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CANTON TOWNSHIP  
Canton's 64-gallon recycling carts are being picked up by trucks with mechanical arms.

## New recycling effort has successful launch

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Jonathan Hicks didn't realize he was getting a new, bigger recycling cart until Canton's trash hauler showed up to deliver the 64-gallon containers in his neighborhood.

Hicks and his wife Rachel have since set their new cart at the curb twice after GFL (Green for Life) Environmental, Inc., delivered it to their home.

"So far, so good," Hicks said. "It's a nice bin. The service has been good so far, but

we already had good service."

Hicks had a difficult time fitting his family's recyclables into the old 18-gallon bin.

"It wasn't big enough," he said. "I would stack it so high."

His comments came after GFL finished delivering the new carts to 27,650 customers in Canton. The company uses new trucks with robotic arms to pick up the carts.

Canton Public Works Manager Bob Belair said GFL rolled out the new carts this month with few problems.

"Things went pretty seamless," he said. "We had some

real minor hiccups. Some residents were missed here and there, but very few."

GFL quickly resolved those issues and Canton's new recycling effort is in full swing.

Resident Greg Greene, who chairs the Canton Planning Commission, said he wishes residents could have had more size options for recycling carts. He also is concerned about neighborhood aesthetics if residents who lack garage space leave them outside.

"But I'm all for recycling

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## RUNNERS HIT STREETS FOR FATHER'S DAY TRADITION

Nearly 600 people took to the streets of downtown Plymouth on June 18 for the Plymouth Family YMCA Father's Day Run.

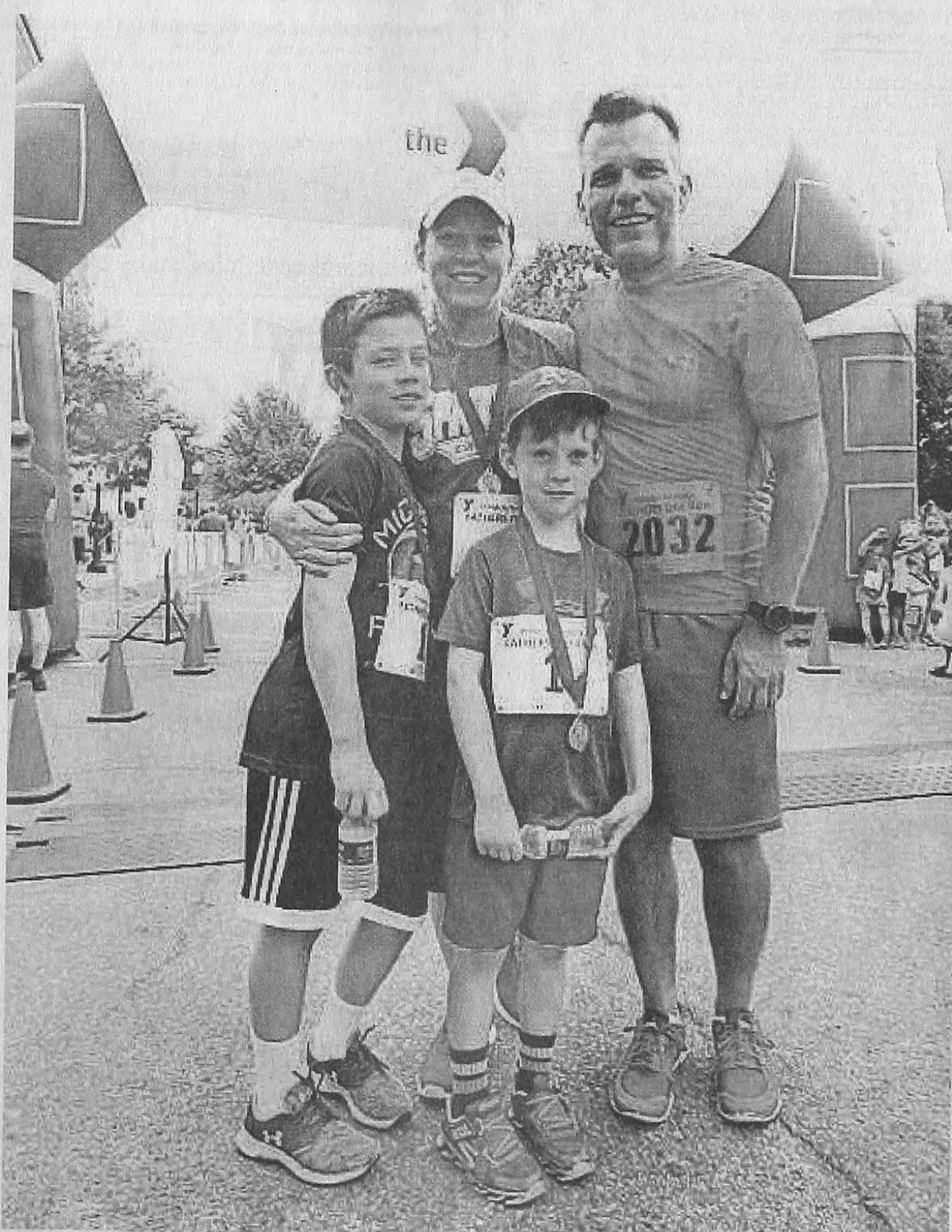
Serious runners certainly held a presence, as did many groups of friends and members of local running clubs. Of particular note were the many families in attendance — moms and dads with strollers, school age brothers and sisters running together and, in some cases, multiple generations making this run an ongoing family tradition.

With ages ranging 2-86, the Tingstad family of Plymouth was a prime example of multi-generational participation. Making the event part of their Father's Day routine for more than 25 years, as Plymouth residents Tim and Sandy Tingstad have done, their family's attendance now spans four generations. Tim's parents, Joan and Marty Tingstad, continue to be involved into their 80s. Joan Tingstad had been a medal winner in her age category six times over the years.

"The YMCA Father's Day run is a great event for the Plymouth community and it is something that family members of all ages can be part of together," Tim Tingstad said. "This run is a special part of our family's Father's Day tradition and it's a great way to start the day."

Mary Gollan is Plymouth born-and-raised and now she and husband Kory raise their two boys in the community.

"We moved from Plymouth to Chicago for a few years and we are so happy to be back," Gollan said. "We live in the house I grew up in, five blocks from downtown Plymouth. We walk downtown at least once a



Parents Mary and Kory Gollan made the YMCA Father's Day Run part of their celebration, running with 9-year-old son Gavin and 6-year-old son Karter.

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## HELLA launches scholarship program

In an effort to foster growth of the next generation of engineers, technologists and scientists, HELLA has commenced its inaugural renewable scholarship program. The lighting and electronics company's unique offering, the HELLA Scholars Program, will award multiple \$10,000 annual scholarships to qualifying high school seniors and current university students, as well as year-round career experience at the HELLA Corporate Center campus in Plymouth.

HELLA launched its pilot program with eight scholar positions. Candidates were considered from a group of approximately 30 applicants, most of whom graduated this year from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and were involved in the district's STEM Academy. These selected scholars began working side-by-side with mentors at HELLA this month.

"Investing in people and developing a strong pool of technical talent by giving them the tools they need to excel in their careers is a key focus at HELLA," said Jörg Weisgerber, CEO of HELLA Electronics for North and South America. "This program allows us to invest in our community and give the next generation of STEM professionals and, ultimately, future HELLA innovators, the opportunity to jumpstart their careers."

With the scholars program, HELLA is setting itself apart from other automotive companies that also have current talent needs exceeding the current workforce supply. By creating this scholarship to develop talent, HELLA is doing

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# RUNNERS

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week, we go to the concerts in the park during the summer and the Ice Festival in the winter. It is a great community.”

Plymouth YMCA executive director Sage Hegdal knows that while “Plymouth” is in the group's name, the run also draws heavy participation from Canton. This year, nearly 20 percent of the participants came from Canton.

“The YMCA is very involved in the Canton community, including

facilitating youth sports programs, Girls on the Run, Stride, before and after school care and summer day camp,” Hegdal said. “Canton community is in our service area, so we also connect with Canton in many ways. We were not surprised that Canton was very well-represented at this event, as its residents have a long history of connecting with the Y.”

Ranging in ages 16-74, three generations of the Keller family raced, walked and cheered during the annual event, making this part of their Father's Day tradition. A



YMCA

Two-year-old Rosa Tingstad is a proud medal recipient and one of the youngest participants in the YMCA Father's Day Run, rounding out four generations of her family who have been part of the event for decades.

ler said. “I encourage my son and daughter to run as well and my wife and I stay physically active.”

The most senior Keller family member present, Robert Keller Jr., who goes by Bob, is no stranger to the sport, having been a runner for many years, participating in 5K and 10K events. “This year I walked during the Father's Day Run,” said the 74-year-old Keller. “This was a great way to get together as a family for a specific purpose, where we can connect on many levels. Whether you run or walk, or provide support to the family, there was something for everyone.”

Canton residents Amy and David Roose try to make running a family affair. An avid runner himself, David Roose took interest in the sport five years ago. “Each year, we try to find some family-friendly runs and the YMCA event really worked for us,” Roose said. “The Father's Day run has been great because it is close to home and it is fun for the kids.”

“We have also participated in events with the Detroit Marathon for a few years now,” he added. “Ethen and Emily enjoy the kids runs and I have run the half-marathon three times. We also have done the Turkey Trot in Detroit on Thanksgiving Day.”

Hegdal is keenly aware of the multifaceted role of the Father's Day Run and its impact which stretches far beyond the borders of Plymouth.

“This run is certainly about promoting good health, but it is also very much about celebrating friendship and family,” Hegdal said. “The race is held in Plymouth, but we have strong participation from residents in all the surrounding areas, like Canton, and we are so grateful for the support of these communities.”

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resident of Canton for 16 years, Robert Keller III said he has always been a runner.

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and I think we all should be doing that," he said. "Let's roll with it and see how we can make it work."

Greene said he and wife Debi may only need to set out their 64-gallon cart every two or three weeks, depending on the amount of recyclables they have.

Belair said one of the biggest complaints Canton has received is that plastic bags, such as those from grocery stores, cannot be placed in the carts. He said there's no market for plastic bags and they

clog up the sorting machines at the recycling drop-off center.

Overall, Belair said, Canton has received a positive response from residents after rolling out the new program.

"It has exceeded our expectations," he said. "We've been getting a lot of compliments from people who like the program. It's a clean recycling experience for the residents."

It marks the second biggest change in Canton's recycling program since it first started 29 years ago. Municipal Services Director Tim Faas has said the most far-reaching change came when the community shifted to a single-

stream program in 2008 that meant residents no longer had to separate their recyclables.

