a free charging station. Then it's a bonus — you're not charged for parking."

The home charging was installed with a DTE grant and a tax refund. Potter said the charging stations take her vehicle from dead battery to a full charge in four hours. Using a 110-volt cord, a full charge can take 8-10 hours.

"Most places let me use an outside (110-outlet). I plugged into a hotel. I had to dig around in the snow. Only one place said no," said Potter, who has taken the Volt on trips to Pennsylvania and Ohio. "The batteries are supposed to be good for 10 years. GM has a plan to use the (old) batteries."

The 2011 Volt is the first new car owned by Potter, who saved to buy it while driving two beater cars. She was on an unofficial waiting list for Volts when her 1996 Chevrolet Beretta died and on a cold December morning her second car, a 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier, had a flat and frozen lug nuts.

"So I decided to get a new car. The salesperson said, 'What do you mean we don't have any Volts?'" said Potter, about her call to Mark Chevrolet in Wayne. "I was screaming at the top of my lungs when they said they had the car."

Recently, Potter said someone gave her a brochure from an area credit union that featured her picture. That's a legacy from her five minutes of



Elissa Potter plugs in Daisy to the 220v home charging station. A full charge takes about four hours at the station.



Elissa Potter and husband Phil Potter love Daisy, the 5-year-old Chevrolet Volt.



Melissa Potter visits the gas station every other month to fill up the 9-gallon gas tank.

fame as an early Volt owner.

"I was contacted by a company — they told me they were doing a research project about Volt owners in 2012. I went to New York City," she said. "You're gonna pay me to do my favorite thing, talking about my car? They paid for a hotel and per diem. I shot a commercial. I saw the 9-11 memorial, the Statute of Liberty and Times Square."

Potter was recognized

after appearing in the commercial, although she adds it was mostly by people she already knew. "I was on a billboard at the 2013 Detroit Auto Show. I got a picture of me with a picture of me," she said.

The \$42,000 price for a Volt was reduced thanks to a federal grant.

## Tax credits

Since that first model year in 2011, General Motors has sold more than 100,000 Volts, Chev-

rolet spokesman Fred Ligouri said. "We launched the second generation Volt late last year and are on a great pace of increased year-over-year sales — up approximately 72 percent through August," he said.

The Volt is eligible for up to a \$7,500 federal tax credit and, depending on area of residence, some customers might be eligible for additional state and local incentives, Ligouri said.

"I'd buy another Volt

given the opportunity, depending on the cost. I don't want to get rid of this one," said Potter, noting the room inside the hatchback Volt has allowed her to move anything she's needed.

General Motors describes the Volt as an electric vehicle that can travel 53 miles on stored electricity before seamlessly switching to gas-generated electricity for continued travel of up to 420 miles between gas fill-ups or recharges.

The forthcoming Chevrolet Bolt EV is described as the first affordable electric vehicle capable of traveling 238 miles on one charge. It proportions as a small crossover, flat battery pack placed beneath the passenger compartment and innovative interior give it voluminous space in a easy to maneuver package. Ligouri says.

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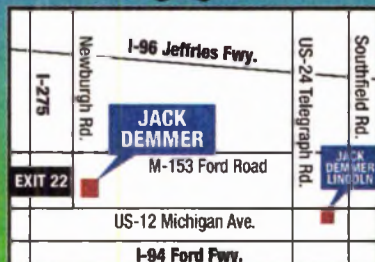
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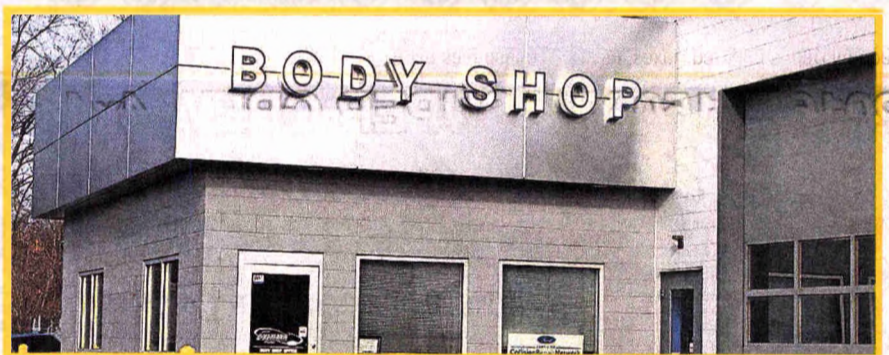
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Veterans and others from the community gathered at the Plymouth Community Veteran's Memorial Park for Veterans Day ceremonies on Friday, led by retired Marine Steve Monaghan.

# Veterans honored in Plymouth



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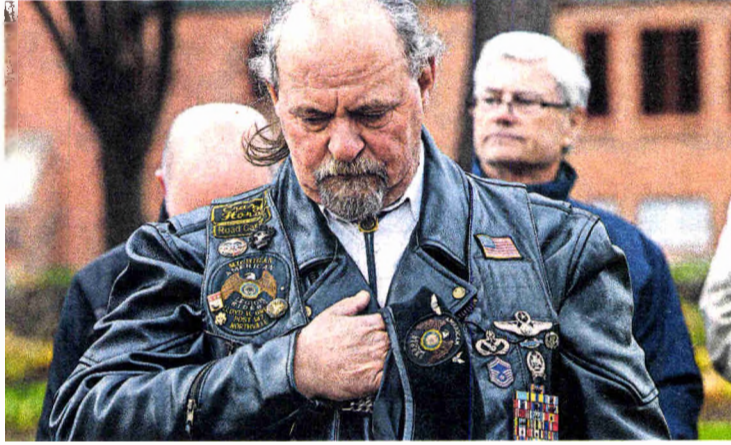
World War II Army veteran Gene Overheat acknowledges the crowd gathered to remember Veterans Day. At left, World War II Army veteran Robert Armstead.



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Salute as taps is played.

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Opening prayer. American Legion Rider Dan Wisely bows his head.



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Closing prayer.

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| <br>MA       | FEBRUARY 24, 2017 AT 8 P.M.<br><b>Mendelssohn's "Italian" Symphony</b><br>Elim Chan, <i>conductor</i><br>Michael Ma, <i>bassoon</i><br><b>Hummel</b> Bassoon Concerto<br><b>Mendelssohn</b> Symphony No. 4, "Italian"   |
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GUEST COLUMN

# Bonde: You can help a blind child learn to read



**Debra Bonde**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

If you're reading this column, you're a literate adult who likely had every chance to learn to read and practice reading as a child.

But what if you owned only a handful of books while growing up? What if you couldn't check books out at the library, buy them at a bookstore or purchase them at a garage sale? Would you be able to read and write well enough to get a job and support a family?

Blind and visually impaired child have just five books for every 100 books a sighted child has. That's because braille books are scarce, often very expensive, and typically can't be found at local libraries, bookstores or garage sales.

Yet, braille literacy is key to a life of independence and opportunity, according to the National Federation of the Blind. Children fluent in braille have an 80-percent chance of being gainfully employed as adults compared to only a 20-percent chance if they are not.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a small nonprofit in Livonia that provides free and low-cost braille books to blind children in Southeast Michigan and all over the world. Our mission is to increase the opportunity for braille literacy so blind and visually impaired children can grow up to lead literate, independent lives.

You can help raise \$10,000 for 1,000 braille books by bidding in Seed-



Seedlings Director Debra Bonde

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lings' online auction ([www.biddingforgood.com/braillebooks](http://www.biddingforgood.com/braillebooks)). It ends at 10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, so please don't delay. Our auction catalog features more than 180 items and has been described as a Bucket List for Michigan residents with Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Tigers tickets; a two-night stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island; overnight stays at

Michigan lighthouses; signed vinyl by Kid Rock, viewing of the "Live in the D" show and meet and greet with host Chuck Gaidica; tickets to the Henry Ford, Detroit Zoo; ski lift tickets, and more.

Many items would make great holiday gifts. If you don't find anything you want, you can make a cash donation or "fund a need," such as a box of book covers or braille paper. Every \$10 donation to Seedlings makes another braille book possible.

There's an old saying, "If you can read this, thank a teacher." Perhaps you can thank a teacher by paying it forward and helping a blind child learn to read.

*Debra Bonde of Livonia is founder and director of Seedlings Braille Books for Children. She is also a Livonia Observer First Citizen honoree.*

## Kidney Ball aims for \$6 million mark

More than 800 notable business executives and socialites will gather at MotorCity Casino Hotel Saturday, Dec. 3, for the 12th annual National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's Kidney Ball in the hope of reaching the \$6 million mark in total annual Kidney Ball funds raised over the past 12 years.

Danny Zivian, a sophomore student at North Farmington High School, is being recognized at the ball for his outstanding fundraising. Danny, a kidney patient himself, has raised \$84,446 from 2009 to date during the foundation's yearly Kidney Walks making him the top youth fundraiser.

More than 250 auction items and hundreds of children's toys, books and games will be featured in the live and silent auction events. This year's event expects to raise \$600,000 for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's many community programs and services to help the more than 900,000 people in Michigan with kidney disease.

"For more than a decade the community has supported us in raising the funds needed to create programs that aim to help the nearly one million people in Michigan with chronic kidney disease," said Dan Carney, president and CEO of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. "This evening is vital to the community we serve



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North Farmington High School sophomore Danny Zivian has raised more than \$89,000 for the National Kidney Foundation.

as these funds provide the life changing, and sometimes life-saving, programs for a disease that we know to be 70% preventable."

