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Kids the stars at cops, fire academy

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It's a safe bet most youngsters, given a chance, would like to spray a fire hose, play detective or watch how crash victims are removed from mangled cars.

Thirty Canton youths age 13-17 will get that chance as the Canton Public Safety Department rolls out its first Youth Academy, giving teens a first-hand look at how police officers and firefighters do their jobs.

It's a one-week program that happens from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 19-23.

"It's a fun, interactive way to



Esselink

build positive relations," said Police Officer Patty Esselink, community relations coordinator. "It breaks down those barriers and makes it more personal.

It helps to build that rapport between the police officers, firefighters and youth."

The initiative is patterned after a Citizens Police Academy already offered to Canton adults. It's the next step in strengthening ties between the Canton Public Safety Department and the community it serves. And it's free.

"The Public Safety Department is excited to host our first Youth Academy, providing an opportunity to make important connections with teens in our community," Public Safety Director Joshua Meier said. "Whether you're curious about the services provided or are potentially interested in a career in the field of public safety, this academy will educate participants on the inner workings of the police and fire departments."

Teens will learn about traffic stops, fighting fires and how a detective lifts fingerprints from a crime scene. They also will get to interact with officers and dogs from the canine unit.

The academy is designed to:

- » Teach students about the daily operations of the police and fire departments, including the philosophy of teamwork.

- » Promote a greater understanding between the youth, police officers and firefighters.

- » Help students develop life skills that promote safe, smart thinking and decision-making.

Teens will learn police and fire department procedures through hands-on activities, demonstrations and presentations, organizers say. Youngsters will gain personal knowledge on law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system, a firefighter's role in providing emergency services and the

training and education they need to do their jobs. They also will have an opportunity to become CPR-certified.

Participants will be provided a lunch and will engage in light physical activity every day. They must be ages 13-17 and have no criminal history.

Applications are being accepted through May 31 and are available for online submission or as a PDF download at <http://www.cantonpublicsafety.org>. Applicants meeting the minimum requirements will be randomly selected.

For more information, call Esselink at 734-394-5194.

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UBER DRIVER FINDS SUCCESS IN NON-TRADITIONAL LINE OF WORK

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Jeff Fleshner gets to travel by helping others get where they want to go.

The Taylor resident and IT professional at Madonna University in Livonia decided he wanted to make some extra cash two years ago and figured becoming an Uber driver was the way to go.

Now, with his van rocking 100,000 more miles than it did two years ago, Fleshner has done more than 5,000 rides for the service. The cash he gets from that allows him to take several vacations a year, something he wasn't able to do before.

"In the last year, we've gone to Philadelphia and Chicago twice — all of it paid for by what I made on Uber," he said. "I would just drive and put that money in an account."

"When I started driving for Uber, anytime I wanted to do something, I had money."

Uber, a ride-sharing service, connects riders and drivers using personal vehicles through the Uber app. The system collects fares from the riders and distributes them to drivers after taking a commission and other fees.

Fleshner and other ride-sharing drivers are following some new structures when it comes to driving in Michigan. A law passed last year took effect in March, making such drivers subject to the same regulations as taxi and limousine companies. That means drivers must be 19 years old; have a valid driver's license issued from Michigan or another state; not have more than four moving violations or one major violation within the last three years; not be a listed sex offender; and not have any felony convictions within the last five years. Several other



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See **UBER**, Page A2 Jeff Fleshner drives for Uber as a second job.

Woman turns self in for Plymouth store thefts, returns merchandise

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A woman accused of stealing merchandise from two downtown Plymouth stores has turned herself in, along with merchandise, after she was allegedly shown on a store surveillance video that went viral on social media.

Plymouth Police Lt. Jamie Grabowski said the 66-year-old Belleville woman came to the police department Monday and returned sunglasses, watches, necklaces, rings, bracelets and other merchandise she is accused of stealing April 22 from Home Sweet Home and Birch Wood.

"I'm really happy to get my merchandise back," said Home Sweet Home owner Carol Uber, who learned the suspect's identity after she posted a video on Facebook. "Social media works. I'm a believer. I never was in the past. Within an hour of posting the video, our phones started ringing."

Uber filed a police report days after the incident and after the learning the suspect's identity and contacting her.

After the police report was filed, Grabowski said he subsequently talked with the woman before she decided to turn herself in.

Grabowski said the woman brought in merchandise allegedly taken from the two stores. He said a warrant seeking criminal charges from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office was imminent. He said the woman

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PLYMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jewelry and a purse were among items a Belleville woman brought Monday to the Plymouth Police Department.

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apologized for her actions.

The woman has been released pending charges. Police were withholding her name until she is charged.

Uber said the store video, posted on Facebook, has received more than 3.5 million views and 100,000 shares. She

also said the support Home Sweet Home received from the community has been stunning.

"The support that we have had makes me feel so good," she said. "Out of this negative thing that happened is such a good, good outcome. Our sales are actually up. I believe that most people are good."

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states have similar laws on the books.

"As transportation options continue to increase, we look forward to helping ensure the safety of all Michiganders who look for convenient and affordable ways to get around," CSCL Director Julia Dale said in a statement. "By vetting prospective companies, we're also helping protect those who want to earn extra income by providing rides."

Learn the surge

When it comes to driving, Fleshner will find himself typically in one of three cities: Detroit, Ann Arbor or East Lansing. That's where the best rates tend to come, especially on a weekend evening with a lot of people looking for a ride. Called a "surge," those instances tend to see rates begin to increase on a multiplying basis.

"A surge is caused when more riders have their app open in the area than drivers," he said. "That draws people that are close. Surges don't last long, except for Friday nights at 2 a.m."

That's why Fleshner loves driving from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. weekends in college towns. Not only that, but he'll routinely drive much shorter distances in that time than he would out in the suburbs like Livonia, resulting in a better paycheck.

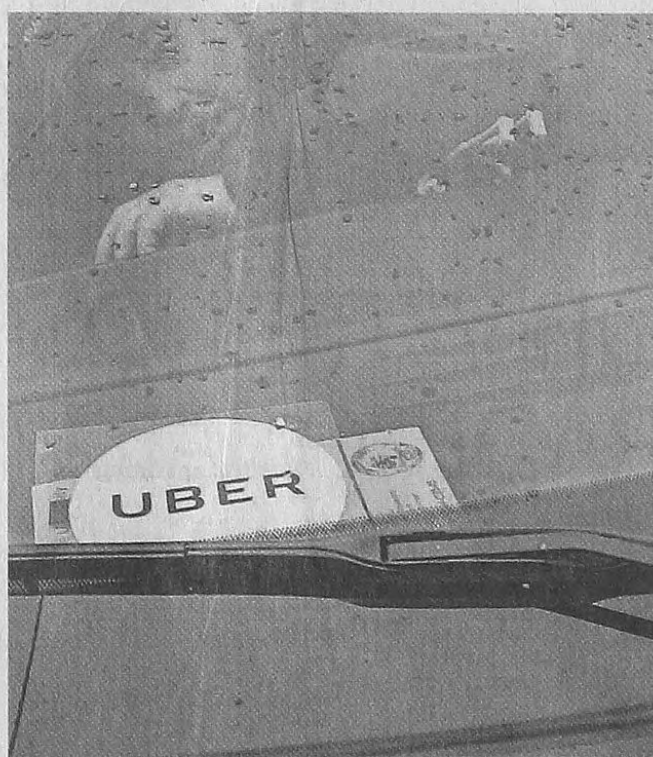
He's had his share of bad experiences out of those 5,000 rides. The worst, he said are the "drunk, arguing couples." Fleshner recalled two such rides he gave to such couples, including one that was nearly 25 minutes and resulted in him pulling over to tell them both to knock it off.

"I got back on the road



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Jeff Fleshner lifts his chair into the back of the van before hitting the road.



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The Uber tag in the window means that Jeff Fleshner is ready for business.

and five minutes in they were back at it again," he said.

While he's not ever used the service as a rider, Fleshner said he'll plan on driving for years to come as long as he's making money.

He makes enough money at Madonna University to pay his bills, but having that extra cash in his pocket is great for his traveling and for spoiling his grandchildren.

"I like it and I do it for a purpose. My grandkids benefit a lot from me driving," he said. "I'm not leaving much after I'm dead. Nobody's going to be fighting over my will."

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A bridge along the Lower Rouge Trail in Canton.

Canton to celebrate National Trails Day at Lower Rouge Trail

Area residents are encouraged to take a hike on the Lower Rouge Trail in Canton on National Trails Day, which is Saturday, June 3. In recognition of the largest annual celebration of trails in the U.S., a special celebration has been scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lower Rouge Trail head, located at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road.

The public is invited to attend this free event, with scheduled activities for all ages, including self-guided hiking along the beautiful Rouge River. Educational nature exhibits will also be on display. In addition, informational sessions will be held on topics such as outdoor photography, Leave No Trace

outdoor principles, local wildlife and bird-watching, recycling practices, trail biking and running safety. A tasty make-it-yourself trail mix station will also be available on-site.

Additional trails within Canton's trail system include the Fellows Creek Wetland Nature Trail at Flodin Park, which runs one-third of a mile in length; Canton's ITC Corridor Trail, with its trail head located at Flodin Park; and the Lower Rouge Trail, which interconnects Canton's Heritage Park with the Michigan Department of Transportation's I-275 Metro Trail (a regional trail system offering approximately six miles of non-motorized pathways in Canton).

The trail head for the Lower Rouge Trail is located off of Morton Taylor Road, north of Michigan Avenue. Combined, all of these trails in Canton offer nearly 15 miles of non-motorized pathways, open year-round from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

American Hiking Society's National Trails Day is a nationally recognized trail awareness program that occurs annually the first Saturday of June and inspires the public to discover, learn about and celebrate trails while participating in outdoor activities, clinics and trail stewardship projects.

For more information, go to www.cantonfun.org or call 734-394-5460.

Infant/preschool program turns 40

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Infant and Preschool Special Education Program will celebrate "40 Years of Stories, 40 Years of Memories" Wednesday, June 7, in the Allen Early Learning Academy, 11100 N. Haggerty, Plymouth.

IPSEP, in partnership with families and community, is dedicated to providing individualized educational experiences for children birth to age 6 which foster optimal growth and development, establishing the beginning foundation for successful performance in the home, community and school environments.

The program's purpose statements are:

- » To find and serve children ages 0-6 who may have special needs.
- » To facilitate preparation for kindergarten

through direct intervention and services.

» To educate parents about interventions that support their children's abilities.

"Programs like the Infant Preschool Special Education Program, also known as IPSEP, are an important way that we serve the needs of all families in our district," said Monica L. Merritt, P-CCS superintendent. "Our district is fortunate to have an excellent IPSEP program that makes a difference in the lives of our students. As IPSEP celebrates 40 years of service, we're proud to spotlight this program and the tremendous staff that goes above and beyond the call of duty to provide the best educational experiences for our youngest learners."

"During the past 40 years, IPSEP has meant so much not just to the school district, but most importantly to the students and families that have come through the program," said Julie Woodhams, P-CCS executive director of special services. "IPSEP has provided four decades of positive and inspiring experiences and memories for all involved and we are honored to welcome all of our former and current students and families together for this celebration."

All IPSEP students, staff and families, past and present, as well as the entire P-CCS community, are encouraged to attend this free event. The event will feature food, activities and opportunities to learn more about the IPSEP program.

Noble visits Starkweather Academy



State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth (center) met with Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Monica Merritt and Starkweather Principal Kevin Lane to tour their facilities and learn more about their programs. Starkweather is an alternative high school that has been successful because of its ability to allow students to tailor their educational goals to their individual needs.

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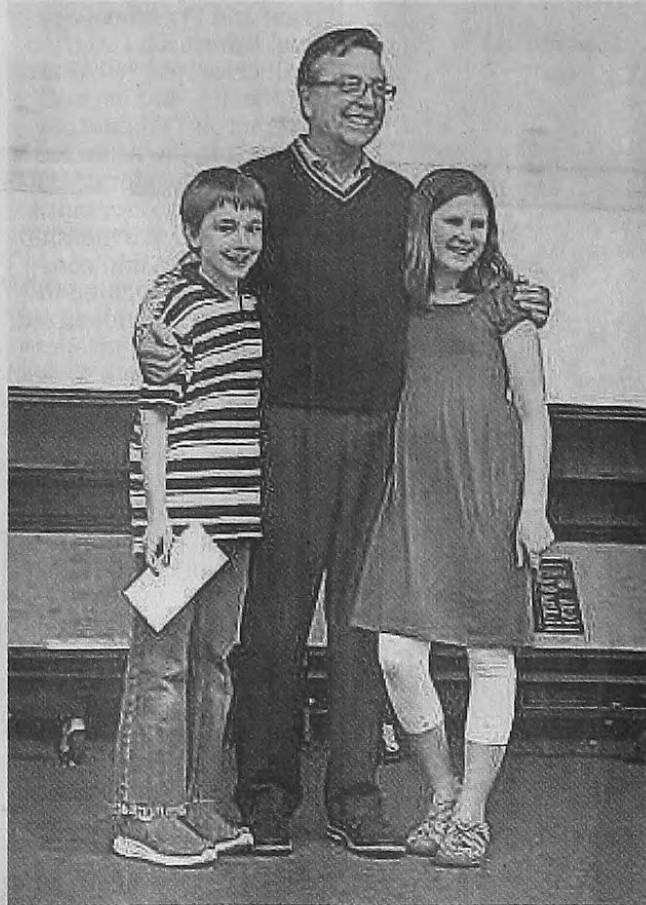
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Kids speak out in Optimist Club contest



The third-grade winners were the Beast Boys: Avery Myles, Shawn Laneand and Tyler Shubnell.



Fourth-grade winners were the Outside Wonders: Hannah Sullivan and Nicholas Yourman.



Fifth-grade winners were the One-One Hundred: Nadia Khan, Andrew Poh and Tapasya Velmurugan.

The Plymouth-Canton Optimist Club recently sponsored the inaugural Kids Speak Out competition at Bentley Elementary School in Canton.

The excitement was high and the participation was great. Club officials said 11 teams of third-, fourth- and fifth-graders prepared and delivered presentations while competing for first place in

their grade. The theme was "How can we make Bentley a better school?" Some of the topics included saving a duck, the challenges of English learners, bringing

peace to Bentley and turning an empty space from portable classrooms into a flower and vegetable garden.

Thanks to Mr. Meier, the Optimist volunteers, students, parents and teachers for making this a great event for all! Winning teams were One-One Hundred (fifth grade), Outside Wonders (fourth grade) and Beast

Boys (third grade). For information on the Plymouth-Canton Optimist Club, contact Pamela Batcho at plymouth-cantonoptimist@gmail.com



CANTON POLICE
Canton police need help identifying this man.

Cops seek help identifying suspect in tire damage

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Canton police need the public's help identifying a suspect accused of puncturing a tire as he casually walked by a vehicle near Cherry Hill

and Lotz. "It's one guy, one incident, one sharp object and an unknown motive," Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said. Patty Esselink, the police department's community relations coordinator, issued a press release identifying the suspect only as a white male who was walking down Charterhouse Drive when the incident happened the afternoon of May 12.

The release said the man "walks alongside a vehicle parked in the roadway and intentionally punctures the tire" before continuing southbound on Charterhouse, just west of the Canton-Westland border.