Canton recycles more than 7,000 tons of materials a year — a number Faas said is expected to spike to 9,000 tons by the end of 2018.

Canton is expected to recycle 21.5 percent of its solid waste by late 2018 — a number that surpasses the 30-percent mark when yard waste is included.

"We know that it's going to be successful," Faas said.

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## HELLA

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more than just talking about the issue — it is making a significant monetary investment to correct it.

To ensure their time at HELLA is a success, students are matched up with HELLA mentors, who will guide them through their career path in lighting, electronics, components and beyond.

To be considered for the program, selection criteria includes:

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commuting distance)

» Achieving a minimum GPA of 3.0

» Attending college with the intent of obtaining a degree in a related STEM field

» Successfully completing an interview with HELLA leadership

Beyond the criteria above, award recipients are required to commit to working at HELLA five to 40 hours per week (depending on their course load), year-round. Scholars receive between \$12 and \$17 per hour.

"I am thrilled to be part of this program where HELLA is offering so many wonderful opportunities to learn and grow in the business

world," said Grace Warmann, a 17-year-old HELLA scholar from Plymouth. "This is an excellent way for us to gain experience in the workplace and understand how to apply the material we learn in school."

HELLA plans to continue the program for new graduating seniors at P-CCS, with intentions of selecting up to five more students to join the program each year. Scholars already participating in the program will be encouraged to reapply annually for the \$10,000 scholarship, which can be awarded for a maximum of \$40,000 for four years of college tuition per student.

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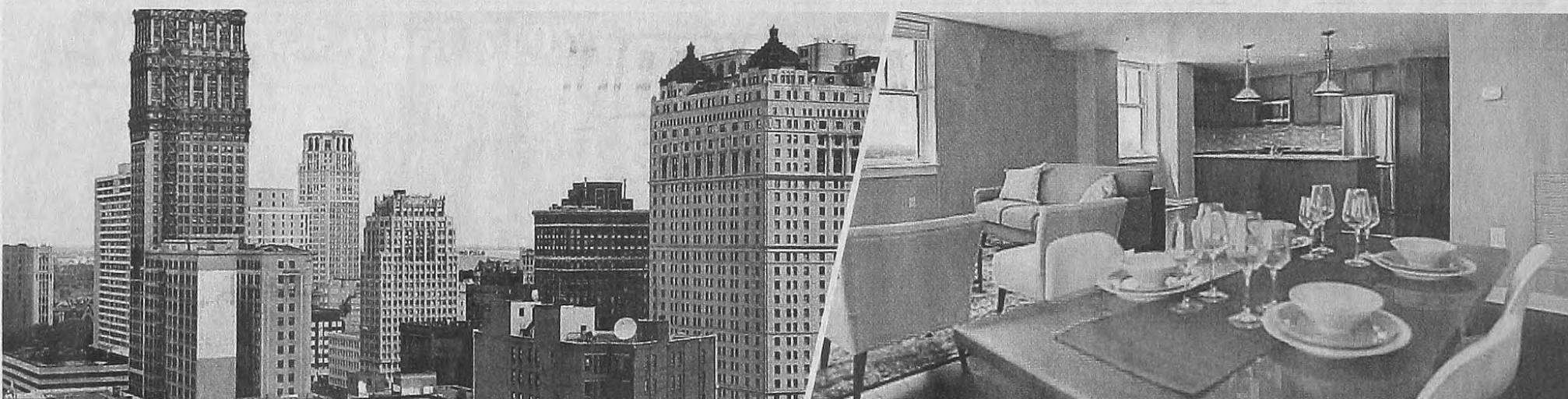
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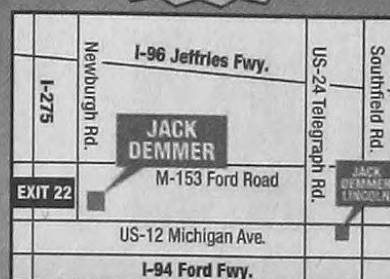
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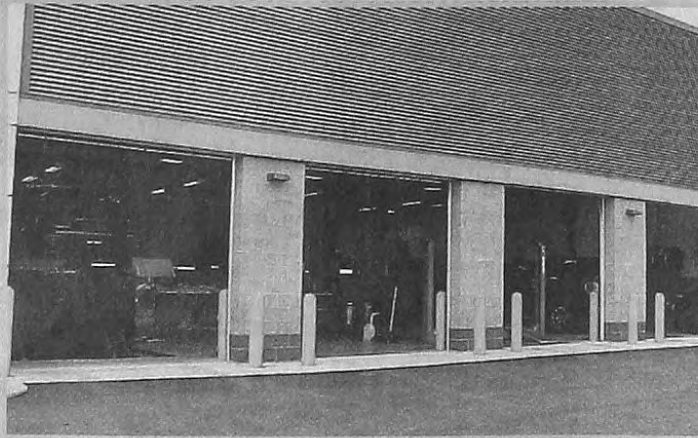
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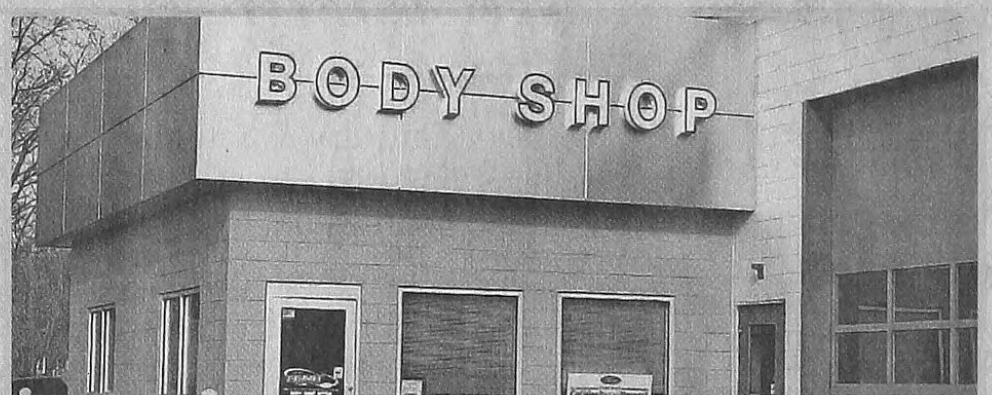


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Family doing what they can to find missing Farmington Hills woman

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Danielle Stislicki's friends and family all get them. Heck, even perfect strangers have been known to suffer them.

They're moments when the horror surrounding Danielle's disappearance seep into what they've been trying to make ordinary days, working or shopping or going to school.

The family calls them "Danielle gets into your head" moments, brief periods when rational thought is driven from the brain, replaced by the overwhelming and nearly omnipresent reality that Danielle has been missing for six months.

### Six-month mark

"We have our good days and we have our not-so-good days," said Ann Stislicki, Danielle's mother, who lives in Fowlerville. "You have those times ... you have that hope that when you close your eyes, you get to see her again, even if it's in a dream."

Her voice choked up. "It was tough at the six-month mark," she said.

That came June 2. Danielle has been missing since last being seen at the Met Life insurance office in Southfield, where she worked. Her car was found in her Farmington Hills apartment complex parking lot the next day, but Dan-

ielle hasn't been seen since.

Police have been working hard on the case. They collected evidence from the raid of a home in Berkley in December. Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck said the department continues to build a case and he's "confident" an arrest will be made.

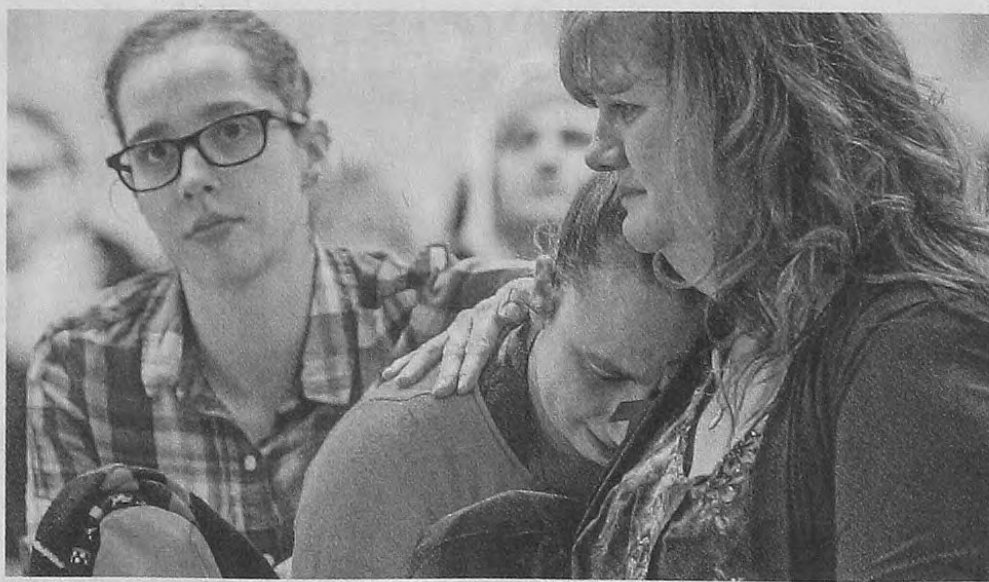
Police are waiting on the crime lab analysis of all the evidence collected so far. Nebus won't name a suspect, though one name had been bandied about on social media, to the point where a woman was telling local media her brother-in-law was a suspect, though she didn't name him.

### Progress coming

Nebus on Wednesday reiterated progress continues to be made.

"We ... believe this case will be solved," Nebus said. "One by one, the pieces of the puzzle are falling into place. There is nothing further we are prepared to release at this time, including any lab results."

While the family believes the Farmington Hills Police Department is doing all it can — "I understand the task they have at hand," Ann Stislicki said — they aren't simply waiting around. Family and friends have, from the beginning, coordinated a massive social media effort to get Dani's story out front — and



Ann Stislicki comforts daughter Jillian Stislicki at a vigil in Redford. Daughter Holley Stislicki is at left.

keep it there — hoping someone, somewhere will know something.

### A 'social' story

Stislicki's friends started a website and a Facebook page (which has nearly 45,000 people following it) to keep her story alive and help in the search for information related to her disappearance.

Dani's uncle, Chris Paliewicz of Shelby Township, set up the website, but admitted he "wasn't really sure" what he was doing. He got a lot of help from friends and some strangers. Considering some 16 million people have viewed the Facebook page, he must have done something right.

"I got a lot of help," Paliewicz said. "It's great to have all the people out there who care so much."