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan was ranked the number one charity in the category of diseases, disorders and disciplines in 2014 by Charity Navigator, the nation's leading charity evaluator. This year, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan earned its ninth consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. The designation puts the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan in the top 1% of all charities in the United States.

Considered on the social scene as "the most fun black tie event in metro Detroit," guests will experience live entertainment from the band Your Generation in Concert featur-

ing Fifty Amp Fuse along with the exceptional MotorCity Casino Hotel cuisine prepared by Executive Chef Raymond Bertschy.

The 2016 Kidney Ball Chair is Patrick Rugiero, executive director of Roman Village Restaurant Group. The Honorary Co-Chairs of the Kidney Ball are Duane McLean, executive vice president of Business Operations for the Detroit Tigers; and Ed J. Peper, U.S. vice president of GM Fleet & Commercial.

The Kidney Ball is presented by General Motors Fleet and sponsored by Lear Corporation, Madison Heights Glass, Meijer, Hour Detroit, Adrian Steel, Detroit Auto Dealers Association, Detroit Medical Center, Greenfield Health Systems, Henry Ford Health System, First American Tile, GKN Driveline, LaFontaine Automotive, Mars Snackfood, McCann Worldgroup, Miller Coors, Morley, MotorCity Casino Hotel, Northwest Detroit Dialysis, and Print Tech Inc.

The Kidney Ball will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. followed by the program, with dancing and entertainment in Sound Board to end the evening. Tickets for the event are \$250 per guest and can be purchased via the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's website, [www.nkfm.org/kidneyball](http://www.nkfm.org/kidneyball), or by calling the NKFM at 800-482-1455.

## Canton officer suspended for alleged racial post

A Canton police officer was suspended Friday after officials were notified of a racial social media post by the unidentified one-year veteran department employee.

Police were notified

at 9:30 a.m., Friday, and immediately began an internal investigation. The officer was suspended pending completion of the investigation, according to the department.

"The Canton Public

Safety Department holds its employees to the highest of standards and this type of behavior is not representative of the beliefs or core values of this organization," according to department officials.



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# MDOT says watch out for new, wider plow this winter

**Eric D. Lawrence**  
Detroit Free Press

“Do not crowd the plow.” That’s the message the Michigan Department of Transportation is trying to get out ahead of inclement weather this winter. The agency is rolling out a new piece of equipment for metro Detroit, a tow plow, which will take up a wider stretch of roadway when it’s in use than a plow truck by itself. The tow plow, which will be attached to the rear of a traditional win-

ter maintenance truck, will be in use during times of low traffic volume on select portions of major roads, including I-375, I-75, Gratiot and Woodward avenues and Fort Street, according to Charles Mackey, transportation maintenance supervisor at MDOT’s Detroit Maintenance Garage. The tow plow and the truck hauling it will each be able to carry 10 tons of road salt. The combo, which MDOT parked on Belle Isle for a media showing, will stretch 29 feet in width when the

tow plow blade is out and the truck has its wing blade extended, effectively like having two plow trucks operating. Tow plows are in use in other parts of Michigan, such as the Upper Peninsula, but this will be the first one in metro Detroit. The new truck costs about \$200,000 and the new plow, about \$100,000, Mackey said. The combination will bring the number of trucks in MDOT’s fleet at its garage on East Ferry Street to 14.



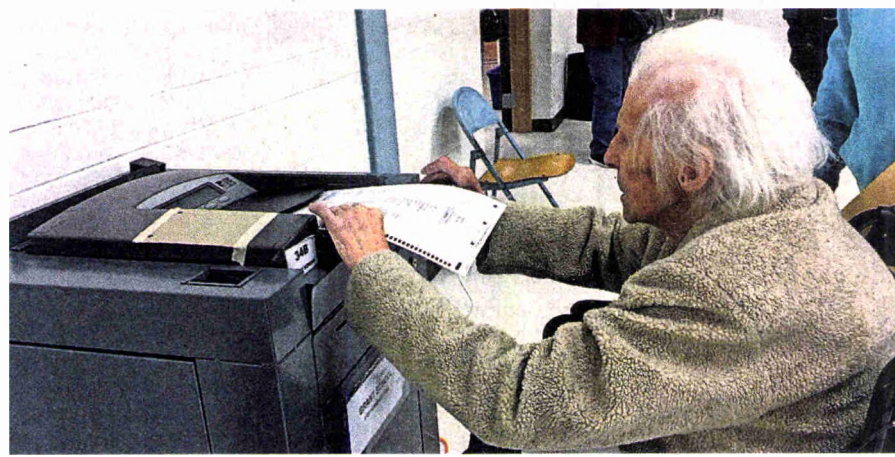
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The Michigan Department of Transportation announced Oct. 27 a tow plow will be used on select metro Detroit roadways this winter.

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## Local woman, 99, has voted in person in each election

**David Veselenak**  
hometownlife.com

It doesn’t matter the election, Helen Nixon said precinct workers at Grant Elementary School can expect to see her in line. The 99-year-old Livonia woman said she’s cast a ballot in person during every election she’s been eligible to vote. She was there again Tuesday, filling out her ballot at the school she’s voted at for decades. She said her birthday falls in October. When she turned 18, she made sure she was registered and voted in her first election in the 1930s. “I never missed one in my lifetime,” she said. “I wasn’t going to miss this for anything in my lifetime.” She said even at her age, she still prefers to vote in person, even though she’d qualify for an absentee ballot. It’s all about the feeling of knowing her ballot was in the ballot box, she said. “Because I believe if I



COURTESY OF KAREN LANE  
Helen Nixon, 99 of Livonia, casts her ballot Tuesday at Grant Elementary School. She said she’s voted in-person in every election since she turned 18.

did it in person, it would get done,” Nixon said. “Otherwise, I wasn’t sure where that vote would go.” One of her children, Karen Lane of Plymouth Township, said her mother instilled the importance of voting to her children at a very early age. Still, she has reminded them to make sure they perform their civic duty.

“She would always call the seven kids and remind us, ‘you have to go vote today,’” she said. Nixon currently votes Republican, but voted Democrat many years ago due to family influence. Her father was a longtime Democrat, but Nixon decided long ago she wanted to be a part of the GOP. And she’s got the right family connections to be a Republican:

her husband is a distant relative of former president Richard Nixon. And her thoughts on President-elect Donald Trump? She said she believes he’ll do just fine. “I think he’s going to be OK. I really do,” she said. “He’s going to do what he has to do.”  
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## Transfer open house Nov. 30 at Livonia EMU campus

Eastern Michigan University will host an open house for prospective transfer students on Nov. 30 at the EMU Livonia campus, featuring a campus tour, opportunities to learn about transfer options and much more. The open house is from 4-6 p.m. and will be held at EMU-Livonia, 38777 Six Mile. Parking is free at EMU-Livonia. All prospective students attending the transfer open house can apply for admissions free of charge, a \$35 savings.

Attendees of the open house can also expect to:  
» Learn more about EMU’s more than 200 majors and programs on main campus  
» Discover onsite transfer options at EMU-Livonia, including business, criminology, nursing and more  
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# Fundraiser to help Canton woman battling ALS

A fundraising event has been established to help 48-year-old wife and mother Terri Pickering Saenz of Canton who is battling ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. The second annual event titled Bowling Night for My Friend Terri is set for 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, north of Ford Road, in Westland.

Tickets are available in advance for \$25 per person. The fee provides two games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and appetizers donated by Marquis Foodservice Catering of Westland. Tickets can be purchased at [www.myfriendterri.com](http://www.myfriendterri.com). Children age 12 and under are \$15. Non-bowlers can participate in prize raffles and enjoy the buffet for \$18. Attendees are encouraged to register in advance at [tinyurl.com/z6wyrdq](http://tinyurl.com/z6wyrdq).

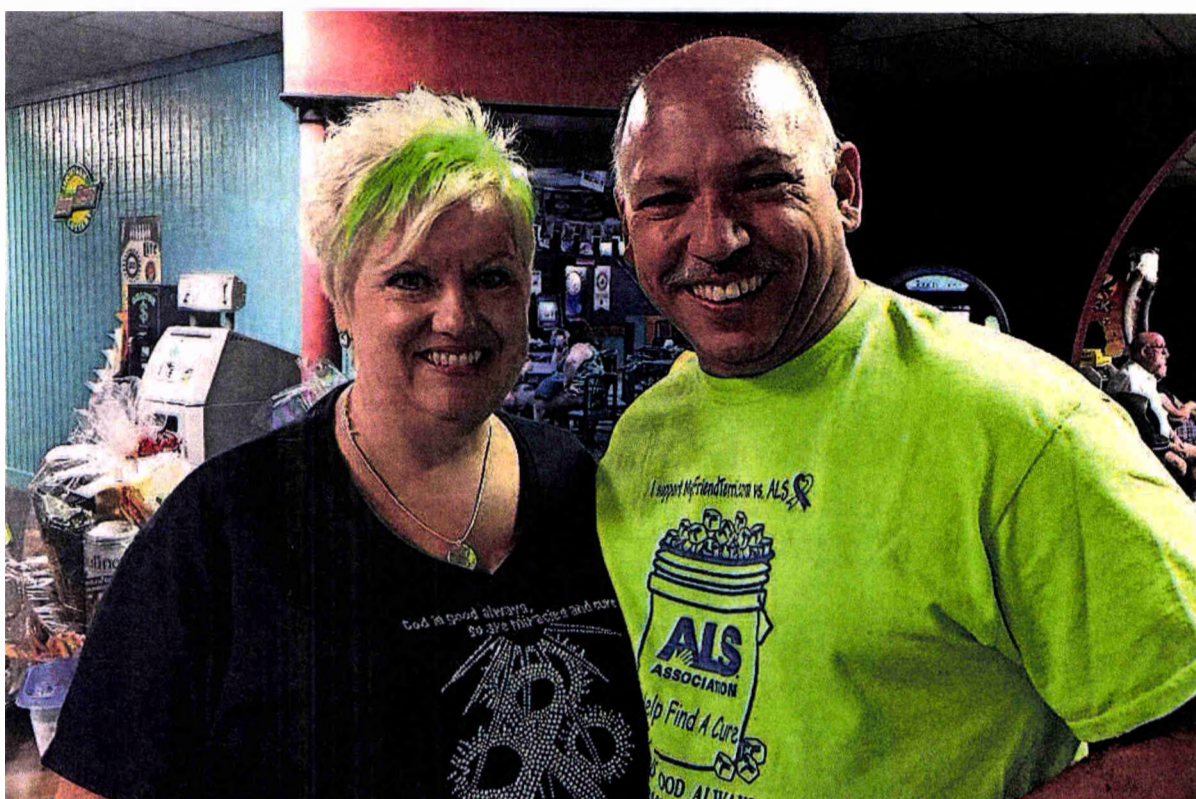
Saenz, who grew up in Westland, was diagnosed with ALS in January of 2015.