Anyone who has information is asked to call police at 734-394-5423.

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A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z 17-11	520 Pacific Non-Use Variance Side yard setback Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Fred Klein
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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Hulsing Flooring. Specifications of the Request for Proposal (RFP) are available on at PCCSK12.com, under departments and business office or by contacting Kristen Hennessey, Director of Procurement, for Plymouth Canton Community Schools at kristen.hennessey@pccsk12.com. Proposals will be accepted as specified in the Request for Proposals at PCCS - E.J McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on/or before **Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 12 p.m.** Bids shall be labeled: Bid document enclosed- "Hulsing Flooring." The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 P.M., June 1, 2017 at the Northville Board of Education-Room 104, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Wednesday May 24, 2017 @ 9:00 am beginning at Northville High School Athletic Entrance (west end of the building). This meeting is not mandatory but highly recommended.

All contracts to be entered into by the Northville Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

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Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Northville Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$23,417 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

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Senate Coney Island owner celebrates milestone

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It's not uncommon to find George Dimopoulos at Senate Coney Island in Northville Township at 4 a.m. some mornings.

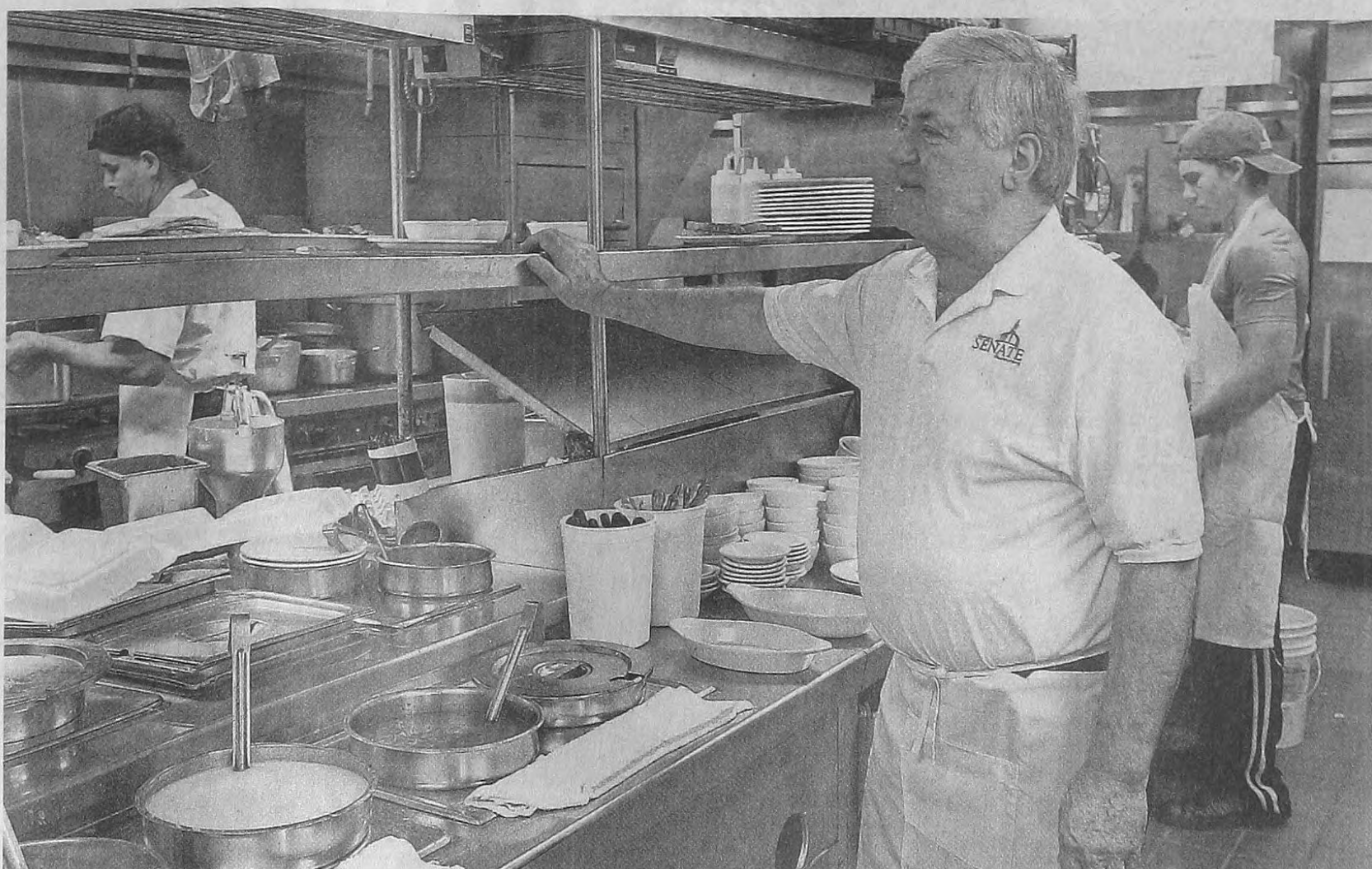
The Novi resident and owner of the restaurant spares no expense when it comes to serving his loyal customers. That's why he's there sometimes seven days a week, donning an apron and helping customers get what they need. Especially once the warmer weather arrives.

"Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays are very busy for me," he said. "After May 1, my business going booming crazy."

But that doesn't keep the smile off of his face, especially during May. That's because Senate Coney Island, first opened by Dimopoulos's uncle, is celebrating its 80th anniversary this month, a testament to the planning and business sense Dimopoulos and his family members has had. It's such a special occasion, all the restaurants are offering \$1 coney dogs throughout the month of May. It's a deal, he said, that plenty of people are taking advantage of.

"We're selling three times the hot dogs," he said. "I can't believe it. People are eating four, five, six hot dogs."

The first Senate opened in 1937 on Michigan Avenue in Detroit. Restaurants have opened and closed throughout the years and, currently, Senate operates restaurants in Northville Township, Livonia, Dearborn and Taylor, as well as a franchise location in South Lyon. In 1969, Dimopoulos immigrated to



George Dimopoulos says that you won't find canned soups or packaged hash browned potatoes at his restaurants. They cook from scratch.

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the United States from his native Greece and came to Detroit, where his family had set up roots and began working in the restaurant business. It was a natural fit for him: he served as a cook during his time in the Greek army.

While the traditional Greek food and specialties may get the customers in the door, it seems the friendliness of Dimopoulos is keeping them. Go into the Northville Township restaurant and it's likely you'll find some community group holding its gathering there. It's because Dimo-

poulos wants to make his restaurants more than just a place to get food: he wants to make them gathering places.

One such group is Doorkeepers, a non-denominational Christian ministry group for men. It meets at the Northville Township Senate Coney Island several times a month for the past five years. Dimopoulos puts out a breakfast buffet, something that's deeply appreciated by the members who attend.

"We would have come earlier, but we didn't," said Kev McKenna, a Livonia resident and

member of Doorkeepers. "George gives (to) us out of the goodness of his heart."

Perseverance

It's never easy to keep up in the restaurant business, as Dimopoulos will tell you. All one has to do is look at Plymouth Road in Livonia, where Senate Coney Island has operated since 1985 at Plymouth and Stark. Plenty of restaurants along the road have opened and closed. Senate has remained.

"I never give up. I never want to give up," he said. "Keep going.

That's my philosophy."

That perseverance was recognized earlier this month during a ceremony at the Livonia restaurant. Dimopoulos was honored by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and leadership from Livonia and Northville Township, who gathered to celebrate his family's success and to indulge in a hot dog covered in chili, mustard and onions.

"Thank you so much for what you've done for our city," Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright said. "You've done so much, we can't thank you

enough."

And while the day isn't here yet, Dimopoulos said he's eventually looking forward to coming into the restaurant only a few days a week instead of almost every day. A retirement, of sorts, that may include some golf and vacations. But not yet.

"I look forward to retiring someday," he said. "Not completely retire, because I just like to be here with people. I love it."

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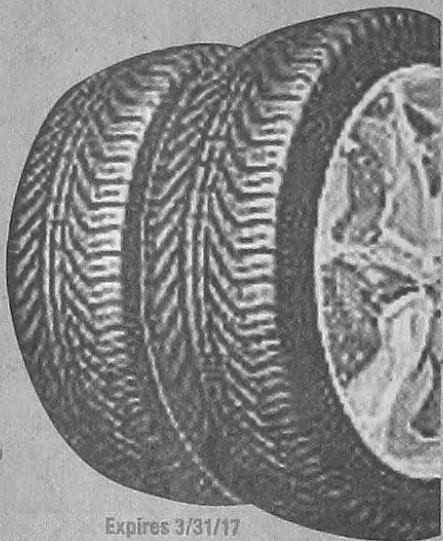
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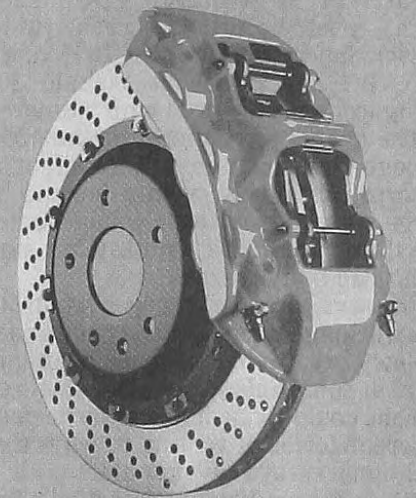


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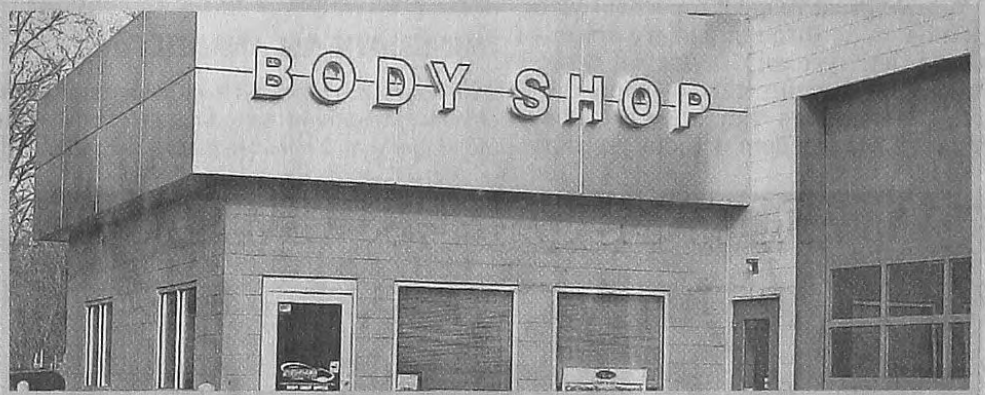


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LOS ANGELES - To Keren Taylor, there's no greater feeling than hearing an inner voice emerge from a shy young woman reaching into her soul to talk about herself through song lyrics, poetry or dramatic dialogue.

Taylor is the founder of WriteGirl, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit that connects teenage girls with mentors with the goal of empowering them to express themselves in whatever genre suits them — poetry, journals, screenwriting, playwriting or another form. In 16 years, WriteGirl has grown to include 300 young women, all paired with mentors.

The goal is to be there for the girls, through thick and thin. "There might be a storm raging, but we are here to be fierce protectors of these young women and their future. It's not easy but sure feels good," Taylor says.

She says her mission began when she was working as a singer and songwriter in New York. Invited to speak about her craft in school classroom, she realized that she could connect to youths through different forms of writing in ways that traditional essays never could.

"Kids did not like to write at all. The light bulb came on when they saw they could write a song," Taylor says.

The focus isn't necessarily on correct grammar and spelling. Rather, Taylor says she and her mentors focus on content — trying to draw out pent-up feelings so girls can express themselves in a world where often they are overshadowed in classrooms by boys.

"I have great respect for what teachers have to go through, but we are outside of that system," Taylor says. "We found that students thrive when they write about things they know. ... They are given the freedom without pressure



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For Keren Taylor, founder of the mentoring organization WriteGirl, the goal is to be there for the girls in the program through thick and thin. "It's not easy but sure feels good," Taylor says.

or competition."

WriteGirl says it has a 100 percent success rate in getting women to apply to college. The program is expanding to include boys and is reaching past schools into correctional facilities. WriteGirl programs are starting in other cities.

What makes Taylor most proud? When program graduates "want to give back. When they graduate from college, they want to be of service."

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Keren Taylor

Location: Los Angeles

Age: 53

Profession: Community leader

Mission: To help young women

Q&A WITH KEREN TAYLOR

What does it mean to you to be an American?

To me, being an American means to be part of a diverse and vast country, as full of possibilities and imperfections as I am. It comes with responsibility, this citizenship of America — a responsibility to uphold and advance the country's founding principles of equality, justice and freedom. In my own way, I know I am doing my best to do my part on that front, in my own community, with hundreds of volunteers helping and contributing to this organization, WriteGirl, that I started 16 years ago!

What moment motivated you to launch this effort?

Teen girls in Los Angeles and other cities are faced with incredible challenges. ... To give them a place where they are supported by other women, and encouraged and inspired, is really something that lets me sleep at night, to know that we're helping teen girls feel like their voice matters. So I think the work that I did previously as a songwriter, as a writer, nothing has been as powerful as the kind of work I am doing now.

What gives you hope and what concerns you?

We really help girls write about their families, their neighborhood, their culture, and what they see is that they have much more in common with other teen girls than they realized. And sometimes we have them even reading the work of other girls outside of Los Angeles to get that cross-pollination. I think it's really important that people really look at their own stories and not be only looking outward to a story that's being told to them by others. Because our story is what makes us American, our own personal stories.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

What I love is bringing people together who otherwise might not meet and (giving) them the chance to see the things they have in common. Los Angeles is full of people who are passionate about a lot of different things, so to be able to have that dialogue happen and to be able to bridge their various views and perspectives is really a terrific thing.

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Doctors send Madonna grads to life's next step

Livonia husband and wife physicians were the keynote speakers at Madonna University's 70th commencement ceremonies May 13 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Stella Salgado Evangelista, M.D., spoke at the 10:30 a.m. graduation exercise for some 400 doctoral, master's and undergraduate nursing and health graduates. Jose Limjoco Evangelista, M.D., gave the address at the 2 p.m. ceremony, to approximately 700 undergraduate students in the school of business and colleges of arts and humanities, education and natural and social sciences.

"We are honored the Evangelistas could share their secrets for success with our graduates this year and we are pleased to bestow on them honorary doctorates," Madonna President Michael A. Grandillo said. "Medical trail blazers, philanthropists and entrepreneurs, these accomplished doctors have achieved and led in a variety of endeavors and they are staunch supporters of Catholic higher education. The Madonna community is blessed to have them take part in this exciting day for our students."

The Distinguished Alumnus Award was presented to Timothy W. Turner, who graduated in 1987 with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. He went on to graduate from the Detroit Police Academy and to serve on the Wayne County S.W.A.T. team. He also worked as an undercover narcotics officer with the Michigan State Police Narcotics Cocaine Task Force.

Following his law enforcement service, Turner achieved an ex-

traordinary 30-year career providing leadership, expertise and service in the insurance industry. Currently, he is chairman and CEO of RT Specialty, the wholesale brokerage operation of Ryan Specialty Group, a global specialty insurance organization.