There are "#finddani" wristbands and buttons available. Links to both are on the Facebook page. Megyn Belmonte designed the buttons and sells them through her Etsy page.

In the beginning, people were asking for permission to put up fliers

or hand out materials about the case. Paliewicz said that's not the case anymore.

"The whole 'Finding Dani' movement has become sort of grassroots," he said. "People aren't asking permission anymore to put up fliers. They're just doing it."

### Grassroots help

The popular thing right now is putting "#finddani" in car windows as a means of drawing attention to the case. All of those things are "talking points," Ann Stislicki said, designed to keep people talking about the case.

She said conversations have taken place in grocery store parking lots and other public avenues. Someone will spot the "#finddani" in the window and ask, "Is that the missing Farmington Hills girl?"

"They make it easier for people who have a hard time talking about it," she said. "It's about unity. It's a way of knowing you're not alone. We're all out here looking to find the answers."

Beth Guthrie is part of that grassroots effort.

The longtime friend of Ann Stislicki's — she's known Ann for more than 20 years — felt like she "had to be" part of the support system for her friend.

Guthrie said her goal is to "do something productive" to advance Dani's story every day.

"Anytime someone is going through a crisis like this, building a support system is such a sense of peace to them, knowing they're not doing it on their own," Guthrie said. "Every day is a roller-coaster for them. They hold up as best they can, but I'm sure it can't be easy."

### Not just Dani

In addition to trying to keep Dani's story front and center, the Stislicki family has also been careful to point out she's not the only person missing. Richard Stislicki, in particular, has used platforms at a pair of vigils in Danielle's honor to point out that thousands of others are missing and deserve the same attention.

As it has been for Dani, social media has helped in some of those



Friends and family are waiting for news about Danielle Stislicki, missing since Dec. 2.

cases. Ann Stislicki pointed out that a couple of people have recently been found via social media.

"Rich always says it's not only about Danielle," Ann said. "It's a realization about how many missing there are. As we do this for Danielle, many of our Danielle followers are using social media for messages for other missing people."

Paliewicz, Dani's uncle who actually sang songs at both vigils held for her since her disappearance, said his family — and Dani's friends — are affected by the situation in different ways at different times.

"Sometimes it'll be a song or a saying that Danielle says, that triggers (memories)," Paliewicz said. "It eventually sinks in to everyone at many given points. We're holding up pretty well."

Nebus, the Farmington Hills Police chief, thinks they're holding up better than "pretty well."

"The Stislickis are a great family," Nebus said. "They are an inspiration to the detectives working on this case and we remain committed to seeking justice for Danielle and the Stislicki family."

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» Teen Minecraft Club from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, July 11. Play Minecraft with your friends on the Westland Teens' multiplayer server. You don't need your own Minecraft login to play - we have library accounts you can use.

» Capture the Flag from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, July 13. Strategy, teamwork, stealth, and crazy running around outside - it must be capture the flag! After the games we'll have some light snacks. Please Note: This is a TEEN event.

» Anime Club from 6-7 p.m. Monday, July 17. We'll break out the button maker, cut and fold up some cubee characters, and glue together some anime expressions hair clips! We'll be doing all of this while listening to some of our favorite songs from anime.

» Homemade Ice Cream from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, July 20. Come beat the heat with some homemade ice cream! Mix up your own bowls of ice cream and then pile on whatever toppings you want. Bring your sweet tooth!

» Just Dance Party from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, July 27. Show off your dance moves for fun or get competitive and challenge someone to a dance-off! We'll have several versions of Just Dance for the Wii available. Snacks will be provided.

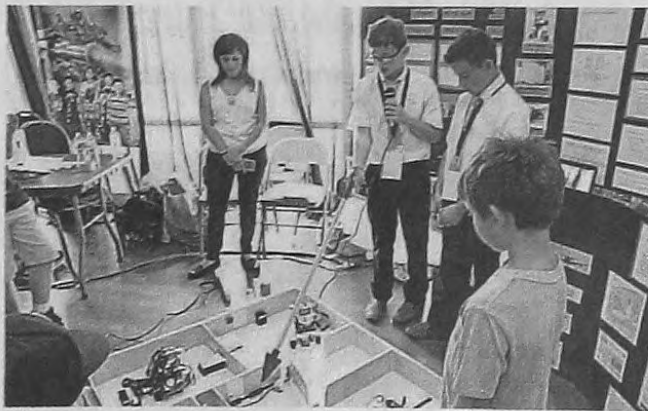
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» Job Search Support from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays July 5, 12, 19 and 26; 3-5 p.m. Thursdays July 6, 13, 20 and 27. Do you need assistance developing your resume or cover letter? Visit the Adult Reference Desk during the designated time for assistance from a library associate. No registration required.

» Friday Night Movies from 6:30-9 p.m. Fridays, July 7 and 21. Each week also features a trivia contest with small prizes handed out after the movie. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7 p.m. Snacks and refreshments are provided on a donation basis.

» Brain Food from 10:30 a.m. to noon Monday, July 10; 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25. Join us at one of the two sessions as we present Kathryn Russell, MS, RDN for a presentation on optimal nutrition. Ms. Russell is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and will be available after the presentation to answer your questions. No registration is required!

» Heartfulness Meditation from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays July 11, 18 and 25. Participants will be meditating in chairs. Those wishing to meditate while sitting on the floor may bring their own floor cushions. This Heartfulness Meditation program is conducted entirely by certified Heartfulness volunteer trainers who have experience meditating and training for several years.



### Canton Charter Academy students take second

This year's Lawrence Tech University World Robofest was held June 1-3 in St. Pete's Beach Fla. In addition to the U.S., countries in attendance were Columbia, Mexico, South Africa, Hong Kong, Egypt, India, China and South Korea. For the second year in a row Team Steam seventh-graders from Canton Charter Academy took second place in junior exhibition. Luke Apap, Joshua Homco and Antonio Accardo placed in the regional and state competitions, earning a chance to compete in the world competition.

» Social Security and Your Retirement Seminar from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 11. The seminar presented by Zeal Financial Advisors will be packed with useful financial advice to help you prepare for retirement. Topics include: Important "rules of the road" for receiving Social Security benefits; Recent rule changes that might affect your retirement plans; How to evaluate the possible routes to manage Social Security benefits.

» Writers Workshop from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13. The Writers Workshop critiques an individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). The goal of our group is to help writers get published. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, please contact workshop leader Denise Sedman at [dasedman@yahoo.com](mailto:dasedman@yahoo.com). For more information on the program, call the Reference Desk at 734-326-6123.

» Adobe Premier Pro Video Editing for Filmmakers from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. Patrick Currie, local independent filmmaker, will assist users of all abilities on this editing software. Please meet at the Multimedia Computer in Adult Reference.

» Writers Club from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, July 17. Looking to get back into writing but could use some support and/or exercises? Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Westland Library's Writers Club. Just bring anything that you're working on or come to receive Cheryl's set of monthly prompts. Refreshments provided. No sign-up required.

» Explore Art for Adults: Adult Coloring from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 19. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils, markers, and crayons will be provided. We will also have a tabletop coloring sheet (2 feet by 6 feet!) to work on in honor of Build a Better World. Attendees will get a Build A Better World Coloring Journal and coloring crayons to take home, while supplies last.

» Adult Book Club from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 19. Join us this month for a discussion of The Heart Goes Last by Margaret Atwood. Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk.

» Noontime Book Club from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25. Please join us this month as we discuss The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics by Daniel James Brown. Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk.

» Sci-Fi Book Club from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 26. Join us for a discussion of "Falling Free" by Lois McMaster

Bujold. Copies of the book are available at the Reference Desk.

» Summer reading for all ages ends on Saturday, July 29. Adults: Please place all prize entry cards for the Adult Summer Reading contest into the prize basket by 4:30pm. Teens: Please check in with your reading log, collect any remaining prizes, and get your invitation to the finale party by 4:30 p.m.

### Jaycees networking night

The Livonia Jaycees for an evening of networking with other local young professionals from 6-8:30 p.m. July 12 at BRAVO Cucina Italiana, 17700 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

The \$25 cost includes: two headshots by a professional photographer; a binder with business card pages; appetizers and drinks (cash bar available); and networking opportunities in a speed "dating" format. Space is limited. To purchase tickets, visit <http://bit.ly/2stxa0s>.

### Historic park event

Westland Historic Village Park is hosting a Summer Bonanza event from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 24. There will be vendors, games, food and reenactors. Organizers hope to make this an annual event. Park at John Glenn and take the shuttle to the museum. For more information, call 734-756-0769.

### Jazz @ the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The show for Tuesday, June 27, features the Dave Bennett Quartet. Bennett has been touring nationally and he will be doing Benny Goodman favorites along with the Great American Songbook pieces and maybe a little '50s rock 'n' roll. Bennett on clarinet, Cliff Monear on keyboards, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Doug Cobb on drums.

For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to [www.plyaa325.com](http://www.plyaa325.com) or email [jazzattheelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzattheelks@gmail.com).

### Free senior luncheon

Salem National Lutheran Church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, is holding a free senior luncheon on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. The next event is scheduled for June 28. At the previous event, 21 meals were served. The event offers food, fellowship and prayer.

### Livonia Summer Fun Series

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department is adding family fun to Tuesdays this summer. The Summer Fun Series

features inflatables, games and food along with an outdoor family concert or movie at 6 p.m. Tuesdays from July 11 to Aug. 8.

The series begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, with family activities, live music at 6:30 p.m., and the movie "Pete's Dragon" at 8:20 p.m. at the Kirksey Recreation Center (Five Mile and Hubbard).

The fun continues at Rotary Park (Six Mile and Hubbard) at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 18 as The Kerfuffles take the stage.

The following Tuesday, July 25, return to Rotary Park for an evening with Miss Paula and the Candy Bandits.

Catch the movie "The Secret Life of Pets" at 6 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Kirksey Recreation Center. Live music will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the movie at 8:20 p.m.

The series concludes Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. at Rotary Park with the music of Randy Kaplan.

For more information, call 734-466-2900 or visit [www.LivoniaParks.org](http://www.LivoniaParks.org)

### St. Mary Mercy program

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, in collaboration with the Arthritis Foundation, will offer a general exercise program and Tai Chi classes for adults living with arthritis and other related diseases. Classes will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, from June 27 through Aug. 25.

The general Exercise Program will take place 10-10:55 a.m. and Tai Chi classes from 11 a.m. to noon. Both will be held in the Wellness Center at St. Mary Mercy Livonia. The exercise program costs \$80 and the Tai Chi class costs \$48.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register, call 734-655-1310.