Last year, Saenz was one of only 48 ALS patients in the country to participate in a special stem cell clinical trial out of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Earlier this year the couple sold their two-story home and moved into a ranch in south Canton.

The funds raised at this event will go toward remodeling their one-story home to be ADA compliant. Organizers are accepting gift baskets, tickets and restaurant gift card donations for a giant prize raffle at the bowling event.

Saenz and with her husband Jeff celebrated 25 years of marriage this summer. They have two adult sons.

Learn more about Terri's journey at [www.myfriendterri.com](http://www.myfriendterri.com).



Terri and Jeff Saenz.

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## Women gain seats on Canton Public Library Board

Darrell Clem  
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Women ruled as Canton voters Tuesday tapped six candidates to steer the Canton Public Library.

Newcomers Amy Watts and Jasmine Lee earned their first four-year terms by knocking incumbents James Fausone and Thomas Harnett off the six-member library board.

Library candidates typically run low-key campaigns for the unpaid positions. Watts said she had a joint campaign flier with a township board candidate, used social media and attended a forum at the Canton Mosque, as did other candidates.

She said she is excited about her win. "It's an interesting turn of events."

Incumbent Nancy Eggenberger placed first with 14,114 votes, followed by Watts' 13,327, Michelle Farrell's 12,071, Lee's 10,983, Jane Pandit's 10,802 and lone male trustee Don Turner's 8,966.

Like Eggenberger, Farrell and Turner are incumbents.

Library Director Eva Davis said the new board will be involved in developing a strategic plan to guide the library through 2020.

"The biggest item

from our strategic plan is about really knowing our community and finding solutions that the library can provide to our patrons so that they can be their best selves," Davis said. "The growing diversity of our population in Canton is one issue. The growing population of older adults is something we're looking at, as well."

After three rounds of facility renovations, Davis said the board also will be involved as the library early next year

begins a makeover that will include the Friends of the Canton Public Library's used bookstore. Officials also plan to add more study rooms to the facility's east side and expand the teen area to accommodate a growing number of students from new, nearby schools.

With a \$3.5 million fund balance, which has dipped from \$5 million

due to renovations, the new board also will have the responsibility of keeping the library financially stable, Davis said.

Watts said she already has one idea to bring to the board. She mentioned a program pairing teens with older adults to help them with technology.

The other new trustee, Lee, has told the Observ-

er that some of her priorities would include promoting S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities for children and parents and ensuring the library budget is well-managed.

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### CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 16-06

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING FOUNDATION HEIGHTS, GRADING AND DRAINAGE.**

CHAPTER 78- ZONING: ARTICLE II-DEFINITIONS, ARTICLE XVIII-MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE XXI- ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND USES; REGULATIONS

**Section 1 Modify Section 78-21**  
**Section 78-21. - Definitions.**

**Building height** means the vertical distance measured from the average grade plane (based on existing grades) to the highest point of the roof surface for flat roofs; to the deck line of mansard roofs; and to the average height between eaves and ridge for gable, hip and gambrel roofs. Where a building is located on sloping terrain, the height shall be measured from the average ground level of the grade plane.

**Grade means** a reference plane representing the ground level adjoining a building or structure.

**Grade Existing means** the elevation or surface of the ground or pavement as it exists prior to disturbance. This includes both the "natural" grade, where no man-made disturbances have impacted a building site, as well as the existing grade as established by existing buildings, structures and/or pavement.

**Grade Finished means** the final elevation of the ground surface after development.

**Grade Plane means** a reference plane representing the average of the existing grades or ground level adjoining the building at exterior walls. Where the finished ground level slopes away from the exterior walls, the reference plane shall be established by the lowest points within the area between the building and the lot line or, where the lot line is more than six (6) feet from the building, between the building and a point six (6) feet from the building.

**Section 2 Add Sections 78-218 and 78-219**  
**Section 78-218 - Foundation Walls**

- (1) The exposed foundation wall between the average of finished grades at the center of all walls of the building and the highest portion of the first floor shall not exceed thirty-six (36) inches from the average grade plane. In case walls are parallel to and within five (5) feet of a sidewalk, the above ground level (average grade plane) for that wall shall be measured at the sidewalk, unless otherwise defined herein. This height limit shall not include areas for walk out basements, window wells or other portions of exposed foundation wall which cannot be reasonably lowered or covered as determined by the Building Official.
- (2) Elevation measurements of the top of the basement footings shall be provided to the Building Official by a licensed engineer or surveyor before a backfill inspection can be conducted to confirm that the actual elevations meet the submitted plans.

**Section 78-219 - Grading, Drainage and Building Grades**

- (1) The ground areas outside the walls of any building or structure hereafter erected, altered, or moved shall be so designated that surface water shall flow away from the building walls in such a direction and with such a method of collection that inconvenience or damage to adjacent properties will not result. Where property is developed adjacent to existing properties previously developed, existing grades of adjacent properties shall have priority. Grades around houses or structures shall meet existing grades in the shortest possible distance, as determined by the Building Official, but under no circumstances shall exceed 1:4 slopes or twenty-five percent (25%) grades.
- (2) To minimize impacts on contiguous, previously developed, single-family residential property and ensure compatibility for new projects in established residential neighborhoods, the first story elevation height of new structures shall be consistent with the first floor elevation height of contiguous residences, in conformance with other requirements of this ordinance. Any property owner/developer who intends to add fill above the height of the existing contiguous grades shall demonstrate to the Building Official's satisfaction, that additional fill is not detrimental to surrounding properties in terms of compatibility and drainage.
- (3) A certificate of occupancy will not be issued until final grades are approved by the City Building Official. A certificate of grading shall be completed by the applicant. The Building Official shall require a certified copy of the grading plan to be submitted by a registered civil engineer or land surveyor.

**Section 3 Modify ARTICLE XXI Accessory Buildings and Uses, Section 78-260 Regulations**

Accessory buildings, structures, and uses except as otherwise permitted in this chapter, shall be subject to the following regulations:

- (8) No detached accessory building in any residential district shall exceed 1½ stories or 15 feet in height. The minimum eave height for an accessory building shall not be less than seven feet from the average grade plane.

**Section 4 Validity**

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part therefore, other than the part declared invalid.

**Section 5 Ordinances Repealed**

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

**Section 6 Effective Date**

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

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Publish: November 13, 2016

# Trump co-chair: The new president is good for Michigan

Jay Grossman  
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The Michigan co-chair of the Trump campaign believes the newly elected president is going to benefit the Midwest by boosting manufacturing in the region.

"Mr. Trump's first day on the campaign trail was in Michigan, and Mr. Trump's last day on the campaign trail was in Michigan," said Lena Epstein, a Bloomfield Township resident and general manager and co-owner of Vesco Oil Corporation. "He has made it abundantly clear that Michigan is at the top of his priority list, and that making Michigan the manufacturing mecca it once was is a top priority in his administration."

It has been a satisfying week for Epstein, a longtime Trump supporter who was asked to co-chair his Michigan campaign in August. The 35-year-old entrepreneur said she always felt in her heart that Trump's leadership qualities and business background would carry the election.

At the same time, she admits a number of people asked her the same question throughout the campaign: Why Trump?

"That's a question I was asked a lot," said Epstein, a Detroit Country Day School graduate who has degrees from Harvard and University of Michigan Ross School of Business. "I was a very early supporter Donald Trump ... the American people will see he is going to be a phenomenal president — he is going to strengthen our economy, secure our borders, combat ISIS and make health care affordable once again."

### Why Trump?

Epstein, who runs the family business with her parents and sister, first met Trump at a Lincoln



"We all want the same things ... freedom, success and prosperity. The only question is which policies we adopt to get us there," said Lena Epstein, Michigan co-chair for the Trump campaign.

Day dinner in Oakland County in 2012.

"I had a wonderful opportunity to spend time with him," she said. "Within the Republican Party it was known I was staunch supporter from the beginning — I'm a genuine Trump fan."