The Evangelistas have worked to improve Filipino-American relations and to create jobs in Livonia and southeast Michigan. In recognition of their exemplary contributions to ethnic diversity, they were inducted into the International Institute Hall of Fame in 1990, the first Filipinos and the first couple ever to be inducted.

Both received the Asian American Hall of Fame Award in Medicine and Government Service and were named one of 20 outstanding Filipino-Americans in the United States by the Fil-Am Image magazine of Washington, D.C. They are the proud parents of six successful children, who have blessed them with four grandchildren. Their unwavering commitment to the pursuit of excellence across many aspects of life is held together by their faith and love of God.

An honorary doctor of humane letters degree was conferred upon servant of humanity, Stella Salgado Evangelista, who graduated magna cum laude in 1963 from the Cebu Institute of Technology and received a doctorate of medicine from the University of Santo Tomas in 1968. From 1983-93, she was chief of pediatrics at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She also served as president of the Association of Philippine Physicians in America from 1993-94.

She was the first wom-

an elected to the presidency and the first Filipino and first Asian to be appointed to the Michigan State Board of Medicine, serving two terms from 1986-93. Stella Evangelista served as executive director and later president of the University of Santo Tomas Medical Association Alumni Foundation. A

former member of the Michigan State Board of Pharmacy, she became a member of the Congressional Asian American Pacific Caucus. An honorary doctor of international relations degree was bestowed upon Jose Evangelista, who has spent the last 13 years serving as honorary consul general of

the Philippines, the highest ranking Philippine official in the state of Michigan. He also is a former chief of staff at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and a past president of the Association of Philippine Physicians in America. Since 1986 he has been the CEO of the J.S. Evangelista Development

LLC, a construction and development company based in West Bloomfield. He also is president and CEO of the Royal Management Co. From 1994 to 2000, he served on the board of the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation of the U.S. Department of Education.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2017 - 2018 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017, 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 2017 - 2018 City Budget.

Proposed 2017 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 2017 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

- The 2017 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 10.9937 mills, which is .1912 mills less than the 2016 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 10.9937 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula.
- The 2017 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 2.8488 mills, which is .0924 mills less than the 2016 tax rate.
- The 2017 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.8200 mills which is the same as the 2016 tax rate.
- The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 15.6625 mills for 2017, which is .2936 mills less than the 2016 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, 2017 and the Winter Levy due December 1, 2017 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 2017 equalization factors of 1.0732 for the residential class of property, 1.0753 for the commercial class of property and 1.0469 for the industrial class of property. Since the City has adjusted assessments for all property classes for 2016 by the proposed factors, all 2017 equalization factors will be set at 1.0000.

2017 - 2018 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	\$5,596,480	Administration	\$1,662,810
Licenses & Permits	5,100	Buildings & Grounds	374,650
Federal Grants	1,000	Police Department	3,591,330
State-shared Revenue	848,100	Fire Department	942,840
Sales of Service	745,230	Public Works Dept	699,130
Cemetery Revenue	152,500	Other Functions	192,600
Parking Revenue	88,200	Capital Outlay	101,300
Other Revenue	733,780	Debt Service	-0-
Transfers-In	1,000	Transfers-Out	606,730
REVENUE TOTAL	\$8,171,390	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$8,171,390

MAJOR STREET FUND			
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 530,810		
Contrib & Other	500,010		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,030,820	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 1,030,820

LOCAL STREET FUND			
Gas & Weight Tax	\$ 211,230		
Contrib & Other	176,320		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$ 387,550	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 387,550

RECREATION FUND			
Contrib. From G/F	\$ 200,000		
Prog. Fees & Other	991,750		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,191,750	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 1,191,750

WASTE & RECYCLING FUND			
Property Taxes	\$ 873,770		
Sales of Service & Other	431,550		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,305,320	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$ 1,305,320

Revenues		Expenditures	
OTHER CITY FUNDS			
PARC Fund	\$ 85,000		\$ 85,000
Parking Fund	\$ 10		\$ 10
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 1,011,820		\$ 1,011,820
Building Fund	\$ 498,200		\$ 498,200
Neighborhood Services Fund	\$ 79,730		\$ 79,730
Brownfield Re-Development Authority Fund	\$ 31,090		\$ 31,090
Brownfield Site Remediation Fund	\$ 50		\$ 50
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
OWI Forfeiture Fund	\$ 20,500		\$ 20,500
Omnibus Forfeiture Fund	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000
2008 GO Debt Fund	\$ 406,180		\$ 406,180
2010 LTGO Debt Fund (DDA)	\$ 238,150		\$ 238,150
2012 GO Bond & 2002 Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 355,350		\$ 355,350
2012 W/S Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 264,050		\$ 264,050
2014 GO/2004 Refunding Bond Debt Fund	\$ 633,850		\$ 633,850
2015 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Debt Fund - DDA	\$ 100,760		\$ 100,760
2015 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Debt Fund - W/S	\$ 251,340		\$ 251,340
Public Improvement Fund	\$ 50		\$ 50
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 39,050		\$ 39,050
DDA Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 25,050		\$ 25,050
2012 GO Bond Construction Fund	\$ 123,782		\$ 123,782
2015 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Construction Fund - DDA	\$ 134,016		\$ 134,016
2015 LTGO Cap Imp Bond Construction Fund - W/S	\$ 1,425		\$ 1,425
Water / Sewer Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 580,000		\$ 580,000
Water / Sewer Operating & Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,954,220		\$ 4,954,220
Equipment Fund	\$ 702,040		\$ 702,040
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 16,000		\$ 16,000

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 2017 - 2018 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.

Maureen A. Brodie, CMC
City Clerk



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Madonna President Michael A. Grandillo, Ph.D., and Eileen M. Ashley, board chairperson, confer honorary doctorates upon Livonia physicians Stella Salgado Evangelista and Jose Limjoco Evangelista.



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Leah London of Ecorse and her mother Victoria Watts of Inkster earned a master's in nursing and a master's in pastoral ministry, respectively.

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When it comes to raising chickens, Alex Strauch is the man.

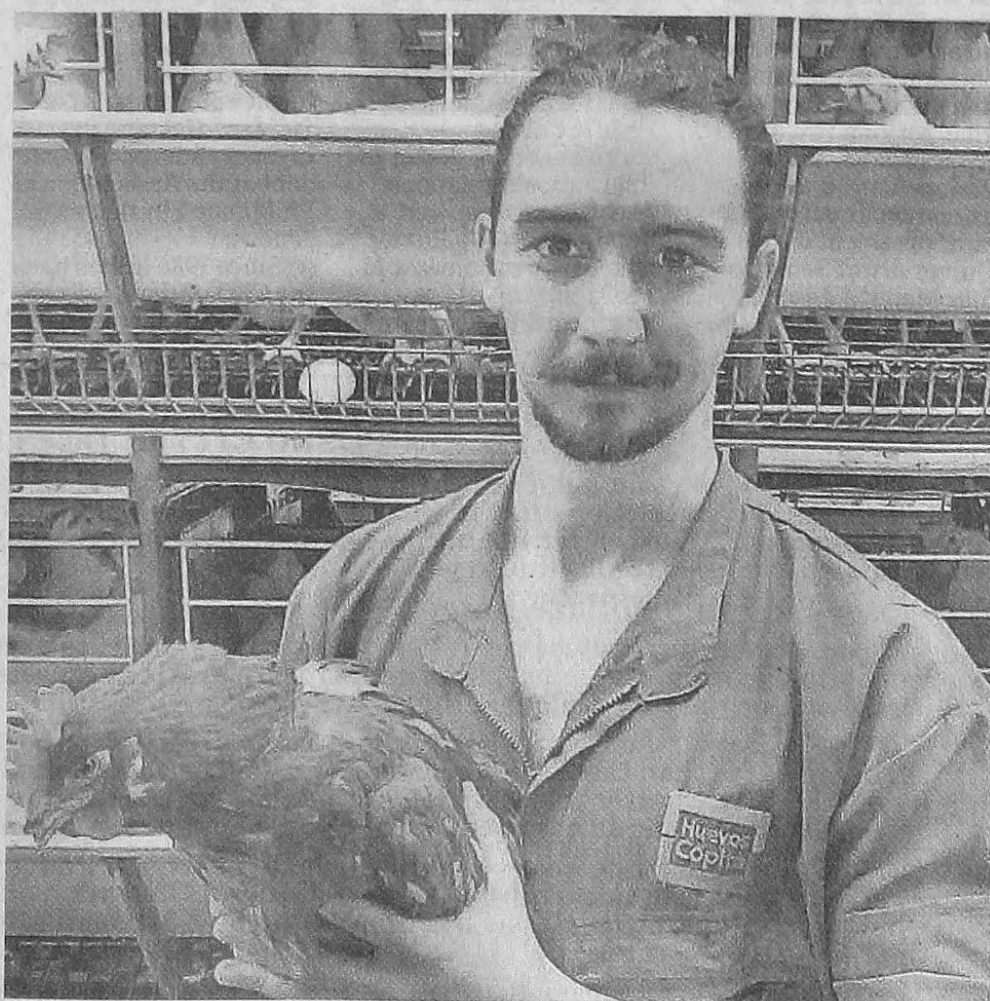
The North Farmington High School graduate has accepted a position as staff veterinarian with Herbruck's Poultry Ranch, which is the largest chicken farm in Michigan and the 13th largest in the country. Strauch, 27, will be responsible for the welfare of millions of poultry whose eggs supply clients such as McDonald's restaurants, Costco and Meijer stores.

He starts his new job Monday.

"We service every McDonald's east of the Mississippi for their eggs," Strauch said. "Every time you get that Egg McMuffin for breakfast, we're the ones who supplied the eggs."

Located in Saranac, the poultry ranch has more than 7 million chickens. They're divided into different sites — conventional, organic, cage-free housing, a brown egg-laying site — and each site has its own farming goal to cater to the various markets.

Strauch will be responsible for reviewing the many protocols necessary to ensure the



Local veterinarian Dr. Alex Strauch has accepted a job at the largest poultry ranch in Michigan.

flock's health, such as lighting or vaccine programs. He'll be consulted on nutritional programs and will handle any troubleshooting issues that

might crop up. "When everything is running like a well-oiled machine, life can be easy," he said. "But you always have to be pre-

pared." Strauch, who was homecoming king of his senior class at North Farmington, earned a four-year degree in zool-

ogy at Michigan State University prior to attending veterinary medical school. He was a four-year member of the school's rugby team and pledged Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Peacocks and crocodile hunters

His family lives in Bloomfield Hills. But growing up, Strauch lived right across the street from the Detroit Zoo.

"I could literally hear the peacocks and the seals barking," he said. "And I loved Steve Irwin growing up — he really sparked my love of animals."

In his last year of veterinary school, he took a course on poultry medicine that included trips to turkey operations, duck operations — and a visit to Herbruck's, a family business that was founded in 1958.

"We had just wrapped up a great tour and the vice president of poultry operation said they were thinking of adding a full-time staff vet, because they were expanding," Strauch said. "Right before we filed into the van, I gave him a business card and said, 'I'm your guy' and, two weeks later, I got a call. The business

card actually worked."

Make no mistake — Strauch knows his chickens. He recently returned from a trip to South America, where he spent three weeks studying management operations on a poultry ranch in Chile.

Serve the bird

Asked about the biggest challenges in managing millions of chickens, Strauch said it's trying to cater to an ever-changing marketplace demand.

"The consumer base is demanding certain growing and housing demands for chickens and we're doing our best to cater to those concerns," he said. "At the same time, we have to make sure we're not compromising the health of our birds."

At the end of the day, Strauch said it's his mission to raise a healthy chicken.

"I'm going to follow the science," he said. "I'm going to base my decisions on research rather than my emotions to make sure we're doing the right thing and serving the bird. That's the take-home message at Herbruck's — serve the bird."

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Real estate agent donates bikes for children in need



Bart and Donna Charlick with some of the bikes they donated to Community Sharing.

Sharon Dargay
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Milford Realtor Donna Charlick bought a bike for each of her 52 closings last year.

She gave them to Community Sharing, the Milford-area outreach center, and watched the lucky winners of its bike giveaway contest pick up their prizes May 3-4.

"I live in Highland and it has been on my heart to do something with Community Sharing, because it benefits the people in the community I live in and work with," said Charlick, an agent for Re/Max Classic. "I've been following Community Sharing for several years. I drive by and know people who donate their time there. It is right in my community and that was important."

With the help of her

husband Bart, Charlick bought a variety of bikes in different sizes and for both boys and girls in December last year, thinking Community Sharing might give them away as Christmas gifts.

But Community Sharing volunteers had another idea.

"We thought spring would be a great time for the bikes and the kids would have an opportunity to get out on them immediately," said Susan Militello, a Community Sharing caseworker who coordinated the bike giveaway. "I'm glad we ended up doing it in the spring, because the kids can get on them now."

Clients were invited to participate in the contest by dropping one entry per child into one of several containers labeled with an age range and gender. Com-

munity Sharing received 146 entries for the bike contest. The organization bought helmets and locks for each winner.

"The parents were enthusiastic. We had a couple say it was their son's birthday in two days and he'd been wanting a bike. The other nice thing that ended up happening was that we ended up with multiple winners in two families. I was real happy about that. It worked out so nice," Militello said, adding that three children in each of the two families received bikes.

Charlick was happy to help.

"It was fun when I got the call and was asked to come and see the recipients. I told them I wanted to stay in the background. The kids were pretty shy," she said.

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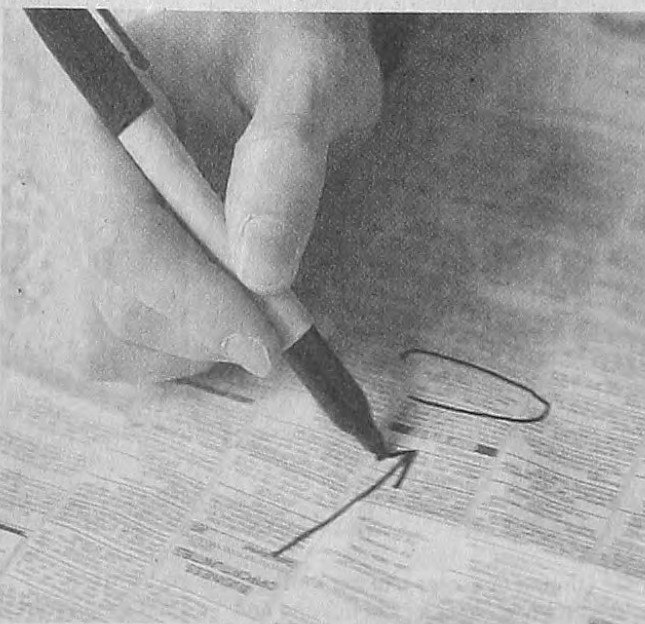
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Senior luncheon

The next free luncheon at Salem National Lutheran Church in Westland will be at 11 a.m. May 24. The church is at 32430 Ann Arbor Trail.

Festival of Song

The Langford Men's Chorus will be in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road, Westland.

The internationally renowned chorus will present its third concert in the 2017 Festival of Song series. The concert repertoire includes music from many genres, such as spirituals, classical compositions, Broadway and doo-wop.