### Farmers market

The Westland Farmers Market runs 3-7 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 13. The market is at 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford Road. The market features produce, plants, fresh foods, crafts and live music weekly. EBT is accepted. For more information, email [westlandchamber@yahoo.com](mailto:westlandchamber@yahoo.com).

### RU summer food program

The Redford Union Schools, District No. 1, announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the sites listed below:

» Hilbert Middle School, 26440 Puritan, Redford: Monday through Thursday, June 26, through Aug. 3. Breakfast will be served 7:15-8:45 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

» Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch: Monday through Friday through Aug. 25. Breakfast will be served 8:30-9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### VBS at St. Paul's Presbyterian

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia will hold the vacation Bible school, "Taste and See That the Lord Is Good" June 26-29. The sessions, for 3-year-olds to those who have completed fifth

grade, will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and lunch daily.

All are welcome to attend. The cost is \$12 per child, with a \$30 maximum per family. Registration is now in progress. For more information or to register, go to [www.sppc.org](http://www.sppc.org) or call

734/422-1470, ext. 17.

Throughout the week, the mission emphasis will be on collecting canned fruit and coins to benefit the children in the Livonia community through Blessings in a Backpack - Livonia.

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### Hartmann



**Ernst Jan 88**, longtime resident of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, passed away on June 14, 2017, at his home in Naples, Florida, surrounded by his loving family. He died from complications related to lung cancer. He leaves behind his wife of 62 years, Patricia Chase Hartmann; his daughter, Karin Hartmann Ludlow, and her husband, Alden Ludlow IV; his daughter, Carolyn Hartmann; his son Paul Hartmann and his wife, Patsy Hartmann. He is also survived by his brother and best friend, Christer Hartmann, and his wife, Anki Hartmann, and their children, Marcus and Sophie. Jan was the proud grandfather of six grandchildren: Peter, Andrew, Laura, Dustin, Isabel and Bobbi. Jan's youngest brother, Goran, predeceased him in 2009. Jan was born in 1929 to Ernst and Margit Hartmann and grew up in Stockholm, Sweden. He attended the University of Stockholm, and then Oberlin College, in Ohio, where he met his beloved wife Pat. She was the reason Jan immigrated to the United States in 1954. They were married in Michigan in 1955. Also in 1955, he received his B.S. in business from Indiana University, and in 1958, he received his M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. Jan was the Vice President-Controller of the Shatterproof Glass Corporation in Detroit from 1956 to 1969. In the fall of 1969, Jan joined the Ziebart International Corporation, in Troy, Michigan, as the Executive Vice President. Within a year, he would purchase the company and become the Chairman, President and CEO. By the end of the 1970's, Jan had grown the company, which provides rust protection and other car-care services, from 150 to 650 dealerships and had expanded into 40 countries. Ziebart's advertising catchphrase, "It's Us. Or Rust," was well known, with celebrities such as Adam West's "Batman" and Rod Serling from the "Twilight Zone" acting as spokesmen for the company. Jan retired as CEO in 1998 and continued to serve on the board of directors of Ziebart until 1999. Jan was proud of his Swedish heritage. He was awarded both the Order of the Polar Star (1978) and the Commander of the Order of the Polar Star (1995) by Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustav. These are the highest honors that can be bestowed by the King of Sweden on a foreign national. Jan also was appointed by the Swedish government to be the Honorary Swedish Counselor for Michigan from 1984 to 1997. Jan was awarded "Swedish American of the Year" by the VASA Order of America in 2007. He also was active in the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce, the Swedish Council of America and the Detroit Swedish Council. Jan always felt that it was important to participate in and support his community. He was actively involved with the Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, serving both on the Board of Trustees from 1980 to 1995, and Board of Governors of Schools from 1975 to 1996. In 1986, Jan and Pat helped start Eton Academy, a school in Birmingham, Michigan designed for students who learn differently. Other institutions that Jan and Pat have supported over the years include the Karamanos Cancer Institute and the Cranbrook Academy of Art. In lieu of flowers, Jan and his family ask that donations be made to Eton Academy at 1755 Melton Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48009. The family will hold a private memorial service in Naples, Florida. On August 14th, there will be a service at the Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

### Mayo



**Lydia Yvonne Ellison** passed away peacefully at Beaumont Hospital surrounded by her family on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Lydia is survived by her son William R. Mayo, and wife Mary, and daughter Nancy M. Buchanan, and husband John, and six grandchildren - Maxwell, Molly and Cole Mayo, and Rachel, John and Eleanor Buchanan. She was the beloved wife of Raymond G. Mayo for 42 years until the time of his death in 1997. Lydia was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1931, to Matthew Ellison and Anna Sophia Cowdry, and raised in Avon Lake, Ohio. She studied English at Bowling Green University, where she met her husband Raymond - she was a Phi Mu, he a Sigma Nu. After marrying, Lydia and Raymond settled in the Detroit area where she taught English and Journalism for over 20 years. She taught the last 16 years of her career at Belleville High School, where she was voted favorite teacher many times. Lydia loved literature, particularly Shakespeare, and travelled annually to the Festival in Stratford, Ontario to take in plays and lectures (she would re-read the plays before each new performance). She was a member of Livonia Arts and Letters for many years. She was an active member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, where Lydia served as a Deacon and Elder. More recently, she joined Northville First Presbyterian Church. Lydia lived the last twelve years at the Fox Run Retirement Community in Novi, where she served on committees and in clubs, and had many, many friends. She was often described as "amazing", due no doubt to her sharp mind, broad grasp of history and current events, and kind heart. Lydia was open minded by almost any definition and accepting of individuals' eccentricities. She valued long term relationships of which she had many. She never said no to a full glass of chardonnay and had a life-long love affair with coffee and chocolate. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. A memorial service will be held at Fox Run in the coming months. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Fox Run Scholarship Fund.

### Widger Osborne



**Kathleen Mary** Funeral Service being held on July 27, 2017 10:30am St. Patrick's Catholic Church 711 Rickett Road, Brighton, MI 48116. Family will hold coffee reception following the mass. Internment at 2:00 pm at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery 25800 W 10 Mile Road, Southfield, MI. 48033. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to a cancer charity of your choice. Please visit <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/hometownlife/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=184419004> for full obituary.

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## Dig in! Dozens compete in annual Spree pie-eating contest

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It's time to start calling Sadie Yessler's reign as pie-eating champion a dynasty.

The Livonia girl fought off strong competition and came in first place for the third time at the Observer & Eccentric's annual pie-eating contest Wednesday at the Livonia Spree.

It was a close finish, but Yessler devoured just enough pie to edge the second-place finisher, 10-year-old Garden City resident Austin Langea.

"It's really great to win again," the 9-year-old said. "I thought it was really close. I just hoped I had won."

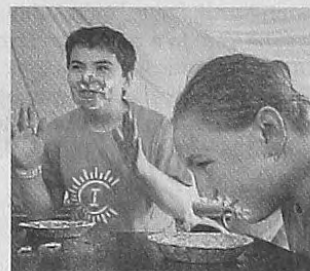
Yessler was one of dozens of children that came out to the tent behind all the food vendors to take part in the annual tradition. With nearly 100 chocolate and vanilla creme pies supplied by Livonia's own Blazo's Pie Shoppe, each contestant in four separate waves had one minute to devour as much of their small pies as they could. Of course, that was without the help of their hands.

One winner made quite the drive to take the title in his heat: 8-year-old Dylan Hammond won the first round of the contest. He came all the way from Traverse City with his mom, who grew up in Livonia.

He said he had taken part in a pie-eating contest at the Cherry Festival, but this was his first time taking part at the



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Olive Rivera high-fives her dad, Rob Rivera, after competition.



Aidan Ramirez looks like he's ready to quit, but he takes place in the 11- to 13-year-old bracket. Alysia Cyrul keeps working on her pie.

success: 16-year-old Joe Jarvis, who placed in the contest when he was younger, was joined by his father, John Jarvis, on the winner's podium for the adult heat.

The pair, who now call Northville home, shared the first-place title with Aaron Domke of Livonia. All three finished the pie before 60 seconds was up.

John Jarvis said he's heard plenty about the contest over the years, but always was stuck working during it. Not this year.

That led to a little trash-talking at home. John Jarvis said he remembers his son telling him he wouldn't be able to keep up, but his son remembers saying something a little different.

"My exact words were, 'You came to get your butt whooped,'" Joe Jarvis said.

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Spree.

His mom, Amber Hammond, was proud of her son after the big contest.

"He's a pro eater," she said.

The 11- to 13-year-old division saw a newcomer take the crown: 12-year-old Aidan Ramirez of Commerce Township came in first, beating out 11-year-olds Nathan Barron and Emily Finger, both of Livonia.

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PREP BASEBALL

## DCD duo helps lead East to win

Mann, Neibauer both play key role at Comerica Park

**Marty Budner**  
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Thanks in part to a Detroit Country Day duo, the East slipped past the West in the 36th annual East-West All-Star Classic baseball game Tuesday at Comerica Park.

DCD's talented tandem of Steve Mann and Nick Neibauer, both Farmington Hills residents, ignited a three-run rally that led the East to a 7-5 victory in the three-hour high school all-star game that started in the rain and ended in cool, but pleasant conditions on the Tigers' home turf.

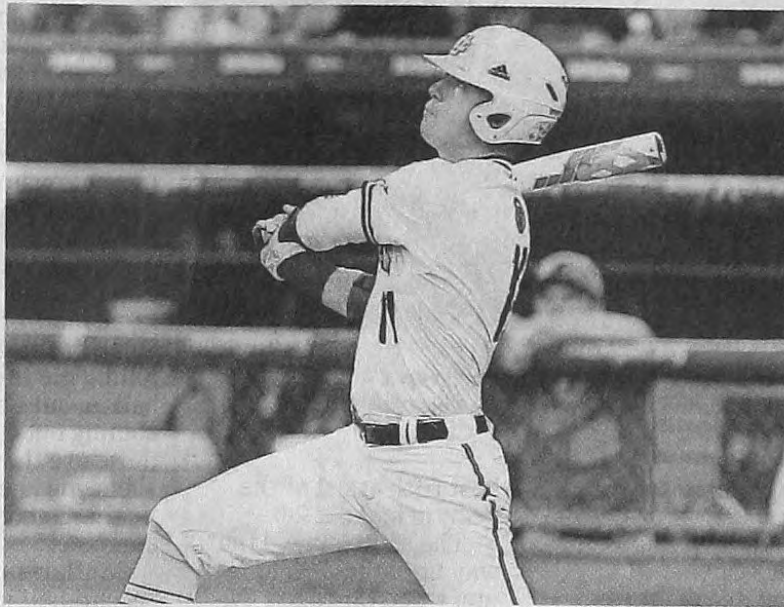
With the game tied at 3-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning, Mann reached base with

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a one-out walk. Neibauer came up next and smacked a line single to right field with Mann motoring around second on a bee-line to third base. The outfield throw went past the West third baseman, which allowed Mann to race home with the run that put the East ahead for good.