She got the call to co-chair the Michigan campaign, three days after her wedding in early August. By the time she joined, the Trump campaign in Michigan was already starting to come together.

"The momentum definitely picked up as we went along," she said. "As the polls made it clearer he was winning, the support kept picking up and rallies were getting bigger and bigger."

Her job as co-chair was to serve as Trump's official surrogate. She said her role in the campaign was covered globally, including interviews with correspondents in England, Washington, D.C., and New York.

"I was asked to lead the charge, and it was an honor," she said. "I was humbled by the opportunity and I'm grateful we were met with tremendous success."

But there were set-



Lena Epstein, Michigan co-chair of the Trump campaign, first met the president-elect at a Lincoln Day dinner in 2012.

backs, in the form of inappropriate remarks and wayward Tweets in the early morning hours.

"I'm not going to apologize for some of the comments he made, because they were wrong and inappropriate," she said. "There were a number of occasions where I was put on the spot by some of the things he said. But that's not why I supported him for president."

### Factories and health care

Epstein said she expects Trump to follow through on his campaign promises to overturn NAFTA and oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership. She believes he'll bolster that promise by creating new infrastructure in the Midwest to accommodate more manufacturing opportunities.

"He wants to make America competitive again," she said. "I be-

lieve at the end of these four years we're going to see a dramatic shift in our manufacturing position in the nation — this is good for Michigan."

Along those lines, she expects Trump will replace the Affordable Health Act by introducing health care savings accounts and opening up the state borders to create more competition.

"This is going to create more flexibility, freedom and independence," Epstein said. "Mr. Trump has emphasized his plan will address those with pre-existing medical conditions ... right now, we're anticipating 25-percent price hikes in health care in 2017. That is not sustainable."

### Rebuilding

Epstein also realizes parts of the Trump campaign has left different groups in the country feeling alienated from the process — even attacked.

"Absolutely I understand there are a lot of people right now who are sad, mad and afraid," she said. "That was going to happen regardless of who won. It was going to happen either way."

Speaking directly to the Jewish community in metro Detroit, she said Trump is a fervent supporter of Israel and would like nothing more than to broker a lasting peace agreement in the Middle East. She also noted Trump's daughter, Ivanka, converted to Judaism in 2009 before marrying Jared Kushner, an Orthodox Jew.

"If anyone has a chance to make the Middle East a safer place — it's him," she said. "It would be the deal of a lifetime for him, as he has said so many times."

Where do other groups fit in Trump's America?

"They fit where you and I fit," Epstein said. "It's not a question of

segregation. I believe Mr. Trump wants one America and opportunities for everyone ... he wants to grow the country and expand our opportunities for success."

As for the idea of building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico, she said, "He doesn't want people to be here illegally. I can't blame the guy, I don't either."

Epstein said the president-elect opposes any attacks on individual groups, and that just because certain extreme factions support his presidency doesn't mean he supports them.

"At this point, people will have to give him a chance," she said. "On Jan. 20 he will be sworn in as our next president. Our duty as American people is to cooperate and respect the law of the land — and the voice of the people. And the people have elected Donald Trump."

It was the middle class that carried Trump to the White House, Epstein said, and the reason for it is the economy.

"They have spoken up," she said. "They have suffered through election after election with no real improvements. I have a tremendous amount of compassion and empathy for those suffering in our country, and I have faith in the years ahead that we will heal and come together as a nation. We all want the same things ... freedom, success and prosperity. The only question is which policies we adopt to get us there."

She invites anyone interested in learning more about the whirlwind presidential election, and how those final critical months in the campaign came together, to follow her on Twitter @LenaEpstein.

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The school is mandatory for all of Canton's command officers and is a component of the ongoing training Canton police officers participate in on a regular basis. Traylor has been with

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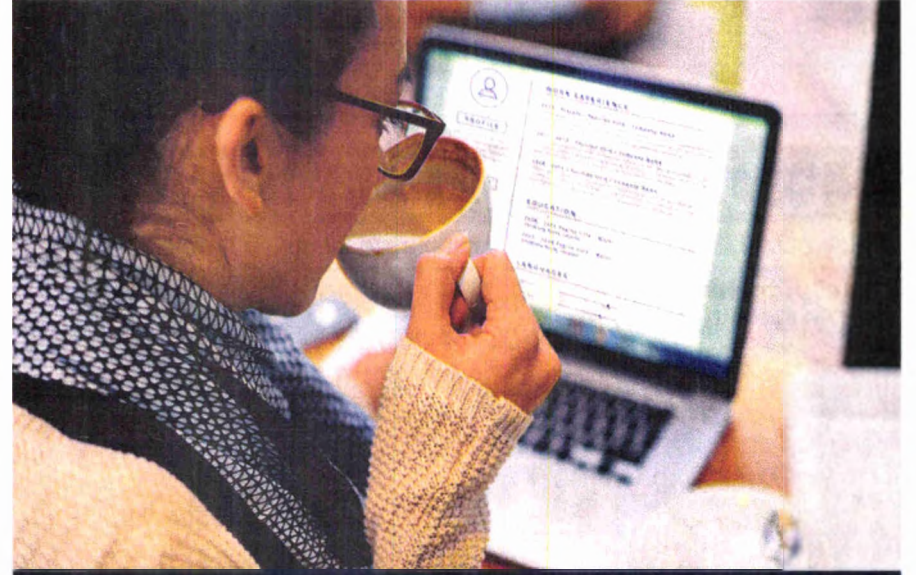


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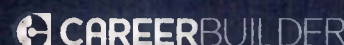
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# Hardcore Pawn star teams with teen heart transplant patient

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Everybody knows the Hardcore Pawn Chick has a heart of gold.

Ashley Gold, the former reality star of TruTV's Hardcore Pawn, has created a personalized beaded bracelet that she's selling on her website to benefit 16-year-old heart transplant patient Trevor Sullivan.

"My goal is to provide the greatest Christmas ever for Trevor and his family," Gold said. "So many people have helped me along the way ... when I heard about Trevor's story I knew right away that I wanted to do something."

The Team Trevor Bracelet sells for \$20 and is available exclusively on [www.pawnchickshopping.com](http://www.pawnchickshopping.com). The colors of the bracelet — blue and black — represent Sullivan's love for the University of Michigan, and the strength he's displayed through the transplant process.

Through word-of-mouth, Gold has been selling over 20 bracelets a day.

"It's the power of social media," she said. "It can help change a life."

## Strength in numbers

Sullivan received his new heart in November 2015. He was on the road to recovery until last July, when he suffered what doctors believe is a rare reaction to a viral illness. As a result of the setback, the Southfield teenager spent several months recuperating at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. He's hoping to return to school later this month.

"He's getting stronger,



Ashley Gold of "Hardcore Pawn" fame, right, with 16-year-old heart transplant patient Trevor Sullivan of Southfield. "My goal is to provide the greatest Christmas ever for Trevor and his family," Gold said.

and that's what counts," his father, Phil Sullivan, said Monday.

In the meantime, the family has had plenty of support from the community. Trevor's classmates at Groves High School included him in this year's Homecoming Court, and a few of them

even trekked over to the Sullivan house to help with lawn work. Other neighbors have formed a Meal Train to help with dinners.

A Go Fund Me page has been set up for the

Sullivan family to help with some of the bills. Despite having insurance, the family is facing thousands of dollars in medical co-pays. In addition, Phil Sullivan has been missing work and staying at the hospital, while his wife Kimberly stays at home with their three other children.



SULLIVAN FAMILY

Groves High School varsity football coach Brendan Flaherty shows off his Team Trevor bracelet, which was created by Ashley Gold.

## Reality show vs. reality

It's an unusual partnership: a former TV reality star teaming up with a heart transplant patient. Gold spent six years on Hardcore Pawn, which focused on the Gold family and their pawn shop off Eight Mile Road in Detroit.

She still travels the globe for speaking engagements, along with running a successful online jewelry business. She still enjoys the art of buying and selling.

But most of all, she enjoys being a mom.

"I have two young children, and it's impossible for me to even imagine what it would be

like," Gold said. "When I met Trevor, I promised him we would take this viral — and that's exactly what I'm going to do!"

Gold said she also plans on working with Trevor to help promote organ donations.

"He has such an incredible attitude," she said. "I met with him and his family at a restaurant, and he was showing me photos of his open heart surgery ... he's just so incredibly brave and he's focused on helping out other people. I think that's amazing."