Advance tickets are \$15 and will be available at the church. Tickets on the day of the concert are \$18. Tickets can also be ordered at langsfordmenschorus.org

For more information, email dhcatherman@aol.com or call 248-478-1336.

DIA coming to Plymouth

The Detroit Institute of Art will be visiting PARC-Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex to give an enlightening and educative presentation as part of the Inside/Out Plymouth program.

The Behind the Seen: Art Talk "Picturing Music" will be given by Cynthia Patrick at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23. The evening also includes special performances by the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and the MSOT Children's Chorus, which will immediately follow the presentation. For more information, call 734-937-4090.

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Angels for Isabelle and Elliott fundraiser

A fundraising event to raise money to cover costs of medical care for two young Plymouth residents — Elliott, age 3, who has autism, and Isabelle, age 2, who has stage 4 cancer and Sotos syndrome — is being held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at Summit in the Park in Canton.

The event is \$15 for adults 13 and up, \$10 for children 12 and under. Tickets are presale only at www.eventbrite.com/hk/myevent?eid=33881167484 or in the Facebook event page facebook.com/events/1900331323584096. Tickets are on sale until May 29.

The event features a full breakfast buffet in a beautiful setting, white linens and china. There will be a live DJ, live music from a local band, magician Steven Skindell performing, costumed Disney princesses from the local Plymouth Canton theater group for photos, face painting, a 50/50 cash raffle, and a prize-based raffle with over fifty different prizes donated by local businesses. All prizes are on display on Facebook page www.facebook.com/angelsforisabelleandelliott/.

Sounds of the Spirit

Music of the Sikh, Hindu, Buddhist and Native American faiths will be featured at Sounds of the Spirit, an interfaith event set for 3-6 p.m. Sunday, June 11, in Plymouth.

Presented by the In-

terFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit, this is the second in a series of musical presentations and panel discussions to increase respect and understanding among diverse faiths, cultures and races.

Sounds of the Spirit will be hosted by Mata Tripta Ji Gurdwara Sahib, located at 40600 Schoolcraft Road in Plymouth.

The program includes music performed on the traditional instruments of these faiths: Native Drumming, Mary Vorves; Sikh Krtaan, Yashpreet Matharu and Manjot Matharu; Soka Gakkai International (SGI) Nichiren Buddhist Music, Carolyn Ferrari; Hindu Devotional on the Veena, Parashar Athmakuri and Deekshita Athmakuri accompanied by Rajasekhar Athmakuri on mrudangam; Sacred Wave Gong Immersion, Christopher Davis.

The event is open to the public with a cost of \$10 per person; children under 10 are free. To register in advance, visit tinyurl.com/soundsofthespirit2. Tickets, which include refreshments, also can be purchased at the door for \$13.

Crohn's & Colitis support group

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Michigan Chapter holds a monthly support group for patients and caregivers affected by Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

The Farmington Hills IBD Support Group meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at Beaumont Hospital, Ziegler A & Center, Classrooms A & B at 28050 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 25. This group will take the summer off and not meet in June, July or August 2017. For more information, call 248-737-0900, ext. 2 or email michigan@crohnscolitisfoundation.org.

21st annual Kidney Walk

For the past 21 years, more than 70,000 metro Detroit walkers and supporters have teamed up to raise more than \$6 million for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's annual Kidney Walk and this year the goal is to raise \$600,000 more to fight kidney disease Sunday, May 21, at the Detroit Zoo. Walk day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the walk kicks off at 8:45 a.m.

Participants can register on-site on the day of the walk or online before the walk date. For more information, go to www.nkfm.org/walks or call Lisa Schutz Jelic at the NKFM at 800-482-

1455, ext. 210.

Registration is \$25 per person (over the age of 12) and \$10 per child for ages 3-12 and includes parking, zoo admission and activities. Kids under the age of 2 years old are free. Additional fundraising beyond the registration fee is encouraged. Participants who raise \$100 or more receive a Kidney Walk T-shirt.

Good News Day Camp

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia is hosting Good News Day Camp, a Christian, full-day camp for ages 5 through completing sixth grade, starting June 19-23.

Activities include opening and closing worship and praise, singing, games, arts and crafts, nature activities, Bible study, large group activities, snacks and more. 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 28, registration is \$70 per child.

Contact Judy Cook at 248-442-8822 or judy@emmanuel-livonia.org for more information. Deadline to register is Monday, June 12. Emmanuel Lutheran is at 34567 Seven Mile Road.

Canton artist featured at Westland exhibit

Award-winning Canton artist Sharon Lee Dillenbeck will exhibit her unique impressionistic style watercolors and oil paintings in a solo exhibition at Westland's Gallery at City Hall during the month of June. Over 60 works of her delicately rendered original art will include florals, landscapes, seascapes, family portraits, O'Keefe-like pieces, oriental and still life; the largest collection of her works ever on display.

Dillenbeck is well known in the community as owner of D&M Art Studio, which she founded over 30 years ago and art collectors look forward to visiting her booth at Plymouth's Art in the Park every summer to buy her much coveted work. D&M offers art classes for people of all ages and skill level in a variety of mediums, has summer art camps for kids, sells art supplies and is an art gallery showcasing work by Dillenbeck and many pieces by her talented students, past and present.

Everyone is invited to attend her free reception, which is set for 4-7 p.m. Friday, June 16. Guests can purchase her original hanging works of art and during the reception there will also be matted originals, note cards, any adult who brings a child will re-

ceive a free art class for their little artist at D&M Art Studio in Canton. Plus there will be free face painting for the kids. Light refreshments will be served.

This exhibition, sponsored by the Three Cities Art Club, will be on display from June 1-30 at the Gallery at City Hall in Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. For more information, call Dillenbeck at 734-673-2002 or Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939.

Tapped In The 'Ville

Tickets are on sale for Tapped in the 'Ville, Northville's inaugural craft beer festival. The festival will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at Millennium Park. Tickets can be purchased at www.northville.org or at the chamber office. A limited number will be available on the day of the event. The festival will also include food trucks, live entertainment and a corn hole tournament.

The \$30 admission ticket includes 10 three-ounce tasting tickets, a 12-ounce festival mug and optional registration for the corn hole tournament.

Participating breweries include Arbor Brewing, Founder's Brewing Co., Dragonmead Brewery, Great Lakes Brewing, North Center Brewing Co., Griffin Claw Brewing Co., Oskar Blues Brewing, Roak Brewing Co., Saugatuck Brewing Co. and Shiner Beers.

Canton Girls Night Out

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's fourth annual Girls Night Out will be held Thursday, June 8. This is the perfect opportunity for ladies to check out some of the great businesses in Canton.

Ladies will start at the chamber office, where they will receive their shopping bag and surprise giveaway, as well as a list of the participating businesses. Ladies can go to any of the participating businesses, where they will be offering refreshments, discounts and other special gifts.

Everyone will head to Fellows Creek Golf Club for the Girls Night Out After Party. You will enjoy more socializing, drink specials, light refreshments and lots of door prizes.

Girls Night Out will feature a special purse raffle during the after party. Ladies will have the chance to bid on the handbag of their choice.

Registration is \$20 per person. A limited number of spaces available. Call the chamber office at 734-453-4040 or purchase at www.cantonchamber.com.

Teen volunteer opportunity

The Westland Public Library is looking for teen volunteers to help with the 2017 Summer Reading Program, "Build a Better World." Volunteers will help in the Youth Services Department and assist at many of our summer events. This is a great opportunity for teens to earn valuable experience and service hours for their school or community organization.

Volunteers should be entering ninth grade or above in fall 2017. Applications are available at the library and www.westlandlibrary.org. Applications should be submitted to the Youth Services Desk before attending one of three "walk-in" training sessions from 7:15-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1; Monday, June 5; or Wednesday, June 7, in the Youth

Activity Room of the Westland Library.

Most applications are accepted as long as space allows, but earlier applicants have priority in scheduling. For more information, contact Claire.mueller@westlandlibrary.org or call 734-326-6123, ext. 2847.

Caring for Dementia

Free event 7 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. A presentation to caregivers on insightful ways to care for loved ones with dementia. Presented by Elaine C. Pereira, certified dementia practitioner and caregiver, and author of "I Will Never Forget; A Daughter's Story of her Mother's Arduous Journey Through Dementia." RSVP at 734-237-3968 or 622neverforget@gmail.com.

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Dobreff



John L. John L. Dobreff, WWII veteran and loving father, died on May 15 at the age of 92. He was born in West Frankfort, Illinois. John was a loving husband to Betty Louise White (1/18/1924-12/17/2013). He served in the US Navy and was stationed on the LCIL 493, the first ship to transport troops to Omaha Beach (D Day). He is survived by son John (Michelle) Dobreff and daughter Brenda Stricklin. Services will be held at Uht Funeral Home in Westland. Visitation Thursday (5/18) 5-9pm with a funeral on Friday (5/19) 10am. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com.

Leitch



Phyllis Emery Leitch formerly of Farmington Hills, Michigan and Salem, South Carolina departed this life on Monday May 15th, 2017 in Greenwood, South Carolina. Born in Detroit on August 8th, 1931 to Percy Lloyd and Georgiana Emery, Phyllis graduated from Redford High School in 1949. She studied music performance (clarinet and piano) at Michigan State University from 1950-1952 when she left to marry Dr. Jack Leitch.

Married to Jack for 56 years, their adventures together included being stationed in France with the United States Army for two years, raising three children born in three different decades (along with 4 golden retrievers and two cats, much to Jack's chagrin), and traveling the world, including a trip to Russia for their 50th anniversary. They had a playful rivalry of alma maters (Jack, a Michigan Wolverine and Phyllis, a Michigan State Spartan) but collectively enjoyed season tickets to University of Michigan Football for years. Most fall weekends were spent tailgating in Ann Arbor with Phyllis rooting for the Maize and Blue every game except one per year where she'd gleefully dress in Spartan Green and White, telling Jack to "deal with it."

She was a member of the Tuesday Musicales of Detroit, the Farmington Musicales, the Four Octave Club, the Friends of Four Hands, and the Keyboard Kaleidoscope of Farmington. She was a piano soloist with the Scandinavian Symphony Orchestra of Detroit in 1968, playing Rachmaninoff. In 1990, she enrolled at Wayne State University, finishing her degree in piano performance in 1993. After relocating with Jack to Salem, South Carolina in 1994 Phyllis founded the Piano Connection (a duo piano group) and the Kaleidoscope Piano Quartet.

Upon Jack's death in 2011, Phyllis moved to Wesley Commons in Greenwood, South Carolina. She became a member of "The Accidentals", a piano quartet and she accompanied the Wesley Commons Chorus.

She is survived by her children: Patricia Luper of Houston, TX; John Leitch and his wife Jessica of Phoenix, AZ; and Marianne Breneman and her husband Brian, of Raleigh, NC. Three grandsons: Jason Burke and his wife Jamie; Timothy Burke of Houston, TX and Nicholas Leitch of Phoenix, AZ. Three great-grandchildren: Carter, Madi, and Kennedy Burke of Houston, TX. Three brothers: Jack Emery of Georgetown, TX; Allan (Peggy) Emery of Ann Arbor, MI; and Donald Emery of Greenville, TN. Also survived by her close companion Ted Armstrong of Greenwood, SC.

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Young



Loretta age 90 of Plymouth, passed away May 15, Beloved wife of the late Harold Young. Survived by 2 children, Janet (Richard) Wears and Leanne Young; 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Dearest sister of Paul Toupin. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth on Thursday, May 18 from 3pm to 8pm. Funeral Service at Schrader-Howell 11am Friday, May 19. For full obituary and to share memories, visit www.schrader-howell.com



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GIRLS SOCCER

Novi prevails 2-0 in battle of Wildcats

Plymouth blanked in conference final

Brad Emons
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The team trainer was busy post-game, icing down and taping up the Novi girls soccer team members, who resembled a M*A*S*H* unit, following their 2-0 conquest of Plymouth.

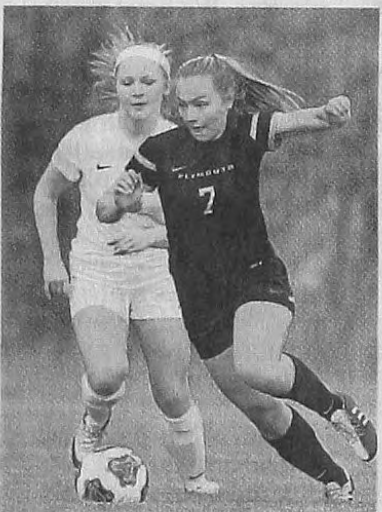
Novi's battle cry for its walking wounded is "next woman up" and that was never more evident Thursday night as the host Wildcats repeated as Kensington Conference champions at Meadows Stadium.

Novi (10-4-3) dominated the first half, getting goals from sophomore forward Julia Stadtherr (unassisted) with 23:04 left and senior forward Bailey Baumbick (from Vera Razburgaj) with 5:50 remaining.

Sophomore forward Lexi Whalen and senior forward Annie Fisher also both hit the crossbar during the opening half, which could have made it worse.

"I think we were all just staying together as a team," said Novi senior defender Gracie Backus, who left the field with a big ice pack on her elbow. "That's a big thing for us when we get early

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth's Lindsay Badger (right), shown from a recent game against Canton, played Thursday for the conference championship.

KLAA BASEBALL



MICHAEL VASILNEK

The Canton Chiefs hoist their KLAA championship trophy after defeating Brighton, 7-5.

CHIEFS SEIZE THE DAY

Hard-nosed Canton wards off Brighton comeback, wins association championship game

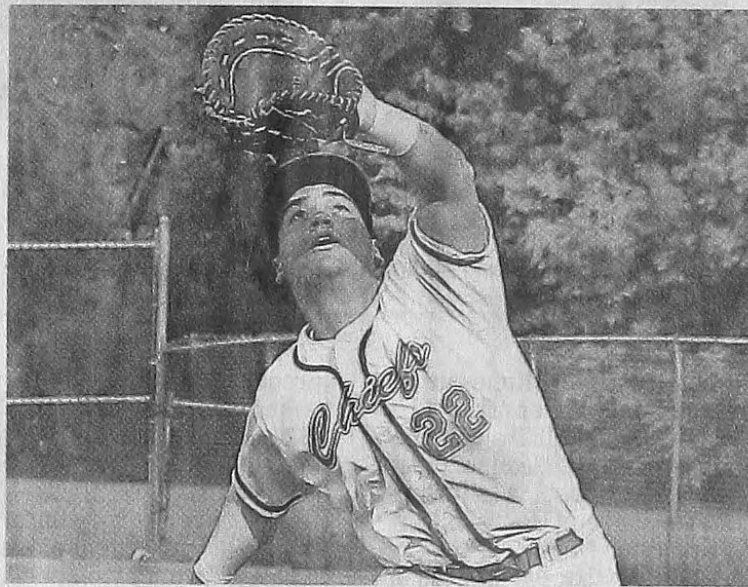
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As soon as the baseball left the bat of Brighton's Sam Williamson and soared above the infield — with the potential tying run on second base and two outs during Wednesday's KLAA championship game — Canton junior first baseman Lou Baechler took charge.

On a windy afternoon where fly balls drifted all over Canton's baseball field, there was no way Baechler was going to let the popup drop and jeopardize the Chiefs' bid for their first association championship in four years.