Neibauer raced over to third base and eventually sprinted home on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Utica Eisen-



DETROIT COUNTRY DAY'S NICK NEIBAUER HAD AN RBI HIT AND SCORED A RUN TO HELP LEAD THE EAST TO A 7-5 VICTORY OVER THE WEST.

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### 20/20 tennis tournament

The third annual 20/20 Tennis Tournament is scheduled for July 1 at the Birmingham Racquet Club.

The team-based competition will be held 2-5 p.m. for players ages 13-16. Match play competition will be conducted in both singles and doubles.

The entry fee is \$30 and the event will include raffle items, other prizes and games against local club pros.

All proceeds benefit the Vision Research-Ropard Foundation ([www.vrrf.org](http://www.vrrf.org)). The event was created by Ben Conti with Baseline Tennis. The rain date is set for July 2.

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USA ROLLER SPORTS REGIONAL PRIMER

## READY TO ROCK — AND ROLL

Area roller skaters want to shine the spotlight on sport they can't get enough of

**Tim Smith**  
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For hours on end, Amanda Smyser and Melia Conners go around in circles — and in their chosen sport, that means they're going places.

In fact, from Saturday through Tuesday at Skatin' Station in Canton, both are looking to repeat last season's success at the USA Roller Sports regionals.

At last year's regionals, held in Ohio, Livonia Franklin alum Smyser and Canton's Conners both qualified for the 2016 nationals and came away with medals.

Smyser, now 19, placed second in Sophomore A Figures; the 13-year-old Conners was third in Elementary B Figures.

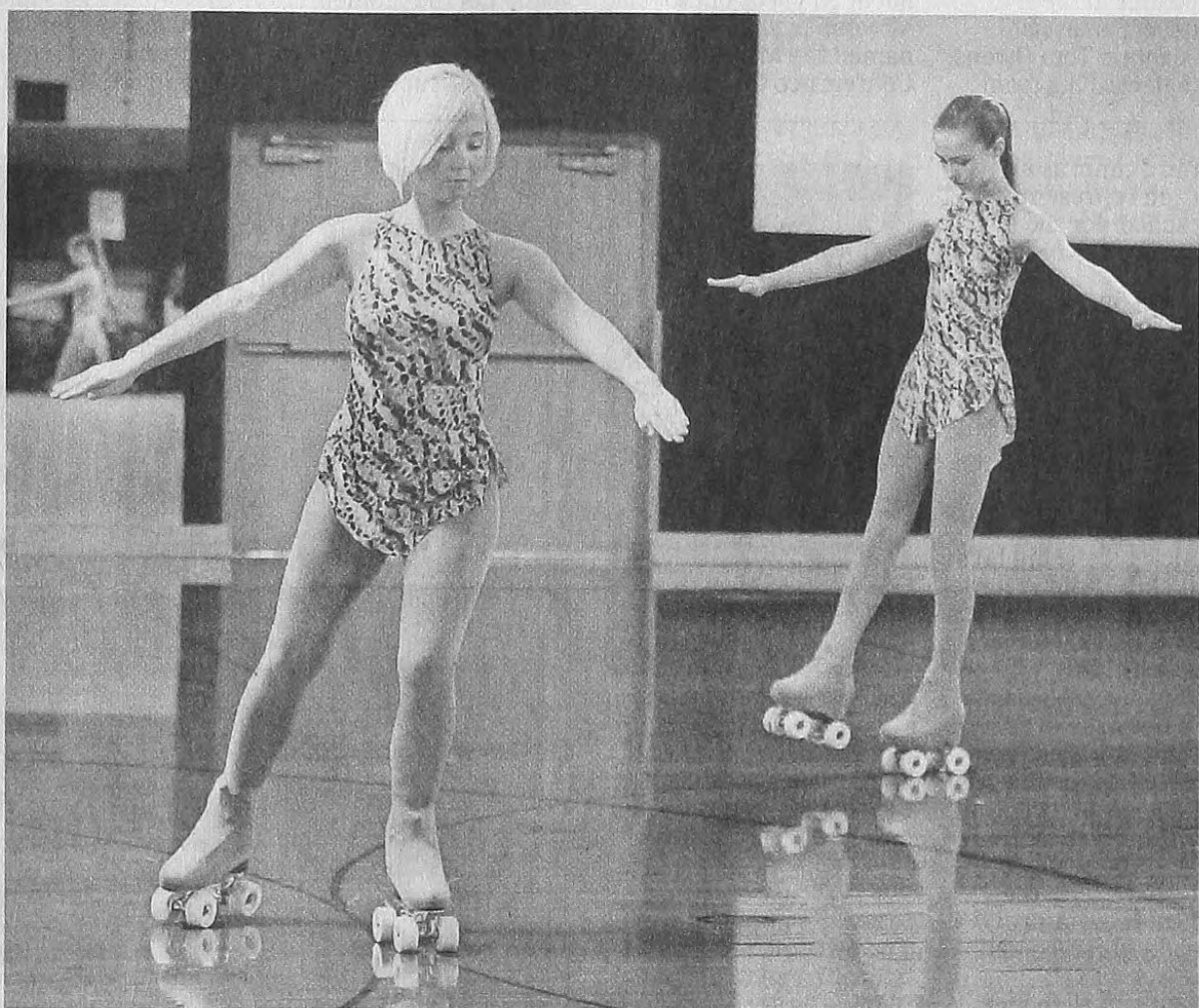
"I just wanted to go out there and skate the best I could, put some decent figures out," Smyser said. "So, yeah, I was quite shocked when I got second, but I skated the best I possibly could at that moment in time, which is what you want to do.

"It's not all about the winning, you need to focus on yourself."

**Crazy good**

Conners, who soon will be a freshman at Canton High

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Continuously working to perfect their "circles" routine are Amanda Smyser (foreground) and Melia Conners. Both are shown practicing at Skatin' Station in Canton.

**GREAT LAKES REGIONAL**

**What:** The 2017 USA Roller Sports Great Lakes Regional. Skaters from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin will compete in figures, loops and dance.

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**Saturday:** 5:15 a.m. through 10:30 p.m. **Sunday:** 5:15 a.m. through 9:40 p.m. **Monday:** 5:15 a.m. through 5:20 p.m. **Tuesday:**

**Where:** Skatin' Station, 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton (south of Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty roads).

**Local teams:** Among Michigan squads at the event will be members

of the Skatin' Station Artistic Skating Club as well as those from Bonaventure (Farmington Hills), Riverside (Livonia) and Rollerama (Brighton). **Contact:** For more information, call the rink at 734-459-6400 or go to [www.skatinstation2.com](http://www.skatinstation2.com).

PRO GOLF

## South Lyon's Harding earns U.S. Senior Open berth

Former state PGA Player of the Year makes field with 72

**Brad Emons**  
hometownlife.com

Tom Harding would agree that getting a chance to play in this year's U.S. Senior Open is like putting a cherry on top of a sundae.

"I'd say that's pretty accu-

rate," said the 53-year-old pro from South Lyon, who earned a qualifying berth in the U.S. Golf Association event, June 29 through July 2, in Peabody, Mass. "I'm trying to enjoy it. I'm meeting old friends."

Harding's brother Tim will be on the bag. His wife Peggy will make the trip, along with



Harding

his daughter Priscilla, who plays at Michigan State. His two other daughters — Caroline, who also plays for MSU, and Elizabeth, who will be a senior at South Lyon High — will be out of the country studying abroad.

"My family is coming out and just try to get a couple good swing thoughts and maybe for two days I can get some good karma, make a few putts and maybe thinking I can make the cut," Harding said.

"That's my expectation."

Harding, who has twice been named Michigan PGA Player of the Year (1997 and 2001), earned a spot May 24 when he led the qualifying field with 1-over 72 at Orchard Ridge Country Club in Fort Wayne, Ind.

"I sort of went there because I knew my one daughter (Priscilla) would be free to caddy for me, so I said, 'What

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### Aces on the links

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth is enjoying a run of hole-in-one success this month.

Three golfers registered holes-in-one within six days — spreading the wealth to two courses at the sprawling, North Territorial Road venue.

Among those joining the ace club were Zachary Newsom, 20, of Canton; Patrick Floyd, 59, of Plymouth; and David Werman, 68, of Plymouth.

Newsom recorded his hole-in-one on the 135-yard No. 14 hole at the Golden Fox course. He used a Ping IS 9-iron and Titleist Pro VI for his feat and he tallied 79 for his round.

Floyd's ace was recorded at the Golden Fox, on the 149-yard No. 14 hole. He used a 7-iron and Titleist Pro VIX and finished with 90.

Werman used a 9-iron and Titleist on the 103-yard No. 6 hole at the Hills course.

On May 23 at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia, 80-year-old Bob Selasky aced the 100-yard No. 7 hole.

It was Selasky's first-ever hole-in-one in 60 years of golfing.


Selasky, a member of the Livonia Senior Mens Golf Association, used a 4-hybrid club on the shot.

### Michigan Senior Olympics

Registration is now open for the 38th annual Michigan Senior Olympics Summer Games.

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PDL SOCCER

# Bucks fit to be tied after second-half collapse

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The Michigan Bucks did some soul searching following 2-2 draw June 18 against Chicago FC United in a Father's Day match-up at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Players and coaches stayed on the field for more than 20 minutes for a heart-to-heart discussion after conceding a pair of goals during the final 15 minutes in the Premier Development League Central Conference crossover.

The Bucks, who missed an opportunity to pull even with first-place Kitchener-Waterloo United FC in the Great Lakes Division, settled instead for the one point and remained in second place with 16 points at 5-1-1.

"It's disappointing. You never want to give up the lead, never want to drop points, especially when you play and did such good work in the first half," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "We feel like we threw it away."

The Bucks were missing five starters, including goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Western Michigan University) and star forward Francis Atuahene (University of Michigan), both of whom



JAY DUNWELL

This direct free kick eludes Bucks goalkeeper Anthony Mwambia during the 2-2 draw with Chicago United FC.

were training for the week with Major League Soccer's Sporting FC in Kansas City.

And despite three other regulars out with injuries, the Bucks jumped out to a 1-0 advantage, getting a goal by Ivo Cerda (U-M) in the second minute on a rebound off a shot by Austin Ricci.