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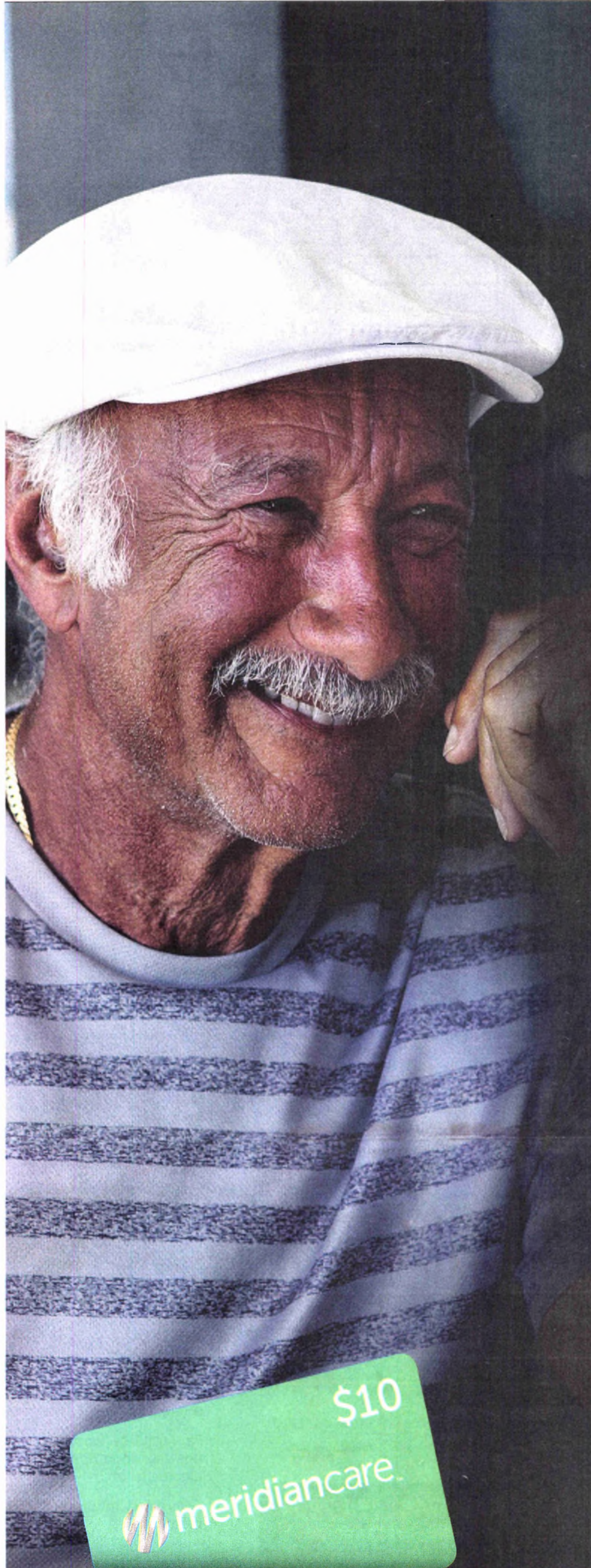
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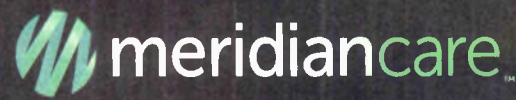
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PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Eagles overcome adversity, win regional

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During Thursday's third set, things were not looking great for Plymouth Christian Academy.

The Eagles and Lansing Christian split the first two sets of the Class D girls volleyball regional final in Morenci (25-23, 23-25), and PCA trailed 18-12 when setter Jessica Paulson rolled an ankle and had to leave the match.

Head coach DJ Kellogg called a timeout, junior Abigail Pray stepped in to fill the void left by Paulson's injury, senior Devon Burns turned into a blocking machine and the Eagles rallied for a 26-24 victory.

That set the stage for PCA's 25-16 win in Game 4 to win the regional title for the second consecutive year.

Fittingly, senior libero Divna Roi — one of two fourth-year players on the squad — capped off the regional crown with a service ace.

"Lansing Christian is a great team and very well coached," said Kellogg, whose team improved to 32-11-3 advancing to Tuesday's quarterfinal at Climax-Scotts (between Battle Creek and Kalamazoo). "We saw it last year and knew it coming into this one."

"Dale (Wethy) has the same philosophy as me, play a lot and play tough teams to get better. I have nothing but respect for their program."

### Many standouts

Top contributors for the Eagles included junior outside hitter Grace Kel-



PEGGY PAULSON

See EAGLES, Page B3 Plymouth Christian Academy captured the Class D regional championship Thursday at Morenci.

NJCAA SOCCER NATIONALS PREVIEW



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Schoolcraft College women's soccer coach Dave Carver talks to players Friday about the challenges awaiting them next week at nationals.

## ANOTHER SHOT AT GLORY

Schoolcraft women's soccer team heading to Florida for nationals

Tim Smith  
Hometownlife.com

Wednesday morning's practice was over, but a handful of Schoolcraft College players hung around on their own time to work on corner kicks.

"That's the kind of work ethic you always see out of this team," said Dave Carver, head coach of the Lady Ocelots' women's soccer team, getting set for next week's National Junior College Athletic Association national championships in Florida.

Sticking around to get in a few extra kicks — and some good-natured ribbing before jumping into their cars to leave the parking lot — were sophomore defender Megan Schulz of Farmington, freshman forward Jenna Smith of Milford, sophomore midfielder Colleen McKay of Rochester Hills, sophomore defender Katie Vitella of Sterling Heights and Rachel Rodeheffer, a sophomore defender from Commerce Township.

"I'm really excited, it's a big accomplishment for us," Rodeheffer said. "We are really determined to

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Schoolcraft freshman forward Lauren Wynns, from Livonia, controls the ball during Friday's practice.

USA HOCKEY

## NTDP U18s fall 4-2 in first game after layoff

Squad follows Five Nations success with hard-fought loss

Tim Smith  
Hometownlife.com

After winning the 2016 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament the previous weekend, it took the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team a period or so to shake off the rust during Friday's game against Madison.

Thanks to U18s goalie Adam Scheel's superlative effort during the first two periods, especially during a 5-on-3 penalty kill when the Capitals ripped 10 shots at him, the home team trailed just 1-0 entering the third.

An offensive flurry then enabled Team USA to tie the United States Hockey League contest at 2-2 midway through the third period at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. Unfortunately, for the nearly 1,100 fans in the building, the Capitals regained the lead at 13:56 and went on to post a 4-2 victory.

"I'd say the only hard thing was to try to find that positive energy we had all week playing the other countries," said U18s forward Logan Cockerill of Brighton, about the team returning to action after five days off. "I think we came out pretty well and played pretty well throughout the game."

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Graham Slaggert (No. 19) of the NTDP U18s battles with Madison's Eugene Fadyeyev for the puck Friday night.

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

# PCA solid at Division 4 state finals

Eagles boys and girls squads show promise at MIS

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Rod Windle is thrilled about how quickly the cross country program is growing at Plymouth Christian Academy.

The success that PCA runners enjoyed at the Nov. 5 Division 4 state finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn underscored that optimism.

"Our boys and girls cross country teams are young," Windle said. "And we are hopeful about what we can accomplish in the off-season to prepare ourselves for next year."

Returns for the Eagles' boys and girls harriers indeed will be anxious to jump-start training for the 2017 season following their MIS experience.

The lone all-stater (top-30 finisher) from PCA was sophomore Sienna Ruiter — who finished 24th in the girls race with a time of 20 minutes, 13.8 seconds.

That showing capped what Windle described "an amazing cross country season."

But in the boys race, sophomore Aaron Vicars nearly matched Ruiter in the medals department. Finishing the 5,000-meter course in 17:13.4, Vicars placed 32nd, just two spots away from joining the all-state group.

"Aaron Vicars was superb once again," Windle said. "His strength and



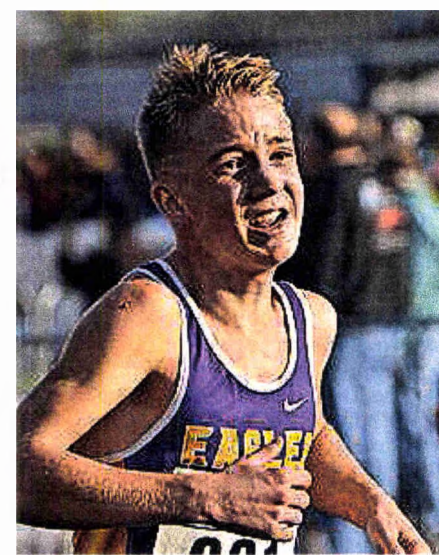
On the way to a 24th-place finish at the Division 4 girls cross country state finals is Plymouth Christian's Sienna Ruiter (left).

ability to execute a racing strategy enabled him to experience success in each of his races this year."

As for other Plymouth Christian finishers, junior Seth Windle came in 49th in the boys race with a mark of 17:30.7.

He was followed by sophomore Quinn McLaren (125th, 18:29.4), senior Ian Hay (159th, 19:04.6), sophomore Caleb Godin (214th, 20:18.9), freshman Eric Moore (238th, 22:08.4) and sophomore Aaron Geisler (241st, 23:26.4).

PCA's boys team qualified for the



Aaron Vicars continues a solid pace for Plymouth Christian Academy during the D4 state finals.

state meet after winning the previous weekend's D4 regional and finished 19th in the team standings at MIS with 421 points.

In the girls race, in addition to all-stater Ruiter, the Eagles were represented by freshmen Danae Moriarty (82nd, 21:42) and Eva Warmbier (153rd, 23:04.6).

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YOUTH FOOTBALL



Canton Lions JV players Justin Rogers (70), Dominic Johnson (53), Antonio Correa (94) and Dylan Fleming (5) block for ball carrier Carson Sampson (7).

YOUTH FOOTBALL

## Junior varsity P-C Steelers head to Super Bowl

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers Junior Varsity football team punched its ticket to the Super Bowl with a 31-13 victory Saturday over top-seeded West Bloomfield Lions at Rochester Adams High School.

After West Bloomfield took the opening kickoff and wasted no time, taking a screen pass 49 yards for a touchdown on its first play from scrimmage to establish a 6-0 lead, the Steelers answered with a score of their own following a sustained drive.

Brayden Willis ran it in from 28 yards out, followed by a two-point conversion kick by Charlie Tarns to make it 8-6 Steelers.