Baechler raced in from his position and caught the baseball right by the mound, then began celebrating with teammates after holding off the Bulldogs for a 7-5 victory.

"Someone had to take charge and I felt I had a good angle on it," said Baechler, also



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Making his game-ending catch near the mound is Canton junior first baseman Lou Baechler.

an offensive standout with a 3-for-4 day and three RBIs. "So I just decided to get it. One

person takes charge, the others listen and I just happened to be fast enough to get there."

The way Baechler took charge had to be something to smile about for Canton senior center fielder Jake O'Donnell — quarterback for the Chiefs football team and one of several football-baseball athletes on the squad.

"It carries over, in all we do," O'Donnell said about whether there is a football mentality that permeates the baseball team. "The Canton Way' is only for the team. Only for the team on the front and not the name on the back."

Able to adapt

O'Donnell also was not to be denied, making several excellent running or leaping catches of potential Brighton gappers as he dealt with the wind.

"Every game has its struggles; this one was the wind," O'Donnell said. "Sometimes it's the sun, but you just got to

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PREP BOYS HOCKEY

Team Michigan makes noise at tournament

Opportunity knocking louder for area prep players thanks to showing at CCM-NIT in Minnesota

Tim Smith
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For years, major junior circuits such as the Ontario Hockey League were the preferred pipeline for hockey players with big-league aspirations.

Some played college hockey or went to leagues such as the North American Hockey League in hopes of getting noticed by NHL scouts.

High school hockey? Barely a blip.

But the perception of prep pucks is changing, attitudes are coming around and folks in important positions are watching. Consider the recent CCM High School National Invitational Tournament at Plymouth (Minn.) Ice Center, where Team Michigan brought two teams (one with seniors, the other juniors).

Out of eight teams, Michigan Seniors made it to the finals before losing to Wisconsin Seniors, 3-1. The Michigan Juniors squad reached the third-/fourth-place contest for the first time. Both teams played four games in four days, in front of many scouts and

coaches.

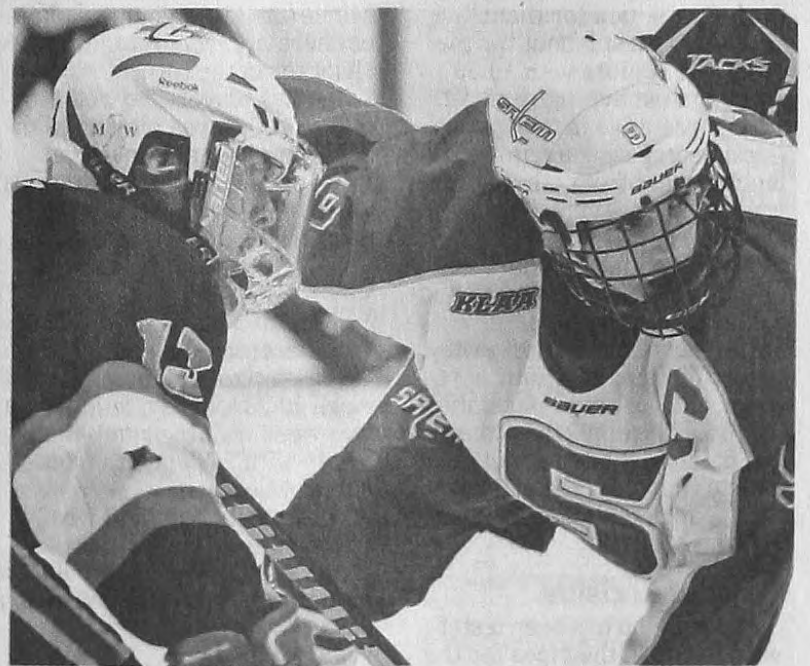
Big-league buzz

"The amount of scouts in the stands at the games, people don't believe it unless they're there," said Michigan Seniors coach Ryan Ossenmacher, who also is Salem High School's varsity hockey coach. "The truth is, the top few rows are just filled with guys from the NHL, college and junior level."

One reason for the extra attention is the fact the NAHL draft is coming up in June; the USHL draft took place in early May, shortly after the tournament.


"I've had countless con-

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Salem's Matt Schaumburger (right), shown during the 2016-17 high school season, played for Michigan Seniors at the CCM-NIT in Minnesota.



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BOYS GOLF

Plymouth keeps rolling with KLAA victories

Wildcats win both in double dual match

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The golf juggernaut that is the Plymouth Wildcats continued to roll Wednesday at par-35 Fox Hills Golf Course, topping both opponents in a double dual match.

Plymouth defeated campus rival Salem 155-163 and took care of Livonia Stevenson 155-159.

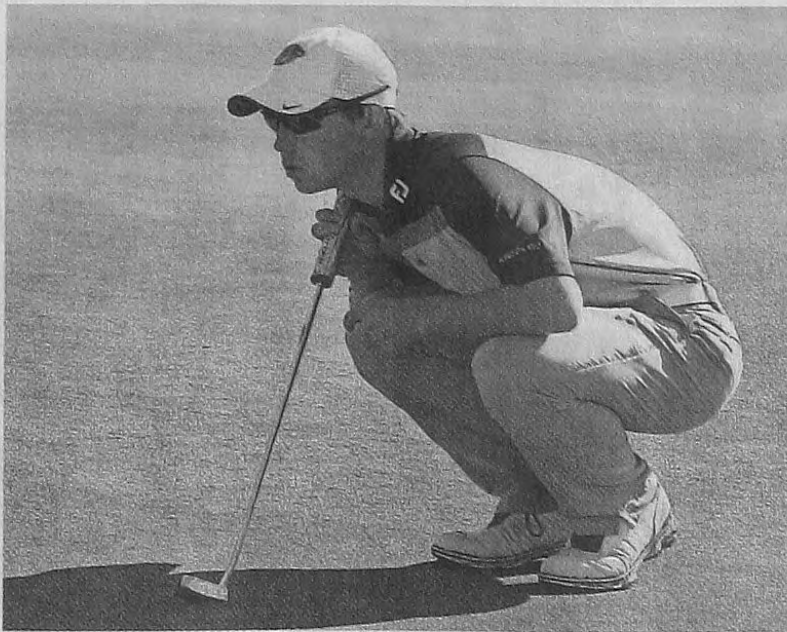
For the Wildcats, who remain undefeated in the KLAA standings with the association tournament set for Tuesday at Bay Point Country Club in Walled Lake, stellar performances were turned in by Justin Kapke (37), Ian Smith (38) and Jack Boczar (39).

But Plymouth's outstanding depth also extended to Matt Decker and Josh Wein, both registering 41 for the day, as well as 43 by Joe Fontana.

Stevenson (3-5) actually boasted the top individual performers, with medalist Connor Jakacki scoring 35, his best score of the season.

Contributing a stellar 37 for the Spartans was Trevor Lopus.

Salem split its matches, falling to Plymouth but defeating Canton 163-176.



Justin Kapke, shown from last season, was one of several Plymouth standouts Wednesday at Fox Hills.

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The Rocks (3-5) were paced by Matt Schaumburger, who shot 38.

Other Salem finishers included Bryce Henderson (39), Shawn Weldon (41), Jack McCarthy (45), Justin Polce (46) and Josh German (49).

Canton golfers were led by Patrick McDougall, who finished with 43.

Rounding out the scorecard for the Chiefs were Alex Heyde

(44), D.J. Jablonski (44), Suhas Potluri (45), Dominic Dimaya (46) and Josh Balldry (52).

KLAA CONTESTS: On Monday at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia, the host Churchill Chargers defeated Livonia Stevenson, 164-168, and Salem, 164-173.

Other matches at the par-35 course were won by the Rocks (173-188 over Livonia Franklin) and Spartans (168-188 over

Franklin).

In the Churchill-Stevenson match-up, the Chargers were led by medalist Logan Welch (38) and John Doyle (39). Other finishers were Davis Coughlin (43), Peyton Elkins (44), Aaron Walton (47) and Rob Gulick (55).

For Stevenson, scorers included Connor Jakacki (40), Craig Jakacki (42) and Trevor Lopus and Griffin Matick (43 each). Rounding out the card were Easton Schlatterbeck and Jacob Anderson, with 45 and 46, respectively.

Salem (2-4) was led by Josh German, who shot a team-best 42. Helping the cause for the Rocks were Justin Polce (43), Shawn Weldon (44), Jack McCarthy (44), Bryce Henderson (45) and Robbie Hermes (47).

CANTON TRI-MATCH: On Monday at Tanglewood Golf Course, Canton (176) defeated South Lyon and South Lyon East (both with 189).

Individual scorers for Canton included Suhas Potluri (42, co-medalist), Dominic Dimaya (44), D.J. Jablonski (44), Josh Balldry (46), Alex Heyde (47) and Patrick McDougall (50).

PLYMOUTH PREVAILS: Plymouth defeated South Lyon East and South Lyon in a nine-hole crossover Tuesday at Tanglewood.

The undefeated Wildcats

were led by Justin Kapke, who was medalist with 39. Other Plymouth finishers included Jack Boczar (41), Ian Smith (41), Josh Wein (42) and Matt Decker (43).

EAST LANSING CLASSIC: On May 13, the Wildcats came in third at the 36-hole East Lansing Classic at Forest Akers East and West courses, trailing Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Notre Dame Prep.

Senior Jack Boczar was second overall individually with a 70-74-144 scoreline.

Other Plymouth performers included Ian Smith (77-78-155), Justin Kapke (80-77-157), Josh Wein-Matt Decker (80-78-158) and Timmy Baldwin-Joe Fontana (84-79-163).

RU WINS: On May 15, senior Evan Albright took medalist honors with even-par 36 as host Redford Union (7-3, 5-3) posted a 184-232 WWAC victory over Romulus at Glenhurst G.C.

Other scores for RU included seniors Ben Hawn (42) and Jesse Suiter (46) and sophomore Gasper Havier (60).

STEVENSON 162, SOUTH LYON 172: On May 12, the Spartans won at Fox Creek. Leading the Spartans was medalist Connor Jakacki, with 37.

Trevor Lopus (41) and Craig Jakacki and Easton Schlatterbeck (42 each) also scored for Stevenson.

HOCKEY

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versations the last week, two weeks since we got back, with different junior scouts," Ossenmacher said. "About our team, about our players and it's all positive.

"And that, obviously, comes with doing well when we're out there. But within a matter of going out there, we've had three kids drafted (by the USHL), we had a kid tender with Topeka and all around it was a really positive experience for everybody."

Brighton forward Adam Conquest and Detroit Country Day defenseman Connor McGinnis were drafted by USHL teams and Calumet's Rory Anderson was also picked.

Also certain to garner interest from scouts are players such as Salem senior forward Matt Schaumburger, Northville senior goalie Brett Miller and others.

"It's just a matter of understanding there's multiple paths for guys," Ossenmacher said. "There's not one magical path, that you take this path and it works.

"And so, for too often, guys have said that high school can't be a route for them. But the reality is, it can be a route for them and maybe very well be the better option for them."

Miller — a standout for the Michigan Seniors with a 1.50 goals-against average and .941 save percentage in two games — said competing against elite-level players from other states was an "unbelievable" experience.

"We're playing against some of the best kids across the country and the stands are filled with scouts from almost every league out there for four days in a row," Miller said. "Not only is it great to be able to showcase our individual talents, but to be able to represent the state of Michigan and high school hockey is an honor."

His best decision

Miller, who has been a stalwart between the pipes for the Northville Mustangs, also said playing high school hockey is the way to go for any players on the fence about which path to take.

"It was the best decision that I ever made to play for Northville," Miller said. "And to be fortunate enough to go to Minnesota twice with Team Michigan has had a huge impact for me, since I want to play junior hockey."

"High school hockey has been getting better each year and it's only going to keep improving."

Concurring was Livonia Stevenson and Michigan Juniors coach David Mitchell,



Players and coaches of the Michigan Seniors hockey team enjoy some bonding time during the recent 2017 CCM-NIT in Minnesota.

whose roster in Minnesota included four players from Livonia — goalie Will Tragge, defenseman Jake Beaune, forward Julian Decina (all from Stevenson) and Churchill forward Tyler Haydu.

"I think that the success of Team Michigan is helping with the growth of high school hockey in Michigan," Mitchell said. "Hockey is unique in that players have so many good, viable options of where to play and we must continue to grow by developing players that can not only make Team Michigan, but succeed when there.

"The success of the four individuals from Livonia out in Minnesota gives younger players here in Livonia something to shoot for in the future.

"These players, as well as others in the area playing high school hockey, are having a great deal of individual success, which will carry them to the next level and beyond."

Expectations

Ossenmacher and Mitchell took the cream of a very talented crop to Minnesota for the April 20-23 tourney, following a two-week training camp that began with 248 players from across Michigan.

Ultimately, the field was trimmed to 40 seniors and 40 juniors, with subsequent all-star games played to determine final rosters.

"It's a challenge, having that many kids," Ossenmacher said. "Every kid gets three games (during the camp, held at Chelsea Arctic Coliseum) and then we whittle it down to an all-star game."

"When you make the teams in a situation like this, you're always going to have people that think you made mistakes."

"And so one of the first conversations we have with our players is, 'Hey, your job is to prove us right. ... You're the guys we thought were the guys that were going to win this' and they go out there (Minnesota) with that intention."

The success of both Michigan teams provided plenty of

proof that rosters were correctly chosen. But coaches and players alike stressed that playing high school hockey — from summer workouts through the state tourney — is an unforgettable experience that players might miss out by playing AAA hockey.

"The biggest benefit for high school players compared to AAA is the high school coaches all work together to make the product better as a whole and really get involved to help move kids on to the next level," Miller wrote in his email. "It's awesome to play for your school with guys you see every day and have all your friends in the stands at Friday night games."

According to Ossenmacher, who played high school and college hockey, coaches "just need to continue to work hard and promote our kids and our kids need to move on. That is the best advertisement for high school hockey."

"There's a lot of other things that are great about high school hockey," he added. "The schedule, the idea of playing for your school. Those are all things that some people know about, some people don't. But the reality is, you can come play high school and move on."

Schaumburger, a high-scoring forward who is tendered to play this year with the Metro Jets (Utica, Mich.) of the North American Tier III Hockey League and Syracuse (NY) Stars of the U.S. Premier Hockey League, said he is continuing to keep his options open.

But he strongly recommends others go the high school route.

"I'm not sure where I'm going to be playing next year yet," Schaumburger said. "I would definitely encourage incoming freshman to try out for high school hockey because I have gotten so many opportunities and created many friendships through high school hockey."

"It is an unbelievable experience."

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SOCCER

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goals. It's easy for us to stay with each other and I think we did. Even though we hit the crossbar a few times, we scored those two goals and it really helped us pick it up a little more."

Plymouth (14-3-1), the KLAA South Division's top seed after sharing the title with neighbor Canton, was coming off a 15-0 win over Wayne Memorial. But getting one against Novi's depleted defense, which was missing two starters, never materialized.

"Right now, we're playing through it and the good thing is that we have a deep bench, got a lot of people that can step in," Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said. "We had a couple of players that didn't play tonight."

Although one of Novi's top scorers, freshman Avery Fenchel, was lost for the season May 11 to a broken collarbone in a 3-1 win over Livonia Stevenson, the Wildcats seem to overcome their obstacles.

Baubick was back for only her second game after hurting her ankle early in the season.