Andre Landell then scored his team-leading fifth goal of the season on a header in the 19th minute, off an assist from captain Tom Owens, who collected his team

best fifth assist of the year, to make it 2-0.

The score stayed that way until the 77th minute, when Chicago's Qudus Lawal beat Bucks goalkeeper Anthony Mwambia (Bowling Green) to cut the deficit to 2-1.

And in the 89th minute, Chicago's Chris Mueller (Wisconsin) stunned the Bucks when he rifled a direct free kick from the left flank about 35 yards out to beat Mwambia, who was named the Mid-American Conference Goalkeeper

of the Year last fall. "The goalie was kind of cheating out and it was one they were expecting me to cross it," Mueller said. "I saw him come out a little bit and I just cut it back the other way and I just hit it really well to the top corner. He got his hands on it and it was lucky enough to go in ... it was a good shot."

FC United, which stands 1-1-3 (six points) in the PDL Heartland Conference, was coming off a 1-1 draw Friday against Rockford.

"It needed to happen," Mueller said. "It was the last couple of minutes. Some of the guys were telling me to serve the ball in, but I saw him coming out a little bit and those are the kind of shots you need to make to tie these good teams and compete."

Muftari made three second-half substitutions to find some fresh legs, inserting Jacob Bevan, Gael Kisombe and James Haupt, but it couldn't stem the tide.

"I thought we were really good in the first half, felt good about it," Muftari said. "Took our foot off the gas and Chicago did a good job. They really got the momentum in the second half and we couldn't figure a way out to swing it back in our

favor. We were just hoping to hold them off. The kid (Lawal) had a good first goal and then a good set piece (by Mueller) to tie the game."

The Bucks swing back into Great Lakes Division play Thursday in Louisville, Ky., against the last-place Derby City Rovers.

On June 14, the Bucks extended their shutout streak to five with a 1-0 win over the host Dayton (Ohio) Dutch Lions at DOC Stadium as Shepherd made two saves while Alexi Souahy scored the game-winner from Owens in the 75th minute.

But that scoreless streak was snapped by Chicago in the second half.

"They got on top of us and gained momentum," Muftari said. "They put a little more pressure on us and defended us a little higher up the field. They didn't give us so much time on the ball. I felt like we had a lot of time and space in the first half. We weren't able to adjust very well once we did that and they were able to gain some confidence out of it. They were winning the ball in better positions and they were able to get into our half much easier than they in the first half of

the game, where we felt like most of the game was played in their half. They came out a little more aggressive defensively. Gave us a lot of trouble and we didn't adjust."

The tie against Chicago may serve as a wake-up call for the Bucks, who will play K-W United FC in back-to-back meetings beginning Sunday, July 2, on the road in Ontario followed by a home date Wednesday, July 5, at Ultimate.

"You're always going to have bad games and we didn't think this was going to be one of them," Muftari said. "It was really a lapse in judgment and concentration. Part of my job is to make sure that doesn't happen. I have to do a better job making sure we're prepared better coming out of the second half. Once we lost the momentum, we couldn't figure out how to swing it back. The thing about soccer, the game keeps flowing and I can't call a timeout. I can't bring the guys in and see if we can settle them back down. That's it. Back to the training ground and trying to find some answers."

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## ALL-STARS

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hower's Jacob Raymond. Three straight singles produced the eventual game-winning run, scored by Northville's Kevin Morrissey after a hit by Woodhaven's Bradley Deboutte.

"We (batted) back-to-back most of the high school season and to do that in this game was something special," said Neibauer, who will attend Bowling Green State University next year. "This was amazing and the atmosphere was awesome. Throughout my high school career, this is a game I always wanted to play in."

"I played with a lot of these guys, against a lot of these guys and grew up playing with these guys. I just came out here and enjoyed every moment of it," he added. "It was great coming out here and this was an experience to remember."

### Third time at Comerica Park

It marked the third time the DCD teammates played a game at Comerica Park.

They had a game rained out when they were sophomores and last year, as juniors, they helped lead Country Day to a victory over Milan.

The third time, as all-stars and representing their school for the last time, proved to be a real charm.

"I think I had more fun this time than I did in the other times I played here," said Mann, one of two Detroit Tigers draftees who played in the game. "It was neat to represent Country Day like that. I got the walk and Nick got the big hit and, luckily, I didn't get thrown out at third base. It was a special moment for us."

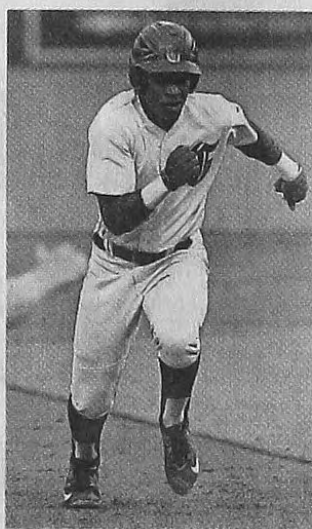
"Obviously, it was very exciting," he added. "I reunited with some old Little League friends and I got to play with some of the big names in the state and to meet them and be with the coaches. It certainly made it a great experience."

Mann and Neibauer were not the only area baseball stars enjoying the evening at Comerica Park.

### Kuster, Drogosch, Warren play

Brother Rice's Alex Kuster, Bloomfield Hills' C.J. Drogosch and Birmingham Groves' Xavier Warren also played for the East squad.

Kuster, who was the winning pitcher in Rice's Catholic League championship victory over rival Catholic Central, started on the hill and allowed one hit and one walk in



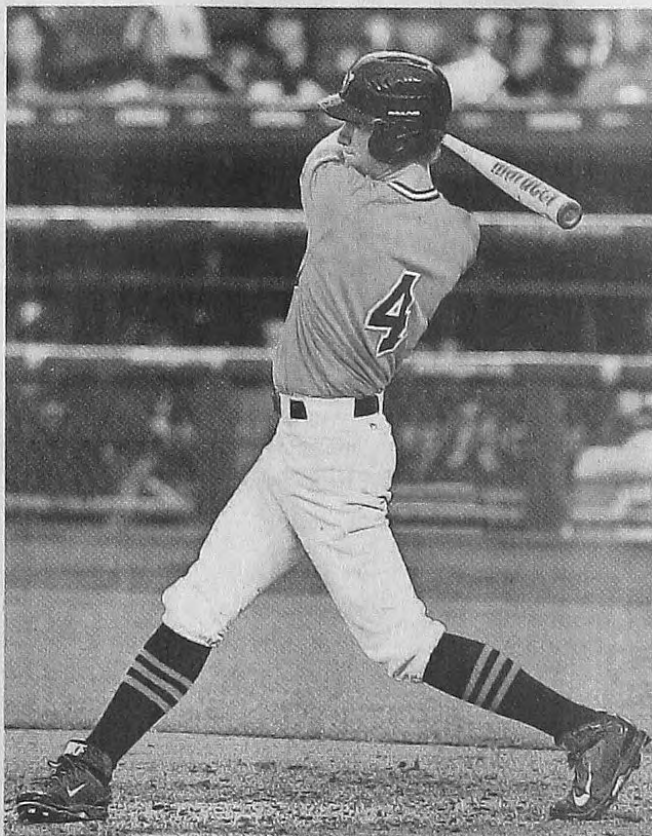
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Birmingham Groves player Xavier Warren bolts for third base as a member of the East squad.

his single inning of work. The 6-foot-2, 180-pounder, who also spent an inning playing first base, batted twice and produced the East's first RBI on a bases-loaded fielder's choice play.

Drogosch started at first base and batted twice. The Wayne State University-bound infielder went 1-for-2 at the plate, with a single to right field.

"This was a great event. I kind of caught myself in awe at some points," said Drogosch, who played at Comerica twice previously with Bloomfield Hills. "This was tremendous. I met a lot of great players who



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Brother Rice's Alex Kuster, who started for the East on the mound, takes a cut during the MHSAA East-West All Star baseball game at Detroit's Comerica Park.

have bright futures. "It was very cool to be out here. It was neat to play under the bright lights and to play against the best players in the state. It's just a little different feel (than playing with the high school team). It was nice to get the hit and it was good to get the 'W,' too. "I will take a lot of memories with me, especially since I will be go-

ing to Wayne State, too," he added. "I just love being down here in the city."

Warren, who helped lead the Falcons to the OAA White Division title this spring, went hitless in three at-bats, although he did get on base twice on fielder's choice plays. The Central Michigan-bound infielder stole a base in the eighth inning. "The game was a lot of

fun. There are a lot of great players out here that I've played with before," said Warren, a four-year varsity player at Groves. "I was just honored to be one of the select guys to come in and be offered to play here."

"I knew I would have a chance to play in this game this year, although I didn't know for sure. But when I got the email, I was pretty excited," he added. "This is my first time playing here and it was cool. The field was in such good condition. They took care of us. We were in the locker rooms hanging out and it was set up really nicely. That was really cool."

The East team finished with a dozen hits, including an RBI double and single by Grosse Pointe North's Sam Cross, named the East's Most Valuable Player. Cross also stole home during the sixth inning.

The West was led by Most Valuable Player Shane Easter from Comstock, who smacked a pair of singles and scored two runs.

Howell senior Sam Weatherly, who will play next year at Clemson, was named 2017 Mr. Baseball by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association, which organizes the all-star game. Weatherly was 2-for-3 in the game with a pair of RBIs.

Harding, who has captured the Michigan PGA Tournament of Champions and Michigan PGA Match Play tournaments twice, was an assistant pro at both Meadowbrook and Egypt Valley country clubs.

He currently teaches at the Kendall Academy at Miles of Golf in Ann Arbor and plays out of Cattails Golf Course in South Lyon.

"Tony Moscone (general manager) and Jim Gorney (chief operating officer), they're great," Harding said. "They're behind me for this tournament, trying to get me to wear a couple of logos. They're more excited than I am. They treat my family great out there at Cattails."

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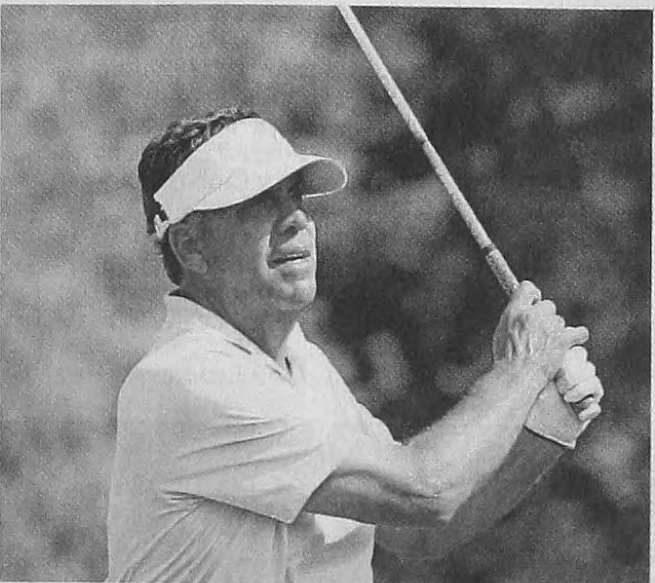
## HARDING

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the heck? Why not go down there?" Harding said. "I couldn't go to the one in Detroit (May 15 at Dearborn Country Club) because my oldest daughter (Caroline) was going to Spain to study abroad. I took her to the airport, all that stuff."