After stopping the Lions on their subsequent possession, the Steelers hit paydirt again, this time on a 4-yard Baechler Houser run, to make the score 16-6.

West Bloomfield cut the gap to 16-13, but on P-C's ensuing possession, the black and gold pushed the margin to 11 points at the half, courtesy of a 42-yard run by Connor Hands.

Second-half scoring was limited to a 1-yard run by Cavanaugh Diton and a PAT run by Hands.

The offense was led by the blocking of Acelino Villarini, Ethan Williams, Luke Nieset, Justin Banko, Landen Kowalski, Andrew McGuire and Evan Lang.

The defense, which held the Lions without a first down on the day, was led by Ryan Fisher, Adam Nicholas, Michael Beydoun, Evan Cosgrove, Zack Badger, Barrett Barker, Brady Blakita, Brendan Mathews and Jack Weiss.

The Steelers were set to face Rochester Redskins Maroon at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 12, at Macomb Dakota.

## Canton Lions advance to WSJFL Super Bowl

The Canton Lions freshmen, junior varsity and varsity teams faced the Dearborn Heights Redskins in the playoffs Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Redskins' home field.

While the varsity Lions fell to the Redskins, two Lions teams — the JV and freshmen — advanced to the Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowl on Sunday, Nov. 13, at Westland John Glenn High School.

Here is a breakdown of last weekend's playoff action:

### Junior varsity

With it all on the line, the JV Lions took the field with something to prove after a tough 7-0 loss to the Redskins a week prior in their final regular-season game. This time, the Lions shut out the Redskins 26-0.

The Lions wasted no time putting a quick six points on the board courtesy

of a touchdown run from Carson Sampson.

Sampson would score twice more. Aaron Alexander also battled his way into the end zone for the Lions. Josiah West kicked for two extra points.

Dylan Fleming had an impressive run that ended at the 1-yard line, which set up one of the Lions' touchdowns. Strong runs from Ryan Goodson and Luke Matusik also moved the ball down the field.

Led by Alexander, JaMarcus Barnes, Gavin Bobby, Wesley Faulkner, Fleming, Brandon Keen, Josh Nichols, Luke Rayborn, Sampson, Avery Satterlee and Derik Watson, the tough Lions defense held the Redskins scoreless.

The JV Lions advanced to square off with the Westland Meteors in the WSJFL Super Bowl, which is set for 1 p.m. Nov. 13 at Westland John Glenn High School.

### Freshmen

The freshmen Lions continued their undefeated record with a 31-0 win over the Redskins. The shutout resulted from a relentless defense, with a string of tackles from Youssef Beydoun, Jimmy Cleveland, Kristopher Easley, Diego Hernandez-Ramirez, Cameron Jonca, Brynden Millet, Julian Nichols, Carson Snyder, Caleb Williams, Bralen Willis and Alex Witt. Chris Medoro had an interception, Easley and Willis broke up passes and Millet had three sacks.

Reaching the end zone for the Lions were Nichols and Williams, with two each, and Easley with one. An extra point was run in by Millet.

The freshmen Lions advanced to meet the Westland Comets in the WSJFL Super Bowl, which is set for 11 a.m. Nov. 13 at Westland John Glenn High School.

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GOLF

## MSU signs standout CC golfer Piot

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The Michigan State men's golf program is getting a boost for the 2017-18 season with the addition of three signees, including Novi Detroit Catholic Central High standout James Piot.

Committed to the Spartans since last January, Piot signed an NCAA Division I letter of intent on Wednesday where he'll join his brother Glenn.

"Since he's been on the team he kind of lets me know how everything goes there," James said of his older brother, a sophomore member of the MSU squad. "It kind of influenced my decision of going to Michigan State. He really likes it, so that helped out a lot."

Piot and his brother Glenn, ironically, are the first two Piot family members to don the Green and White.

"I had my mind on 'State' for awhile with my brother there," James said. "We were Michigan fans before this."

MSU coach Casey Lubahn also signed two other in-state players including Devin Deogun (Bloomfield Hills

Cranbrook) and Zach Rosendale (St. Johns).

"The program is based on a lot of Michigan kids," James Piot said. "The coaches are really great and they have a nice practice facility. They play a really good schedule and I can see the team improving a lot and getting to the (NCAA) national championship in a few years hopefully."

Piot, who resides in Canton, helped Detroit CC to back-to-back MHSAA Division 1 championships in 2015 and 2016. He finished fifth in last year's state finals while averaging 72.84 per 18 holes for the season. During his junior year last spring he was medalist at Atlas Valley with a 72 and Detroit Golf Club with a 67.

"His work ethic and drive as a competitor and dedication him on the course and made him an elite national player and the number one player in Michigan for the last three of four years," Lubahn said. "He had many great options for his college choice and we are honored and humbled he chose to continue his career here as a Spartan."



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The game was Team USA's first action since winning the Five Nations Tournament on Nov. 5, closing out a successful four games in five nights schedule.

"I liked our first seven minutes until the power plays started coming (midway through the first period)," NTDP head coach John Wroblewski said. "I thought that took a lot of wind out of our sails and gave Madison an opportunity to find their legs. They were on the bus all day today."

Scheel was more than up to the task during that onslaught. He finally was solved with 9:23 to go in the middle stanza to break a scoreless tie.

A rebound bounced behind the NTDP net, and Madison winger Easton Brodzinski collected the loose puck and stuffed it home at the right post.

Madison doubled that edge to 2-0 with 14:36 remaining to stem the tide of an early push by Team USA. Brodzinski hurdled a U18s defenseman and got off a snap shot that Scheel made a sprawling save on.

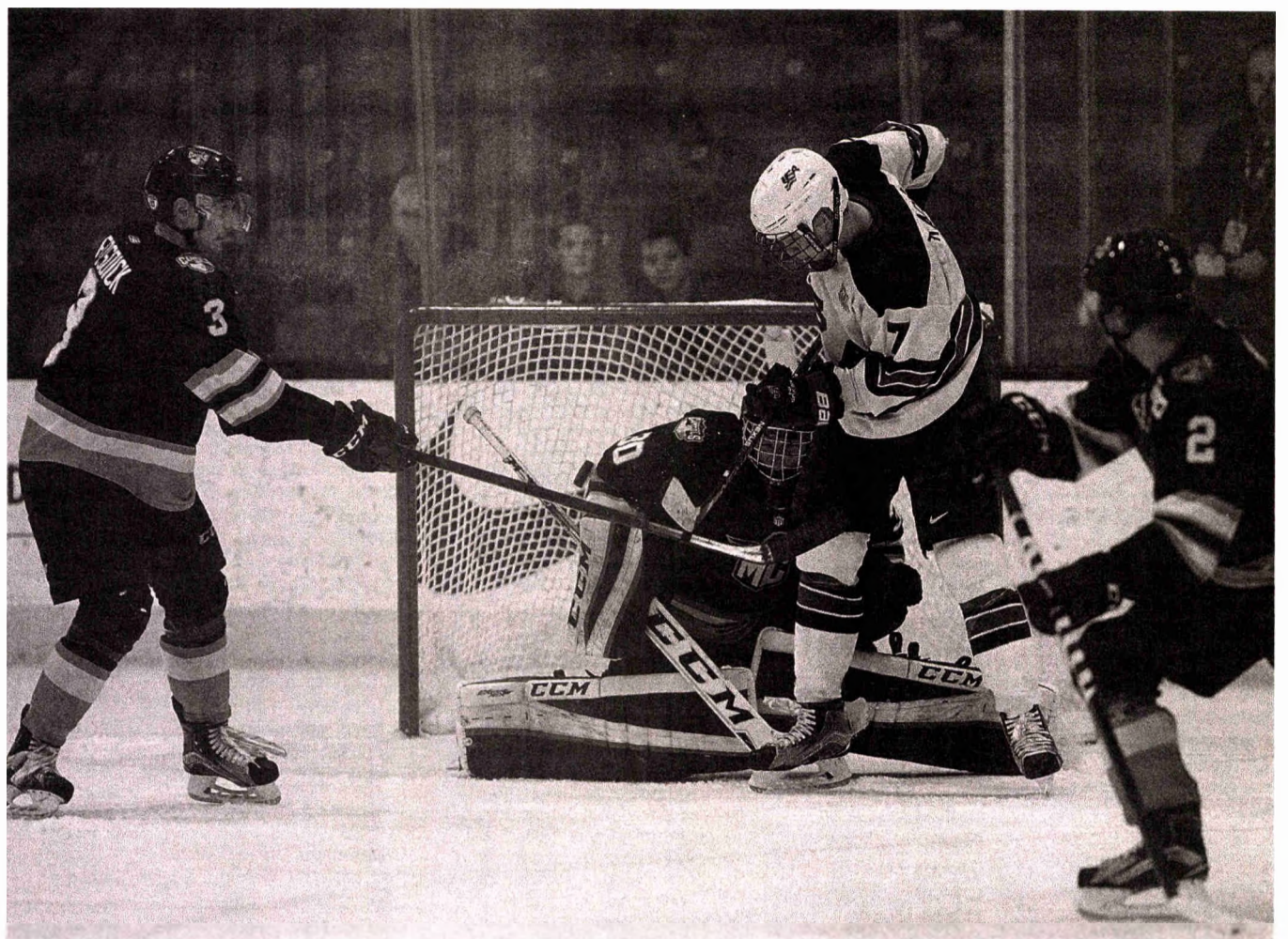
But the puck bounced into the left circle to where Cole Hulth one-timed it into the U18s net.