"We have a really deep bench," Backus said. "We have some girls just wanting to play and get minutes and even if it's for two minutes on the field. Because we have that deep bench, it's OK for us starters to have a break and that's OK for us because we know we have great competition to come back."

Pheiffer, missing two players to a choir concert, is just able to plug the holes.

"They a great team. They play hard for each other, they step in a do a great job of filling in, whether it's five minutes or 10 minutes," he said. "That's what you want and every game we have different people scoring goals for us. We're not relying on one person and, sometimes, people are playing a different position and don't miss a beat."

Novi's play in the first half was nearly flawless.

"We have been stressing just playing the ball quick," Pheiffer said. "We have some very good technical players. When we play quick, when we play the ball to the feet, possess and not try and worry about getting behind them or playing the long ball in,

that's when we play our best soccer. That's the way we came out the first half and what we did."

Meanwhile, Plymouth couldn't mount any consistent threat against Novi junior goalkeeper Callie Rich, who made five saves en route to the shutout.

"Disappointing loss, some good spots, some bad spots," Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said. "We were missing a few key players. We have a couple people out. The energy needed to be better (second half). Effort and energy were a key, things we needed to change a little bit, and the team play."

Despite the loss, Neschich saw some positives.

"I thought Gabrielle McCaslin was a bright spot," he said. "She was strong and I thought Rivers (Smythe) played a strong game for us tonight. But at the end of the day, it wasn't a good day for (Plymouth)."

The win puts Novi in the KLAA Association championship game at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24 at Meadows Stadium against Lakes Conference champ Brighton, which advanced with a 2-1 win over Walled Lake Northern.

Novi, which looks to repeat, has formed a tight bond with a new group of players following last year's MHSAA Division 1 semifinal run.

"There's never a bad day, never a bad practice," Backus said. "And even when somebody is having a bad day, we can always come to practice and have a smile on your face, no matter what."

Meanwhile, Todd Pheiffer got family bragging rights over his two nieces Breana, a junior, and Alyssa, a freshman, who both play for Plymouth.

"We've had such a tough, tough schedule, not only just the competition, but the number of games," Todd Pheiffer said of his KLAA Central Division co-champion squad. "We've had stretches of five games in eight days, six games in 10 days ... and the division we play in is, by far, one of the most competitive. And look at Plymouth. They had only two losses all year to Canton and Brighton, who are very good teams and they (Plymouth) are a very good team as well."

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PREP LACROSSE

Canton boys team best of the Park

Chiefs win honors with overtime thriller against Plymouth

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The Canton Chiefs have endured an up-and-down season, including a mid-season coaching change.

But May 10, Canton's new boys lacrosse coach watched with pride as the Chiefs scored in double overtime to edge Plymouth, 8-7, for the coveted Park championship.

"It was a very tight, close game throughout," Canton coach Josh Simmons said.

"Both teams locked down defensively in the second half.

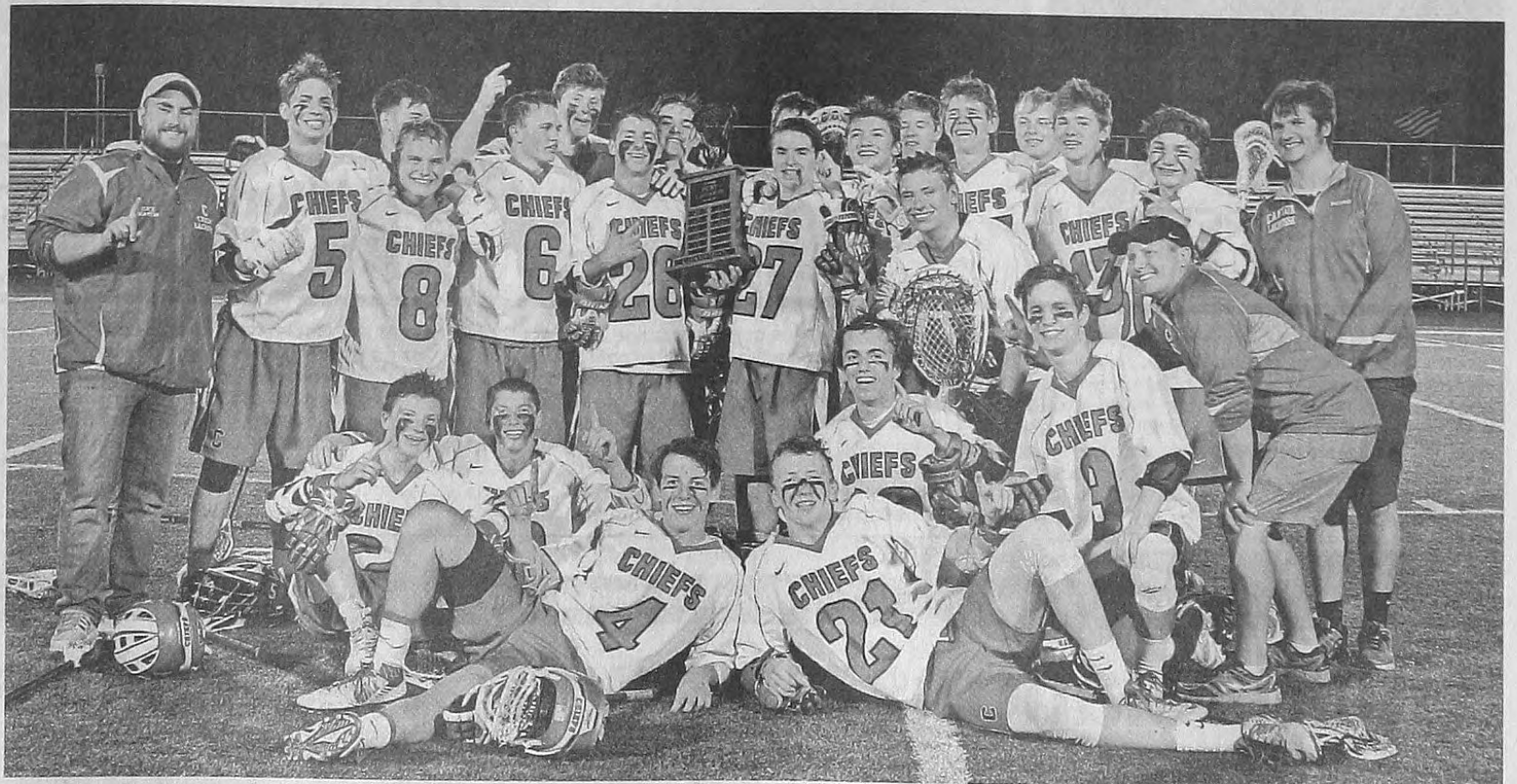
"Plymouth has some dangerous players on offense, but our defense, led by Steve Szymusiak, did a great job of bottling up Plymouth's offense. Nate Janice made some very huge saves for us in OT to keep the game alive."

With Janice making several of his 12 stops during the extra sessions, the Chiefs stayed alive until Zachary Sweet won it with his goal, set up by Connor Flanigan.

It was Sweet's second big goal of the night at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, when he fired the ball home with seven seconds left in the third quarter to tie the game at 6-6.

Carson Miller notched his second goal of the game for Plymouth during the fourth, but Canton's Chase Meredith (two goals, two assists) scored to make it a 7-7 game after regulation. Setting up Meredith's goal was Nick Polydoros, who had two goals and an assist.

Also scoring goals for the Chiefs were Drew Montgomery and Jack Cervante, with Emerson Taylor contributing two assists.



Canton's boys lacrosse team celebrates after winning the Park championship May 10 with an 8-7 double-OT win over Plymouth.

For the Wildcats, Zach Galaher scored three goals, with single goals by Ian Gozdor and Tyler Ramer.

"Nick Polydoros has been a warrior for us all season, doing everything from scoring goals, picking up ground balls and playing defense," Simmons said. "I don't think he left the field for both overtimes."

"Our two freshmen, Jack Cervantes and Zach Sweet, continue to impress me each game and are making impact plays every game."

SALEM (BOYS) 6, HURON VALLEY 4: The regular season ended on a positive note for Salem, winning for the 12th time Monday thanks to a four-goal game by Marty Mills.

Helping the Rocks with two goals was Tyler Thompson, while Walker Sievers contributed three assists.

Chipping in for 17 total ground balls were Mills, Kyle Diton and Noah Fleming with three each. Tommy Simpson had 10 face-off wins, while goalie Noah O'Donnell made 10 saves.

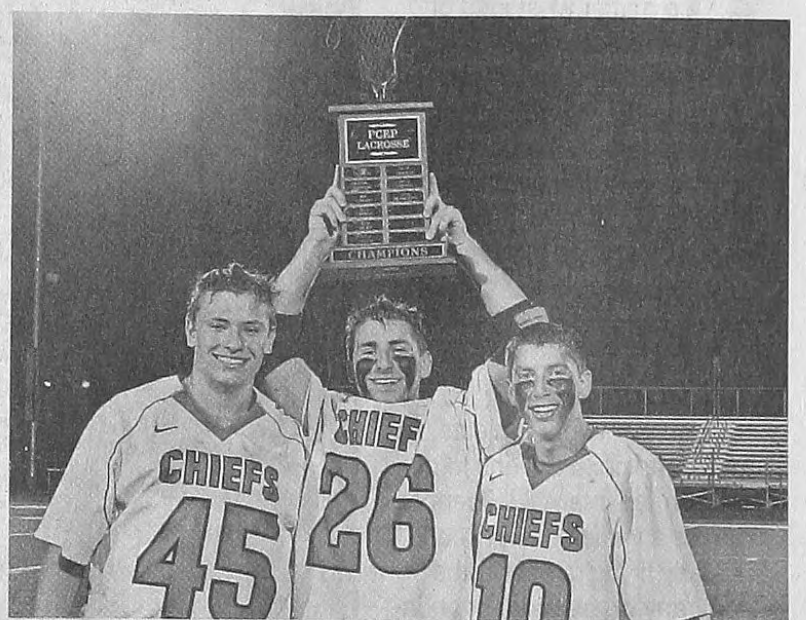
SALEM (GIRLS) 12, W.L. NORTHERN 10: Also Monday, Salem's girls team earned a victory.

Madison Mullins sparked the Rocks with four goals, with Stephanie Miller, Leah Tardiff and Izzy Murphy-Morrow each adding two.

Single goals were scored by Kayla Goleniak and Brittany Mitton.

A big reason for the win was the play of Salem goalkeeper Maddie Johnson, who stopped made 16 saves.

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Hoisting the Park championship trophy May 10 are Canton captains (from left) Nathan Janice (senior), Steven Szymusiak (senior) and Nick Polydoros (junior).

College-bound



Salem senior pitcher Erich Payne was one of four Rocks to sign national letters of intent last week. He will play at John Carroll University.

Gillen to go to MSU



Salem's Kendall Gillen signed Wednesday to join the Michigan State University rowing team. She was one of four student-athletes signing their national letters of intent last week.

PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Churchill offense not enough in 12-11 loss

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On a day when Livonia Churchill's bats were ringing hits around the diamond, the Chargers could not stem the Walled Lake Central tide in a 12-11 defeat Wednesday.

In the Kensington Lakes Activities Association baseball crossover, Churchill came up short despite enjoying an 11-hit attack against the Vikings.

Spearheading the Chargers were Jake Osen (2-for-5, homer, two runs), Joe Wozniak (1-for-4, three runs) and Chris Sergison (2-for-5, two runs, three RBIs).

Osen took the loss in relief of starter Drew Alsobrooks, pitching two innings.



Plymouth Christian's Matt Cusumano puts a good swing on a pitch during a May 16 contest.

PLYMOUTH 10-10, CATHOLIC CENTRAL 1-6: On Wednesday, the visiting Wildcats swept a twinbill behind the pitching of Evan Good in the opener and Josh Janovsky in the nightcap.

CLARENCEVILLE 18, THURSTON 2: Livonia Clarenceville (11-7, 8-1) scored eight times in the second inning and added 10 more in the third en route to a WWAC Red Division win May 17 over host Redford Thurston.

The Trojans, who took over sole possession of first place, collected 12 hits, led by Justin Kelley, who had three, including a pair of doubles and four RBIs. Senior Bobby Jaber contributed two hits and two RBIs, while David Means had monster bases-clearing double.

Other hits came from Matt Drain, Nick Snage, Kam MacIver, Chase Carter, Demond Scrutons and winning pitcher Austin Portwood, who earned his first victory of the year, combining on a three-inning one-hitter with Nick Bisaro.

"We're grinding out at-bats and laying off bad pitches," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "We are also playing pretty good defense. That's a great combination to have."

Thurston catcher Dimitri Snell roped a double for the Eagles.

REDFORD UNION 10-18, ANNAPOLIS 0-6: On May 17, Redford Union (13-7, 4-5) took both ends of a WWAC Blue Division doubleheader from visiting Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

The Panthers took the opener as winning pitcher Brendan Kerkhof improved to 5-1.

Top hitters for RU included Tyler Collard (3-for-4), Jakob Bowles (2-for-2), Jacob Gagnon (2-for-2) and Trevor Hamilton (two RBIs).

In Game 2, Collard went 4-for-6, while winning pitcher Jackson Allison (2-2) and Hamilton both went 3-for-4 with three RBIs in a run-rule victory. Kerkhof also went 2-for-3.

BELLEVILLE 7, REDFORD UNION 6: On May 15, host Redford Union (11-7, 2-5) fell to the Tigers in a WWAC Blue Division encounter in nine innings.

The Panthers rallied from two down in the seventh to send the game to extra innings. They also rallied from a 6-5 deficit with a run in the eighth, but came up one run short.

said. **PARKWAY CHRISTIAN 6, PCA 5:** On Tuesday, Plymouth Christian Academy lost a tough contest to defending Class D state champion Parkway Christian.

Eagles starting pitcher Josh Mason gave up just one run the first three innings, but coach Joe Bottorff had to make a pitching change due to MHSAA pitch count rules and the wheels then fell off.

Elijah Grit collected two hits for PCA, with Matt Cusumano, Phillip Morby, Nathan Bishop, Josh Mason and Adam Albert each collecting one single.

"I was encouraged by the effort," PCA head coach Joe Bottorff said. "The guys were not intimidated by the opponent and played with confidence."

FRANKLIN 6, SALEM 3: A five-run seventh inning was the difference Monday at Salem.

Leading the offense for the Patriots were Harrison Merrill (1-for-4, two RBIs), Colin Metzler (1-for-2, two runs), Johnny DiPonio (1-for-3, run), Cal Fournier (1-for-4, run, RBI), Jon Montie (double) and Ryan Celmer (1-for-4, RBI).

Going the distance for the Patriots was Celmer, who scattered seven hits and struck out six.

For the Rocks, Jake Seipenko and Noah Haran each went 2-for-3, with Seipenko doubling home two runs in the fifth to break a 1-1 tie.

Sean McCormack, Danny Diaz and Luke Hindt each registered one hit.

Salem starting pitcher Matt Brooks took a tough-luck loss. He gave up one earned run in six innings and fanned nine.

NOVI 4, CHURCHILL 1: Livonia Churchill starting pitcher Joe Wozniak, who recently signed to pitch at Madonna, suffered a hard-luck loss Monday.

Wozniak went six innings and gave up just two earned runs. At the plate, he singled and had two walks.