Harding then decided to make the mid-week trek to Fort Wayne and earned the berth by edging alternates Jeffrey Marsh (Fort Wayne) and Steve Jurick (Dayton, Ohio) by one stroke.

"There were 47 guys for one spot and I just played solid," said Harding, a native of Gull Lake who played at Michigan State. "I hit my driver well, had a lot of good



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South Lyon's Tom Harding takes aim during the Michigan Open at Prestwick Village in Highland.

up-and-downs. I was probably six-for-seven on up-and-downs."

Harding was the early

clubhouse leader at 1-over and his score held up.

"I had to wait around

for three hours and nobody could beat it," Harding said. "I was, like, 'Wow.' I realized I did play well. I would have liked to have been one or two better and that would have made it for sure, but I was a little nervous at plus-1. But I always know anything around par for that Open qualifier, you've got a chance."

Earning a spot at the U.S. Senior Open will be a golf reunion of sorts for Harding, who played on the Australian, Canadian, Asian, Nationwide and Nike (now Web.com) tours.

"I've already got a practice round scheduled with Brandt Jobe and Scott McCarron, who just finished No. 1 and No. 2 in the last (Senior PGA) tournament," said Harding, who captured the Canadian PGA in 1993.

"So that will be fun to see those guys. I've talked to Steve Stricker. We're going to play a practice round if he plays. He's not sure if he's going to play in the U.S. Senior Open."

This year's U.S. Senior Open will be held at Salem Country Club, a Donald Ross-designed course, which Harding is very familiar with.

"Everybody said it's a great course. I played many Donald Ross, so I know," he said. "Like Pinehurst (N.C.) No. 2, that's a Donald Ross. Those are severe greens, so you know. ... Off the tee, it won't be super-hard, but your second shot, if you miss it, you've got to miss it right in front of the green, otherwise you're just praying you can get a par or, at worst, a bogey."

BASKETBALL CAMP ON TAP

# Schoolcraft camp courts 'Fast Break' cagers

**Tim Smith**  
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The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team plays a "run and gun" style of game and, in recent seasons, the formula has led to many wins and championships.

From Monday through Friday, June 30, boys and girls entering grades 3-8 have the chance to find out what that's like. But the second annual Fast Break Basketball Camp will add another element to the mix — fun.

"It goes from one end of the spectrum to the other," said Patrick Yelsik of Schoolcraft's athletic department. "From the absolute novice play-



SCHOOLCRAFT ATHLETICS  
Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Abe Mashhour is hosting the second annual "Fast Break" camp June 26-30.



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Kids of all ages and abilities will have the chance to enjoy a week filled with basketball at Schoolcraft College.

er to kids who have been playing their entire lives and everywhere in between.

"It's not a camp designed for one age or ability level. It's a basketball player's camp. You're going to have a good time,

you're going to get better and you're going to go home with what you need to become better."

Campers (there were about 40 signed up as of

Wednesday) also will leave the Ocelots gym with a customized camp basketball and reversible camp jersey.

Heading the five-day camp is Schoolcraft men's basketball coach Abe Mashhour. Other coaches and players also will help with the various lectures, five-on-five games, drill stations, contests and competitions.

"We're focused on the way that the kids are doing what they're doing — not so much did the ball go into the basket," Yelsik said. "We'd rather them do something the correct way and miss it (a shot) than have them do it the incorrect way and

make it."

Yelsik then cited left-handed layups as one area falling into that category.

The cost to sign up for the Fast Break camp is \$95 and walk-ups are welcome to register Monday morning (at the Schoolcraft College gym, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia).

Meanwhile, Schoolcraft's offering is not trying to get in the way of what area high schools offer, Yelsik stressed.

"We didn't set this up to be in direct competition with anybody," he said. "We wanted to provide an alternative for kids who were in the Schoolcraft geography

and who wanted a chance to come on campus and see what our facilities are about.

"Step foot in the gym. I know a lot of them come to the games during the season, so a chance to interact with our coaches, players and staff we thought is pretty cool for the kids."

Yelsik said those signing up so far hail from communities served by Schoolcraft, mainly Livonia, Novi, Northville and Garden City.

Because Mashhour is athletic director in the Dearborn school district, a "strong number of kids" from that community are signing up.

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TRAVEL BASEBALL

# Tourney championships for area teams Cardinals, Patriots

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Summer is heating up, but a couple of area Little League teams already are scorching hot.

The 11-and-under Canton Cardinals won back-to-back tournaments. After prevailing in Shelby Township in the USSSA AA Summer Slam NIT, the Cardinals came back to win again June 11, capturing the main prize at the Saline Summer Slam.

At Saline, the Cardinals defeated three local teams and one from Ohio; at Shelby Township, the team won four mercies and a 3-2 walk-off victory over the Motor City Hit Dogs.



The 11U Canton Cardinals celebrate winning the Saline Summer Slam. The team also recently won the USSSA AA Summer Slam NIT in Shelby Township.

Coaches for the Cardinals are Mark Rutherford, Matt McIntosh, Drew Jurcisin and Brian Connell.

Players include Aiden Connell, Cameron Krafft,

Jack McIntosh, Cal Rutherford, Nicholas Bunch, Eagan Demers, Carter Jurcisin, Michael Nicholas, Liam Young, Riley Brodhagen, Drew Capra and Alexander Pers-

inger.

## Patriots prevail

On the weekend of June 10-11, the 12U Precision Patriots baseball team defeated the Michigan Red Sox 8-6 on a walk-off grand slam to capture the USSSA Monroe County Slugfest.

Homering over the weekend for the Patriots were Evan Cosgrove, Brayden Moore and Jacob Ramsey.

Members of the team include head coach Anthony Holyszko, assistant coaches Neal Corey and Brian Wietfield and players Brayden Corey, Evan Cosgrove, Alec Holyszko, Ayden Hofelt, Brayden Moore, Aiden Newman, Jacob Ramsey, Liam



The 12U Precision Patriots won the recent USSSA Monroe County Slugfest. Pictured (from left) are Jack Will, Aiden Newman, Liam Rearick, head coach Anthony Holyszko, Ayden Hofelt, Tommy Wietfeld, Brayden Moore, Alec Holyszko, assistant coach Neal Corey, Evan Cosgrove, Garrett Russow, Jacob Ramsey, Joey Weertz, assistant coach Brian Wietfeld and Brayden Corey.

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## SKATING

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School, shook her head recalling her 2016 success.

"Oh my god, that meant everything," Connors said. "The second I found out I got third place, me and my mom just started crying. ... It was crazy for me to think that out of so many girls I got third place."

Skatin' Station Artistic Skating Club coach Vickie Hudson said both Smyser and Connors are succeeding because they work tirelessly at perfecting crucial aspects of the sport — balance, footwork, agility, endurance.

"Amanda travels to (Elyria) Ohio on Sundays to train with a group of athletes," Hudson said. "And she drives back after skating eight hours."

"It's all about practice, practice and more practice so that your muscle memory takes over under pressure."

"It's different when the judges are walking up and down those circles and you're the only one out there going around."

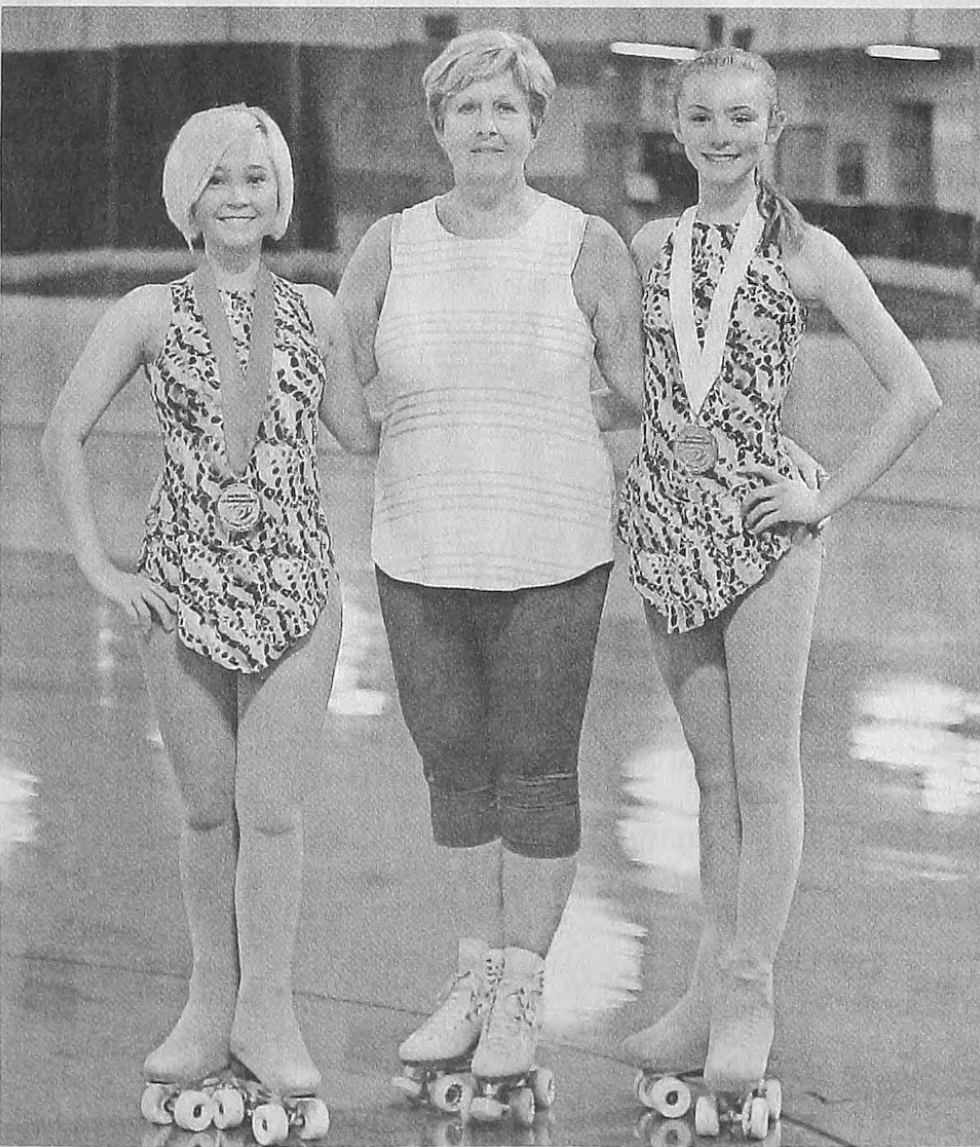
### Looking to advance

Several other skaters that Hudson coaches will compete in three categories (figures, loops and dance), hopeful that their hard work also will pay off with berths in nationals later this year.