It only took two minutes for a response by the home team, however. Forward Evan Barrett sent a cross-crease feed that linemate Scott Reedy tapped in past Madison goalie Dryden McKay to cut the Capitals' edge to 2-1.

### Back to even

Team USA then drew even at 9:23 when defenseman Max Gildon's wrist from the right point traveled through a maze of players past a startled McKay, who threw his arms up into the air in dismay following the goal.

The Capitals tallied the winner, however, on Billy Jerry's goal at 13:56. A shot by defenseman Nick Austin was stopped by the screened Scheel, but Jerry swooped in to jab home the rebound.



Madison goalie Dryden McKay thwarts an in-close try by NTDP Under-18 forward Brady Tkachuk (No. 7) Friday at USA Hockey Arena.

RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

The U18s threatened on a subsequent power play, but could not net the equalizer and Kevin O'Neill closed out the scoring with an empty netter in the final minute.

"It (the go-ahead goal) was disappointing, but I thought we had the mojo going our way," Wroblewski said. "Even after that, I'll just stay with the positives. We had a full two-minute

power play that we had the puck in zone the entire time. Lots of looks at the net."

According to Reedy, the fact both teams were slated for a rematch Saturday night should take some of the sting out of the loss.

"You'll have another chance to get back at them," Reedy said. "That's always positive playing a team two nights

in a row."

**SIGNING DAY:** Twelve players from the U18s signed their National Letter of Intent for the 2017-18 season. Wednesday was the first day an NLI could be signed for next year. Forward Logan Cockerill (Brighton) was one of three to sign with Boston University. Also going to BU will be defenseman David Farrance and forward Brady Tkachuk. Forwards Sean Dhooche (Wisconsin), Jacob Tortora (Boston College), Scott Reedy (Minnesota), Evan Barratt (Penn State), Grant Mismash (North Dakota), Graham Slaggert (Notre Dame), Logan Hutsko (Boston College), and defensemen Nate Knoepke (Minnesota) and Tyler Inamoto (Wisconsin) all inked their NLIs.

## OCELOTS

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actually win it this time."

Former Farmington Falcon Schulz has no qualms saying this year's team is better prepared for the spotlight of NJCAA nationals than it was in 2015, when the Lady Ocelots went 0-2 and were knocked out in the group stage.

### Go all out

"I think if we can work together and play our game and stay compact we can beat any of these teams," Schulz said. "We need to not get flustered, just stay confident on and off the ball and stay moving."

"We're going with the mindset that every game's a championship game and we have to play all 90 minutes to the best of our abilities."

Carver said the team is loose and confident, as displayed during Wednesday's short, crisp practice on the brand new outdoor turf field at Schoolcraft.

"Just continuing to tick on with the way we've been playing," said Carver, whose team is 15-2 and went 10-0 to win the Michigan Community College Athletic Association title. "We've kept it kind of general and just let the girls play. We've gotten into a lot of detail throughout the year about system and styles and how we want to play."

"We've got them to a point where they're won our regional championship so I think it's working. It's really just a case of more of the same, keeping the players sharp, keeping them engaged, keeping them healthy, making sure they're all connected to each other on the field."

After another practice Friday, the 13th-ranked Lady Ocelots will fly to Orlando. Then comes the bus ride to tournament host Melbourne, another light practice and a Sunday team banquet.

### Underdog role

Schoolcraft's first test will be against the No. 3-ranked team, Laramie County Community College, at 5:30 p.m. Monday (according to the NJCAA website). Carver added that the fact the Lady Ocelots are seeded 10th isn't a bad thing.

"It's not a great seed, but it puts us as more of an underdog which we're okay with," Carver noted. "We spent the whole year No. 1 in our region (Region



Getting ready to launch a kick during Friday's final tuneup before going to NJCAA nationals in Florida is sophomore defender Megan Schulz from Farmington.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

XII) and dealing with that pressure and that target, to beat us, ... it's actually quite nice not dealing with that pressure going down to Florida."

Schoolcraft will be looking to at least reach the semifinals this time around, perhaps run the table and win a national championship for the first time since 1987.

"It's just to enjoy ourselves," said Rodeheffer about the big trip ahead. "We're a really big, (cohesive) team. So if we really enjoy we can pretty much

do anything."

Smith, who played for the Milford Mavericks, said she and her teammates are having a blast this year and don't want the fun to end.

"It's been really good, we have a lot of fun when we play," Smith said. "At practice it's really competitive."

She added that it would be nice to be down in Florida for a week "so we can get to the finals. I just think we have to play as a team and just work harder than the other team."

*"The team chemistry is exactly where we want it to be."*

**DAVE CARVER,**  
Schoolcraft head coach

Meanwhile, Vitella agreed with Schulz that the 2016 Lady Ocelots are on a determined quest for Florida success.

"It means a lot because last year we went and we didn't play that well," Vitella emphasized. "So this year is our second chance to go and play hard and win."

"We're on a big mission to win national championship. Looking forward to winning."

### Another taste

Other players who will be getting a second taste of nationals include midfielder Raven Buck (Westland), forwards Devon Powers (Novi) and Malloory Bryant (Novi).

Among first-time participants are forward Lauren Wynns (Livonia), defenders Alex McAleer (Novi) and Susana Bryan (Westland).

"I think what we've achieved, going to national championships back-to-back years is just an achievement in itself," Carver noted.

Having an idea what kind of competition awaits them, thanks to the 2015 junket (the Lady Ocelots went 0-2), also should benefit Schoolcraft.

"I think the experience we gained as a staff and with our returning players last year, and just gaining that recognition that we are a national championship competing team is going to help us this year," Carver said. "I think the group's going to be more confident going in."

"That allowed us to prepare the team for basically going into the first game as if it is the championship game. Because if you don't win that first game it's very, very tough to advance out of your group."

Carver, however, just has to glance at the players who were in no hurry to leave Wednesday's practice and know something special indeed is possible.

"It's just a fantastic group of girls, it's been an absolute pleasure to coach them this year," he said, smiling. "The team chemistry is exactly where we want it to be."

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## EAGLES

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logg, with 20 kills. She helped the defense, too, with 26 digs as part of an all-around strong performance.

Also stellar all over the floor were fourth-year senior outside hitter Olivia Mady (13 kills, 11 digs) and freshman middle blocker Gabriella Kellogg (11 kills, six digs).

Chipping in with six kills and three timely blocks was junior right-side hitter Robin Albert.

But without the way Pray helped the cause following Paulson's injury, sustained when she stepped on another player's foot, PCA's postseason run might have been cut short.

"The girls were somewhat frustrated and disheartened already and that (the injury) didn't help," Kellogg said.

"But our timeout was focused on looking forward rather than backward and Abigail Pray stepped up huge and the momentum swung our way."

"It rallied to 18-22 at one point and we ultimately battled to win 26-24."

### Clutch catalyst

A big catalyst for the turnaround within Game 3 was Burns, who had four blocks in that set (and eight for the match).

"In one rally she stopped two hits in a row," Kellogg said. "And then (she) blocked the third for the point, having to move from pin to pin and back again to do it."

The clinching game was comparatively routine for the Eagles.

"The fourth game went a little smoother for us," Kellogg said. "We didn't have the service errors and fewer hitting errors."

"Our passing was the best it had

been all night, which allowed us to be more in system. We have such good hitters that when we are in system we can speed things up."

Pray, who ironically was coming off her own rolled ankle sustained Wednesday in practice, tallied 23 assists to provide a calming effect on the Eagles. Paulson had 33 assists and four digs before her injury.

Other contributors included Roi (19 digs) and senior outside hitter Ruth Doty (five digs).

### Early inconsistencies

PCA's opening match was a back-and-forth affair, with the Eagles giving away too many points yet hanging on for the win.

"The first match was a battle right out of the gate and we traded points," Kellogg said. "We were blessed enough for it to be our turn to get the points at the end of the game. We had five ser-

vice errors, but 12 kills helped to offset them."

Lansing Christian enjoyed a turnaround in Game 2, thanks to clogging up the net with blockers.

"In the second game they made adjustments to slow down our middles by double and triple blocking," Kellogg said. "Our pin hitters stepped in and were the majority of our kills in this game, but their defense played well and six hitting errors didn't help our cause and we lost it."

Then came the key third game, and the Eagles — who reached the regional final with Tuesday's 3-0 win over North Adams-Jerome — showed the mettle of a championship contender.

But now, they will hope that Paulson is able to make it back for the quarterfinal against Mendon. The opening serve is slated for 6:30 p.m.

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## Communicate your value as a mature job seeker

BY DEANNA HARTLEY  
CAREERBUILDER

It's difficult enough to compete with top talent for a limited number of open positions. Factor age into the equation, and it adds an additional layer of complexity to the job-search process.

"A lot of companies will never openly admit to age discrimination, but I know from experience that many industries primarily hire talent in their 20s or early 30s, (including) tech, music, entertainment (and) advertising," says Jennifer Yeko, a career coach who founded Ninja Recruiting. "All you can do is find companies that value experience."

If you're a mature job seeker with a wealth of experience that you'd like to showcase, keep these tips in mind.

**Know the current lingo and latest trends.** Do your homework to show potential employers that you can hit the ground running.