Drew Alsobrooks went 1-for-3 and scored the Chargers' lone run.

PLYMOUTH 6, STEVENSON 1: Evan Good tallied two hits Monday for the Wildcats and Brendan Lacorato pitched a complete game for the win.

Chris Tanderys notched two hits in two at-bats for the Spartans, while Dan Bos went 2-for-3.

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Build relationships with these 5 co-workers

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No matter what kind of an office culture your company may strive for, office politics are more than likely to persist. To successfully navigate the process, it helps to know the right people. Here are five people at your company you should start getting to know.

1. The influencer

If you want your projects, ideas and contributions to get traction, an internal influencer makes a valuable ally – particularly if you're new to the company or are more of an introvert. These are the workers who know everyone – including higher-ups in other teams and departments. They know what's going on around the company and are often vocal in their support or opposition to ideas during meetings.

2. Your boss's boss

Obviously you want a good relationship with your supervisor – it's hard to be effective and enjoy your work otherwise. However, not many workers establish a working relationship with their supervisor's boss, and therefore miss out on a lot of opportunities. Simply being comfortable talking openly with your boss's boss can improve your



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chances of getting in on bigger multidepartment projects, drawing attention to your wins and setting yourself up for new responsibilities and even potential promotions. Just be careful not to cut your boss out of the conversation – it could all backfire if your boss feels you're going over his or her head or behind his or her back.

3. HR ally

When it comes to being knowledgeable about your company, HR is tough to beat. They handle recruiting and hiring for every part of the organization, manage payroll and benefits and help in navigating the overall corporate culture. Having a connection to HR is a great way to get better acquainted with corpo-

rate guidelines and policies, and to gain a new perspective on how your company works.

4. The IT person

Sometimes you're not focused on your long-term career trajectory. Like the times your full attention is consumed by an indecipherable computer problem that is slowing you down and ruining your day.

When this happens, it helps to have a friend in the IT department who can escalate your issue through the work queue – or maybe even do a little troubleshooting on-the-spot as a favor between friends.

Even if you don't reach BFF status, knowing some people in IT can make the whole process a lot smoother, faster and less stressful for everyone.

5. The intern

While it's possible someday you may end up working for someone who was once your intern, that's far from the only reason to be on friendly terms. Interns often report to more than one person at the company – sometimes they're fielding requests from entire teams. Knowing their names, talking to them for reasons other than just making a request of them, and just generally treating them like human beings worthy of respect and courtesy can have a huge impact on the effort they're inclined to put into a task when you do need something from them.

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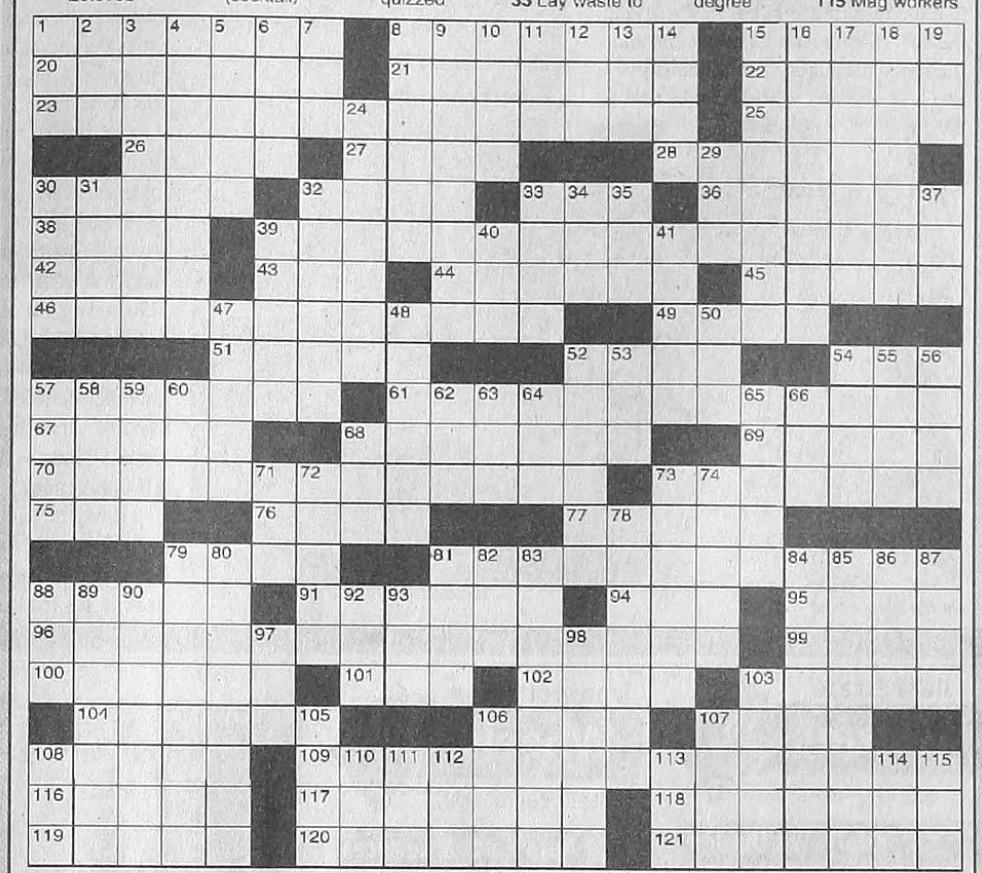
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 - 22 Match venue
 - 23 Additional examination (3rd from the sun)
 - 25 McLain of old baseball
 - 28 Sioux tribe members
 - 27 Scene
 - 28 Tranquil
 - 30 — Island (old immigration point)
 - 32 Poker style
 - 33 Eve's music
 - 36 Sends in, as payment
 - 38 Run things
 - 39 Result of a minor infraction in hockey (8th from the sun)
 - 42 Specks in la Seine
 - 43 Not be well
 - 44 "Sand" actor Estevez
 - 45 Fencing weapons
 - 46 Hall-of-Fame Jets running back (1th from the sun)
 - 49 Launch platforms
 - 51 Italian for "seven"
 - 52 Complacent
 - 54 Projecting crane arm
 - 57 Major fuss
 - 61 Lie in court (5th from the sun)
 - 67 "I'm keeping my eye —"
 - 68 Work site supervisors
 - 69 Book review?
 - 70 One onliting GIs (1st from the sun)
 - 73 Milk sugar
 - 75 Where one lives. Abbr.
 - 76 Sly food
 - 77 Gabriele of modeling and volleyball
 - 79 Part of AFB
 - 81 Moon rock source (7th from the sun)
 - 88 — gin fizz (cocktail)
 - 91 Ancient Indian emperor called "the Great"
 - 94 Colo. clock setting
 - 95 Whittish gem
 - 96 Unexpected nice thing (6th from the sun)
 - 99 Fight arbiters
 - 100 Comic Berle
 - 101 JFK takcoff guess
 - 102 Wine-related prefix
 - 103 Don't dissent
 - 104 "Peter Pan" penner
 - 106 Gen. Robert —
 - 107 Pair
 - 108 "Zip your lip!"
 - 109 "Inherited or acquired" dichotomy (2nd from the sun)
 - 116 Tolerate
 - 117 Like sandals
 - 118 Not shown, as on TV
 - 119 Died down
 - 120 Nonvital body organs
 - 121 People being quizzed
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 - 2 — TURN (street sign)
 - 3 "Page Down" user, e.g.
 - 4 Most dapper
 - 5 Eldest Musketeer
 - 6 Some deer
 - 7 Gool' up
 - 8 — gatherum
 - 9 Carnivore's intake
 - 10 Couture magazine
 - 11 Place
 - 12 Naval acad. grad
 - 13 — Fridays
 - 14 Meeting of Cong.
 - 15 Made bluc
 - 16 Tourists' aids
 - 17 Non-Jewish
 - 18 Funiculo of film
 - 19 Declare
 - 24 Home of Elaine, in Arthurian lore
 - 29 Prior to, poetically
 - 30 Actor Dane
 - 31 Lollapalooza
 - 32 Reach by water, in a way
 - 33 Lay waste to
 - 34 Ocean off Ga. and Fla.
 - 35 U.S. architect I.M. —
 - 37 OS part: Abbr.
 - 39 Stunned with a gun
 - 40 Abbr. for those with only one given name
 - 41 Infield fly ball
 - 47 "A Mighty Fortress — God" (hymn)
 - 48 Gain back
 - 50 Gain maturity
 - 52 — Nevada
 - 53 52-Down, e.g. Abbr.
 - 54 A martial art
 - 55 Flur-de-lis
 - 56 Gig traction
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 - 58 About
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 - 62 "Either he goes go!"
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Car Report

GENESIS G90 – THE BRAND, AND THE CAR – MAKE GOOD FIRST IMPRESSIONS AS VANGUARD OF HYUNDAI’S ASSAULT ON LUXURY



By Dale Buss

As Hyundai’s success in the U.S. market grew several years ago, it also came with a dilemma: The company had to decide how far it could stretch its brand. And ultimately, the answer was

to create a new brand for its luxury offerings: Genesis.

The Korean automaker began, as other Asian counterparts had done, with small cars that were inexpensive and helped get its hardware on American roads. But as Hyundai improved the reliability of its offerings and boosted its sales and share in the crucial U.S. market, the brand also stretched itself into more and more premium segments.

And by a few years ago, Hyundai had the experience in the U.S. market, the cachet with American buyers, and the top-shelf quality and reliability levels to do what would have been



Genesis G90 looks pretty good in some very exclusive settings.

unthinkable just a decade ago: launch some really high-end nameplates. It came out with the Genesis sports sedan and the Equus top-end sedan.

But eventually, it didn’t make

any sense for the Hyundai brain trust to try to sell econoboxes for under \$20,000 and luxury vehicles for three times that price under the same brand umbrella. And so last year, Genesis was born, taking the underpinnings of the Genesis and Equus and making its first two models, the sporty G80 and the luxurious G90, out of them.

It was a noble birth. One of the first offerings in this new, blue-blooded family sired by Hyundai is the Genesis G90 sedan. For about \$70,000, Genesis and its first vehicle aspire to provide proud owners with the style, clan and accouterments of competitors in a class of cars – such as the Mercedes-Benz S-Class – that easily cross the \$100,000 mark.

Have they accomplished that? G90 checks an awful lot of boxes that buyers in this super-premium segment expect. It’s the kind of car that looms as

Lexus from a generation ago, before the Toyota-owned luxury brand began quickening its designs.

And for some buyers, what Genesis isn’t, in and of itself, will be a disqualifier – no matter how fine the Genesis G90 is as a vehicle per se.

Turn to what Genesis G90 is and this becomes a more satisfying discussion. The vehicle comes only in fully loaded form, a welcoming configuration for buyers who don’t want to bother checking out trim packages. It delivers an exceptional level of luxury for far less money than competitors, including a refined suspension that smoothes out the roughest pavement.

Buyers can select between a 3.3-liter, twin-turbo V-6 engine rated at 365 horsepower or a 5.0-liter V8 engine good for a whopping 420 horsepower. Both come mated to an eight-speed automatic transmission.

And the roominess of G90 is welcome in every nook and cranny, especially in the back seats, where there’s the widest range of conditions in American sedans. And in V8 versions of G90, the accommodations in the rear get absolutely lavish.

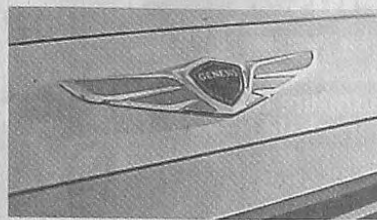
Some critics believe that Genesis has taken some liberties with less-expensive materials in certain minor aspects of the interior than its rivals might. They say G90’s steering is too sensitive on the highway and that its semi-autonomous technologies are less refined than some models.

And it’s surely true that Genesis models will keep getting better over time, especially as its Hyundai parent is able to break off more resources for truly distinctive new models for its luxury brand.

But G90 is a very elegant, eminently drivable start.



The rear seat is a dream in the G90.



A new luxury logo is in town.

a reward and an expectation for many of these consumers, and G90 comes through with flying colors in all of the important categories.

But in the end, of course, Genesis isn’t Mercedes-Benz or BMW or Audi, so it can’t quite fulfill the preconceptions of a European premium luxury sedan buyer. Nor is it Cadillac, with the performance credentials of the quintessential American luxury brand.

Nor is Genesis a Lexus, although that’s probably the closest approximation of a brand proposition. Stylistically, too, G90 is reminiscent of

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TRIBUTE TO RICK AUSTIN

New Balance championship trophy named after late Livonia Churchill coach

Marty Budner
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Rick Austin was a longtime supporter of the former Observerland Relays. Now he will be forever connected with the meet.

Austin, the popular head coach at Livonia Churchill, died from complications following surgery for a heart ailment in early March. The 57-year-old Austin had a passion for the sport and his student-athletes.

As a result of the immense dedication to the sport, organizers of the New Balance Invitational Track Meet — the former Observerland Relays event — decided to immortalize Austin by naming the boys championship trophy in his honor.

Salem captured the inaugural boys championship trophy May 6 by racing past a strong 19-team field and finishing with 82 points. Churchill was second with 73.5 points and Garden City third with 52.

Rocks head coach Dale Maskill was a bit emotional when talking about winning that first Rick Austin trophy.

"This is the first time I've actually felt upset for winning because of Rick Austin passing away," Maskill said. "Even though we were Salem, he was always a good competitor. Competing against his team always brought out the best in our team. He was always the team to beat in the bigger meets."

"It was upsetting news when we all heard about Rick. The coaches in this area are all still dealing with it. ... Churchill was in second place today and it would have been a nice story for them to win. I mean, I'm excited for our team and we worked really hard and deserved it. But in a way, I feel a little bit sad about that."

"I want to honor him and his



MARTY BUDNER

The New Balance track and field meet boys team champion is awarded the Rick Austin Trophy, named after the popular Churchill coach who died in early March. The inaugural trophy was presented May 6 and on hand were (from left) Austin's daughter Kaylin, Churchill boys coach Jordan McClellan, Salem's boys coach Dale Maskill, whose team took home the inaugural trophy, Austin's widow Annette and his son Travis.

memory," he added. "The men's team award is now named the Rick Austin award and we will accept this in his memory. It's a little bitter-sweet for us. It just feels sad without him here."

Churchill won the 22-team girls meet with 84 points. First-year Chargers head coach Bruce Rivera echoed similar sentiments regarding Austin.

"We won the meet last year, but it's especially nice to win this year because of the Rick Austin trophy that they've named after our former boys head coach," said Rivera, an assistant under former head

coach Patrick Doherty last year. "It's a nice win for that."

Observerland champions

It is now called the New Balance Invitational, but it was known as the Observerland Relays for 45 years. Last spring, it was changed from a relays meet to a regional-type format and included girls teams for the first time and was called the Observerland Invitational.

At any rate, the popular track and field meet was sponsored for decades by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Because of that long

history with the O&E, officials decided to prefix three events in both the boys and girls meets with Observerland.

Following are the Observerland event winners:

GIRLS

Observerland 100-meter dash: Anavia Battle, Wayne Memorial, 11:92; Observerland 1,600-meter run: Gabrielle Swider, Livonia Churchill, 5:13.69; Observerland 100-meter hurdles: Haven Essian, Plymouth Salem, 14.65.

BOYS

Observerland 100-meter dash: Elan Castonguay, Garden City, 11:01; Observerland 1,600-

meter run: Austin Remick, Rochester, 4:27.80; Observerland 110-meter hurdles: Luka Mitrius (Brother Rice) 16.70.

Athletes of the Meet

New Balance Invitational officials selected male and female Athletes of the Meet in both track and field events.

Following are those winners:

MALE TRACK: Marcus Nellum (Clinton Township Chippewa Valley); MALE FIELD: Mason Phillips (Plymouth Salem).

FEMALE TRACK: Anavia Battle (Wayne Memorial); FEMALE FIELD: Micayla Martin (Farmington)

On track with new meet

Farmington head coach Charles "Chip" Bridges and Salem girls head coach Steve Aspinall were the New Balance Invitational co-hosts.

The day-long meet was held at Farmington, but any proceeds were split between the two schools. Action began 10 a.m. with field events and the finals did not conclude until shortly after 9 p.m. with the final relay.

The weather, for the most part, held up well as dry conditions prevailed until a few rain drops were detected late in the meet. It was windy, with gusts up to 25 mph in the early afternoon.

But all in all, things went well in the new meet, which attracted 19 boys teams and 22 girls teams from across the Detroit area. In previous years, when it was sponsored by the O&E, it was limited to schools from the O&E coverage area.

"Overall, I thought it went well," Bridges said. "There were definitely more teams here this year, so there will be things we will talk about in the future. We do really want to make this a high-quality meet."

CHIEFS

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adapt to it. Play how it is, can't change the weather.

"It (championship) feels great. Let's get some more though."

Canton won for a 17th consecutive time, improving to 27-5. The pesky Lakes Conference champion Bulldogs dropped to 22-4.

The Chiefs won 7-1 with a six-run second inning against Brighton southpaw Cameron Tullar, with seven base hits in a row.

That stretch featured plenty of clutch knocks. Senior catcher Justin Mattson laced a line-drive single to center that scored O'Donnell to put Canton up 2-1 (both teams scored a run in the first).

Sophomore third baseman Ben Spencer then drove in two with a single up the middle and Baechler drove a two-run double to right-center to pad the lead to 6-1. Following with an RBI single was senior outfielder Justin Dolney.

Spencer (2-for-4, run, two RBIs) and Dolney (2-for-4, RBI) joined Baechler and senior left fielder Jake Dattilio (2-for-2, two runs) as Canton players with multi-hit games.

"They hit three or four balls that may have stopped by the time they got to an outfielder, just found some holes," Brighton head coach Charlie Christner said. "They squared off a few and ran the bases well in that inning. Just tip your cap to them in that inning, because they put the ball in play and made things happen."

Cutting the lead

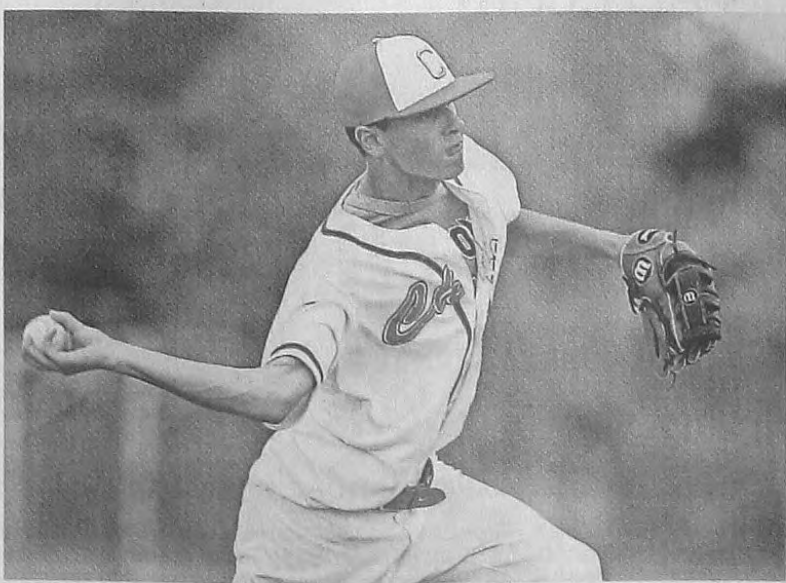
But the Bulldogs began chipping away against Canton starter Turner Donlin with a run in the third (on a fielder's choice by Tullar, who went 3-for-4) and two in the fourth to cut the deficit to 7-4.

In the fourth, Donlin walked Williamson and Kyle Hook



MICHAEL VASILNEK

The Canton Chiefs celebrate after winning the KLAAs baseball title Wednesday against Brighton. The Chiefs last captured the association crown in 2013.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Canton senior pitcher Tyler Newsom sidearms the baseball to a Brighton batter. The Schoolcraft College commit pitched four innings of relief Wednesday.

smacked a double to deep right to score a run.

Canton head coach Mark Blomshield then brought in senior side-armed Tyler Newsom to pitch and he got out of the inning, albeit after another run scored on a grounder.

"This has been a team effort all year, everybody's chipped in. We have confidence with plenty of guys," Blomshield said. "I just didn't want to see that lead evaporate on free passes and Tyler just fills up the strike zone. He mixes his

speeds a lot. He doesn't overpower you with the fast ball, but he's got good movement."

Newsom got in and out of trouble the rest of the way, giving up only a run in the white-knuckle top of the seventh.

Rudy Ramirez opened the inning with a single and then Tullar collected his third hit of the game. With one out, an infield single by Chad Rensi loaded the bases.

A wild pitch scored Ramirez to make it a two-run game, with two runners in scoring position. But Newsom buckled down and got Jack Krause to foul out to Spencer.

Then came the clinching moment, as Williamson lofted his pop that kept drifting away from Baechler toward the thirdbase line. Baechler charged in to make the grab and start the championship party.

"(Brighton) didn't get here by fluke," Blomshield said. "So I told the guys, we were able to scratch out that big inning there with some seeing-eye hits, we just took advantage of some opportunity."

"And the game was far from being over. Their pitcher did a nice job settling back down. He had a real nice breaking ball."

Plenty to like

Despite the loss, Christner said the way his team fought to nearly catch the Chiefs was a testament to the kind of players he has.

"It's come down to these guys have battled all year, they haven't given up, they haven't given in," Christner said. "And it was good to be in that situation."

"I hate the way it ended, but to be down 7-1 and see what we were made of and come back the way we did and make it a game at the end there and having a chance ... pretty good effort, really."

Blomshield credited the red-hot hitting of Baechler, strong outfield defense and four gutsy innings of relief from Newsom for finally putting the Bulldogs away.

"Knock on wood, but we haven't made a defensive error in the outfield all year long," he said. "Three seniors out there (Dattilio, O'Donnell, Justin Dolney), they just get everything. They've been money."

Perhaps the best play made by that trio was by O'Donnell to end the sixth. Brighton had two on with two outs when Trevor Hopman sent a deep fly ball to center that O'Donnell went back to snare.

"We are the best team in the league. That's a real accomplishment of how this team came together," Blomshield said.

And now, the hard-nosed bunch will gear up for the post-season, which begins May 30 against Salem in a pre-district contest.

"They're tough, they're some competitors," Blomshield said. "Lou's a tough kid, (junior pitcher Seth) Marano's a tough kid, O'Donnell ... these kids don't like to lose."

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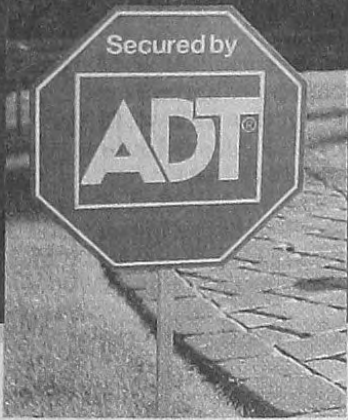
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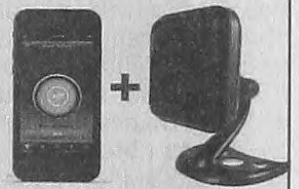
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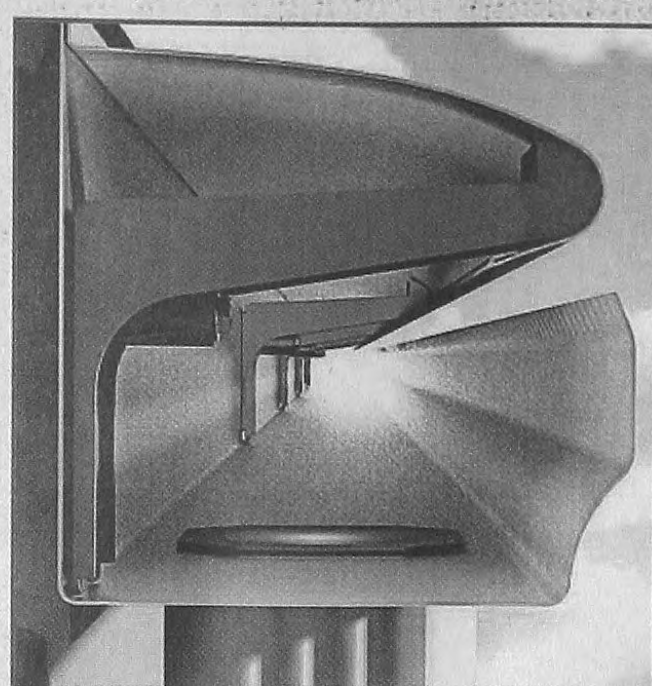
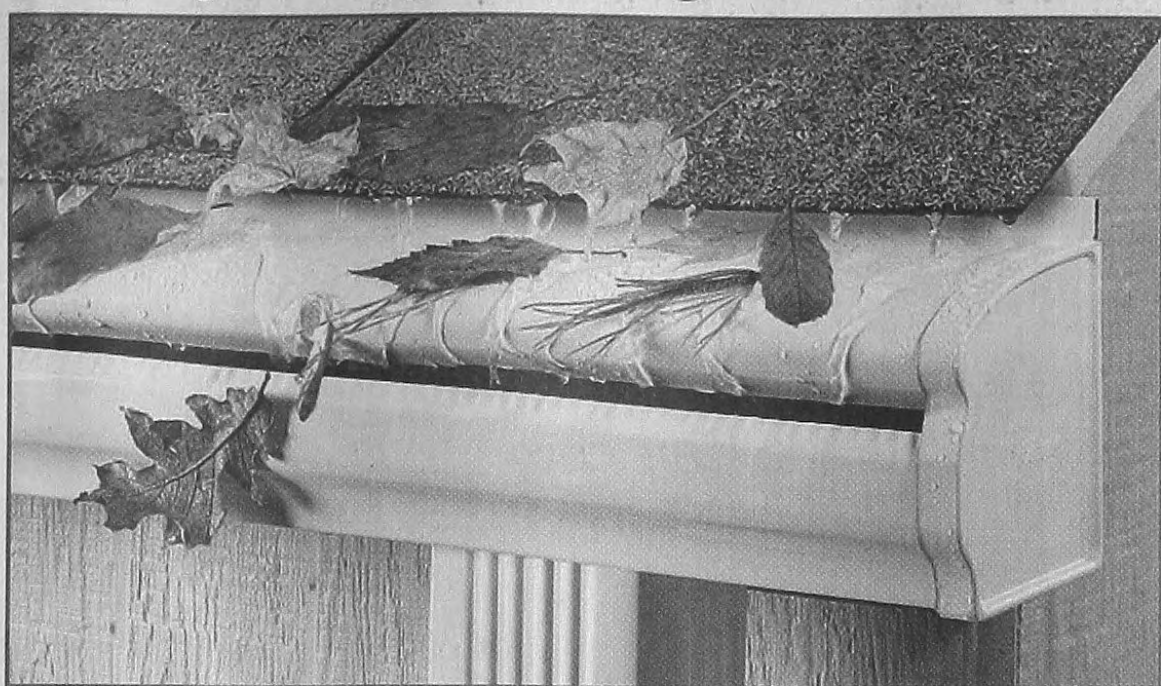
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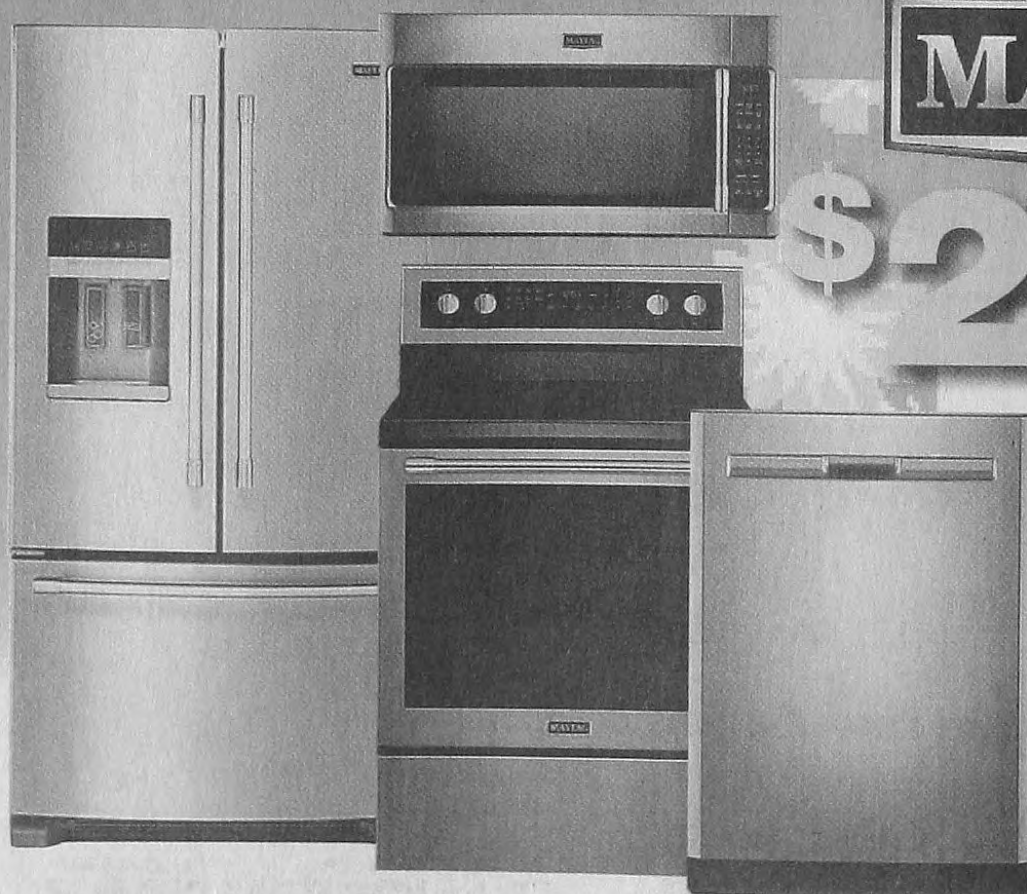
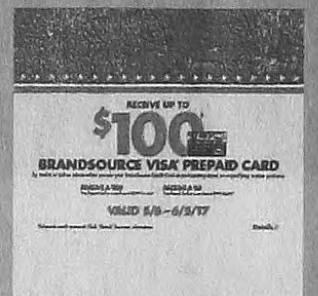
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