"To be seen as an asset, do your research on trending news, current happenings in the space and the common lingo for your intended industry," says Deoné Sulgatti, founder and CEO of Tengia, a digital service that connects Americans 65 and older with skill-based opportunities. "This will ensure your poten-



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tial employer views you as the experienced asset you are, rather than being worried about getting you caught up to speed. Since training is costly to any company, minimizing these costs will show you are an advantageous hire and allow your industry expertise to shine."

**Provide examples of the value you would add to the team.** "In your résumé and ... during an interview, provide concrete examples of your technical prowess, your ability to learn new skills and your knack for working well in teams to combat the idea that you're stuck in your ways," says Deonna Campbell, cor-

porate recruiter at Oldcastle, a manufacturer of building products and materials. "It's not enough to call yourself a 'quick learner' or 'adaptable' — you must show those skills and qualities in action."

**Prove that you can be a leader.** One advantage you may have over your peers is experience as a leader in any capacity.

"Being older or a mature employee brings the expectation of leadership from having more experience than other workers," says Valerie Streif, a senior adviser at The Mentat, an organization that hires, manages and mentors job candidates. "Discuss

teams you've led in the past; talk about how you could be a good leader in this new position; (and) showcase your value as not just a worker, but a leader in the crowd."

**Find out how age is perceived in your industry.** Knowing the perception helps you combat any stereotypes more effectively.

"Being older can have a different meaning in different industries," says Andrew Pearl, a certified résumé writer, interview coach and partner at Precision Resumes Inc. For instance, he says, some may be seen as "over the hill" in Silicon Valley even if they're relatively young, while age

often equates to experience — which is considered a good thing — in fields such as medicine. "You must understand and consider how age is emphasized in your target market as you pursue a new job."

**Outline your unique value proposition.** Experience is great, but dig deeper to pinpoint special qualities.

"Mature workers often defer to their experience as their competitive advantage, but a lot of people have experience — it doesn't necessarily make you an ideal candidate or a fit for the job you're seeking," says Dele Lowman Smith, founder and CEO of professional services firm Bold Move Consulting. "Start by asking yourself these questions: What do my boss, colleagues and/or customers consistently tell me they value most about me? How have (I) demonstrated that strength on a current or recent assignment, and what was the quantifiable impact? How is this relevant to the employer and/or industry where (I'm) seeking a job?"

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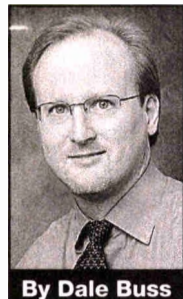
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# Car Report

## AUDI, CADILLAC, FORD, TOYOTA ROLL OUT NEW TECHNOLOGIES THAT DRIVERS CAN ENJOY TODAY



By Dale Buss

While much attention is focused on the future of self-driving cars, the auto industry is trying to draw attention to the tech wizardry it is rolling out right now.

Nowadays, for example, Toyota is expanding availability of its hydrogen-powered vehicles. Audi keeps pushing the technology forward for laser headlights. Cadillac introduced a high-definition and wide-angle rearview mirror in its new CT6 sedan, and Ford's new automated-driving features help drivers steer around slow or stopping vehicles in emergencies—and even warn drivers going the wrong way against traffic.

So while some sort of autonomous driving capability surely will be table stakes for any serious auto manufacturer within the next five years, there remains plenty of room for differentiation with features that make driving safer, cleaner and more enjoyable right now.

A handful of carmakers are betting on vehicles powered by hydrogen fuel cells as an alternative to electric-powered vehicles, for example. But brands such as Volkswagen and General Motors are spreading their bets across both

technologies and more, Toyota has pretty much sworn off all-electric vehicles despite the success of its Prius hybrid line.

That makes the success of the Mirai sedan and other hydrogen-powered vehicles all the more crucial for Toyota. Californians are the first to have retail access to the vehicle that combines hydrogen and oxygen to make electricity onboard, while emitting nothing but water vapor.

Mirai is a zero-emission vehicle with an EPA-estimated driving range of 312 miles, and refuels in around five minutes—though hydrogen fueling stations remain rare worldwide.

Nevertheless, even Toyota may not be able to swear off electric vehicles completely. Recent press reports suggest that the company is reconsidering its long-time opposition to producing long-range electric vehicles and is now considering coming up with such vehicles beginning in 2020 in Japan as well as other markets including California and China.

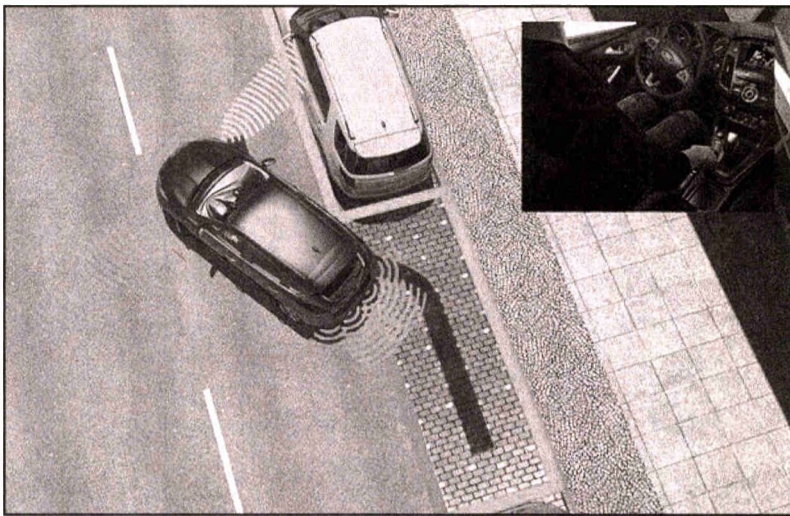
It appears that, despite its pledged devotion to hybrids, hydrogen-powered vehicles and EVs only for short ranges, Toyota may have no choice but to supply some long-range all-electric vehicles because of how global regulatory regimes and approaches to cutting emissions and hydrocarbon usage are taking shape.

Meanwhile, Audi has been leading the industry in developing and deploying high-tech headlights for several years; remember its Super Bowl commercial about "daytime" headlights that were so bright, they disturbed vampires at night?

Well, at the Los Angeles Auto Show, Audi debuted its first US production laser light on the 2017 Audi R8 V10 plus exclusive edition. It utilizes full LED headlights, now supplemented by a state-of-the-art laser high-beam module in each headlight, for leading-edge brightness, visibility and beam intensity on the road ahead.

Audi pioneered LED technology with daytime running lights in 2004 and has remained a luxury-market leader in headlight technology, although not all of the innovations coming out of its labs in Germany yet are allowed in the American market by US safety regulators.

Cadillac Cadillac's CT6 rearview mirror is the industry's first to trade the standard reflection for a high-definition, wide-angle display pulled from a camera sitting at the back of the car, Wired reported. That removes obstructions by headrests or the rear windshield frame, passengers. Or drivers can turn off the image and



replace it with a standard reflection, if the future is just coming up from behind too quickly for them.

Various automated driving features such as lane-departure warnings, "adaptive" cruise control and self-parking systems have become commonplace even in mainstream vehicles these days. But as they keep advancing toward truly autonomous driving, automakers keep coming up with interesting new wrinkles that advance the technology overall in the meantime.

Ford, for instance, is expanding its development of next-generation features, which include "cross-traffic alert with braking technology"—a way to help reduce parking stress by detecting people and objects about

to pass behind the vehicle, providing a warning to the driver and then automatically braking if the driver doesn't respond.

And "evasive steering assist" is a new technology that can help drivers steer around stopped or slower vehicles to help avoid collisions, at both city and highway speeds.

The company also is increasingly enlisting its employees to come up with their own inventions that can offer technological advances or mobility leaps. For instance, Carr-E, created by a Ford engineer in Germany, is a Segway-like vehicle that can transport people or objects up to 260 pounds, has a range of 14 miles and a top speed of 11 mph, and is designed to fit neatly into a trunk.

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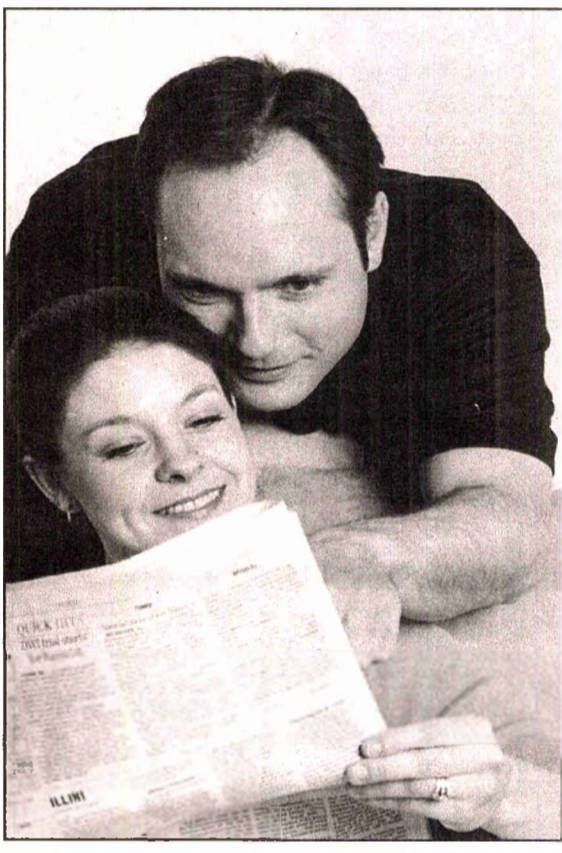
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