Those include Ashlyn Nordquist, 16, of Westland; Madison Lee, 12, of Plymouth; Mahira Tandon, 11, of Canton; Ishana Shah, 9, of Canton; and Sinchana Gowda, 8, of Canton.

"I just want to have fun (at regionals), make it to nationals," said Nordquist, who will be a senior at Westland John Glenn. "It's hard because it's a lot of time that you have to put into it."

Tandon noted that it is "amazing" to be part of the Skatin' Station team because "all the girls are



Amanda Smyser (left) of Livonia and Melia Connors (right) of Canton display their 2016 national medals. Both gave a lot of credit for their success to Skatin' Station coach Vickie Hudson.



Preparing for regionals are (from left): Ishana Shah, 9, of Canton; Sinchana Gowda, 8, of Canton; Ashlyn Nordquist, 16, of Westland; Madison Lee, 12, of Plymouth; Mahira Tandon, 11, of Canton; Amanda Smyser, 19, of Livonia; and Melia Connors, 13, of Canton. All are members of the Skatin' Station Artistic Skating Club in Canton.

really good. But what I want to do this weekend is have fun and try to win to go to nationals."

With skaters from five states going through their paces while judges essentially stare them in the face, it all comes down to being able to flick away any such pressure as though it were a bead of sweat.

That's why the skaters seemingly are always at the rink, building up their skills as well as their resolve.

"For figures, as you can see you're just going around on the line and the judges are right there, standing next to the line," Smyser said, taking a break from Tuesday's practice to talk about regionals.

### In the zone

Smyser, pointing at her head, added that "it's all up here. ... It's nerve-racking. You have the muscle memory. If you're in here every day doing the same figures, the muscle memory will kick in, no matter if you're nervous or not."

"I don't want to get nervous and I hope I stay in my zone," Connors said. "Right now I'm, like, I have to get into the zone because it's really pressurized when the judges are like right next to you. You know they're looking at you."

Both Smyser and Connors said they are thrilled that Skatin' Station is hosting the four-day event (doors open 5:15 a.m. each day) because they hope others might discover the sport the way they did a few years ago.

"I didn't know that this was a sport," Smyser said. "I knew about ice skating, but I didn't know about roller skating. So I took a beginner class. I wanted to skate backwards because I was always skating outside."

"I took the lessons, I saw all these girls in skating dresses and I immediately was hooked. I had no idea that was a

thing, artistic roller skating, you know?"

Although she didn't seriously take up the sport until age 14, she did have fun as a youngster tooling around on "a junky pair of outdoor skates. I would skate in the kitchen, that was the only place we had tile, and I would skate outside. I just always loved to skate."

### Worth discovering

And even when the pressure is turned up, she still has a blast.

"I just want more people to know it and be as in love with it as I am," Smyser said.

Connors started out using "blades" (in-line skates) during elementary school parties at Skatin' Station.

Soon, however, she was encouraged by her mom to sign up for a beginner's class — and ditch the blades for the four-wheel roller skates that she now uses.

Over the past few years, she has continued to improve and become an accomplished skater at such a young age.

Like Smyser, she would like to others who attend regionals to leave the rink having had their own "a-ha" moment.

"People don't know about the sport and it's sad, because I feel so many people could be so good at it," Connors said. "Once they put their mind to it, they're able to do it. That's how it was for me."

Concurring was Smyser, who urged people to "come in, take the beginner classes, come to regionals and see some good skating. If I knew this existed when I was 7 or 8, that would have been great. That would have added on to my skating career."

As proven by both of Skatin' Station's 2016 medal winners, it is never too late to put those wheels in motion.

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## 7 helpful networking tips for introverts

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"I love meeting new people!" are words you've never uttered. You're not a fan of small talk and crowds make you uneasy. In other words, you're an introvert. So when it comes to the idea of attending a professional networking event, you'd much sooner take a dip in Lake Michigan. In February. At midnight.

Unfortunately, we live in a world where "it's not what you know, but who you know" that matters, so having a broad professional network can significantly help you get ahead — whether you're looking for your next job or trying to climb the ladder in your current one.

So what's an introvert with high professional hopes to do? Use the following tips to help navigate your next networking event.

**1. Start small.** You're already taking a big step by attending an event where you might not know anyone. Don't put additional pressure on yourself by thinking you have to make friends with every person in the room.

Start with a small goal of, say, meeting and exchanging contact information with at least two new people. Chances are, once you've broken



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the ice with one person, others will join in, and before you know it, you'll have surpassed your goal; it will be a personal and professional victory.

**2. Have a go-to conversation starter.** Knowing what to say when first meeting someone can be a major source of anxiety. Just remember that everyone at a networking event has the same goal — to meet new people.

It helps to have a standard opener, even if it's as simple as, "What brings you here?" or "Have you been to many of these events?"

**3. Prepare questions in advance.** Now that you've broken the ice, you want to avoid that dreaded "awkward silence."

Plan some open-ended questions you can ask ahead of time, such as "How did you get into [industry]?" and "What do you like most about your job?" to keep the conversation flowing.

**4. Recruit a buddy.** Ask a friend or co-worker to join you. Not only will having a buddy by your side make you feel less alone and more confident, he or she may know other people at the event and

can introduce you. Just make sure you're not so dependent on your friend that you cling to him or her and don't meet anyone new.

**5. Fake it.** On the inside, you may be feeling terrified, but no one has to know that. Adjust your body language to project confidence and approachability. Uncross your arms from over your chest, stand up tall and take a deep breath. Make eye contact with others and smile.

You may find the more confident you act, the more confident you start to feel as a result.

**6. Stop focusing on you.** Introverts make up 30 to 50 percent of the population, according to Susan Cain, author of "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking," so it's very likely you're in good company.

Instead of focusing on how nervous you are, consider how others might be feeling — and how grateful they would be if you were the one to break the ice.

**7. Give yourself an out.** If your conversation starts winding down, or you just want to meet someone new, find a way to exit the conversation gracefully. Just as you prepared conversation starters, you can also prepare some enders.

Try something like, "I'm going to refresh my drink. It was great meeting you!" or "It was great meeting you. I hope to see you at another event soon." If you have to leave, you can say, "Well I have to get going, but I really enjoyed meeting you. Can I get your card or contact information?"

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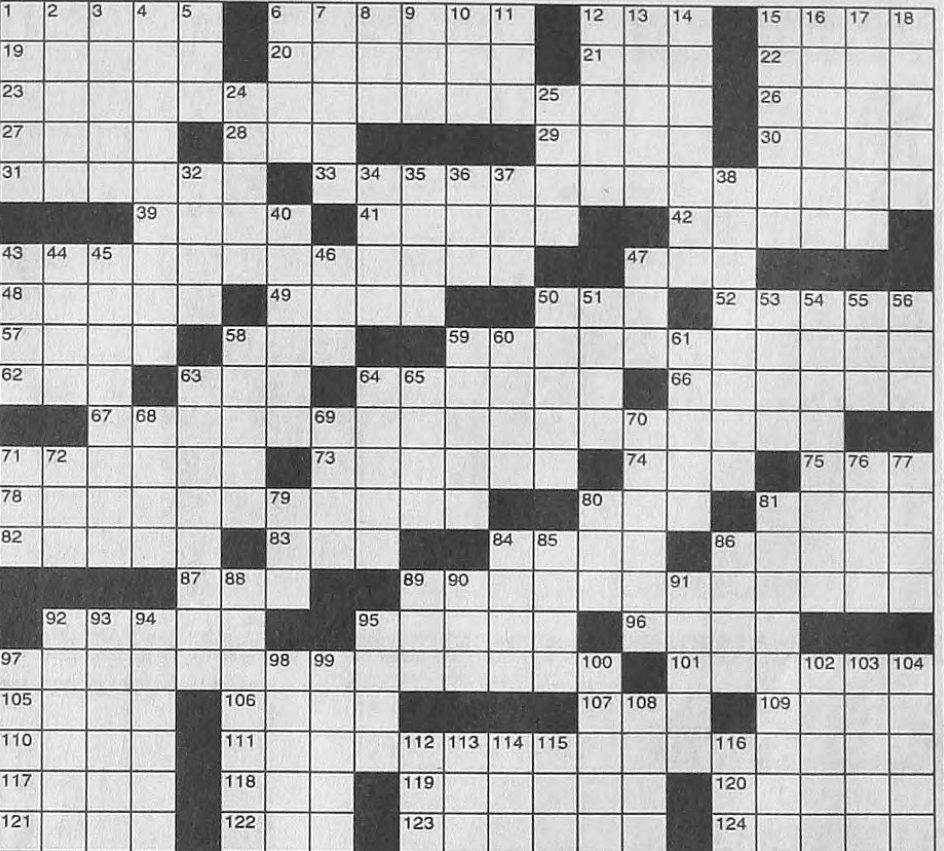
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6	9	1	6	2	9	8	7
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  - TALL
  - THE SHARD
  - TOKYO MODE GAKUEN
  - TORRE AGBAR
  - TURNING TORSO
  - TWO INTERNATIONAL WINDOWS

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

**Crossword Answers**

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# Car Report

## EXCITING, CAPABLE CH-R COMES ALONG JUST IN TIME TO REPRESENT TOYOTA IN HOT SUBCOMPACT-UTE SEGMENT



By Dale Buss

One of the best things that happened to the new Toyota CH-R is that the downscale brand the car originally was supposed to represent -- Scion -- disappeared a couple of years ago. So Toyota Motor Corp. plugged the subcompact crossover vehicle into a crying need in the namesake brand's own vehicle lineup. And Toyota has been able to execute a better model because it took CH-R upscale in the process.

In fact, CH-R is clearly worthy of the Toyota badge, with its interesting shapes and surfaces in exterior design and a platform loaded with amenities that will make CH-R very competitive in what admittedly is an already highly

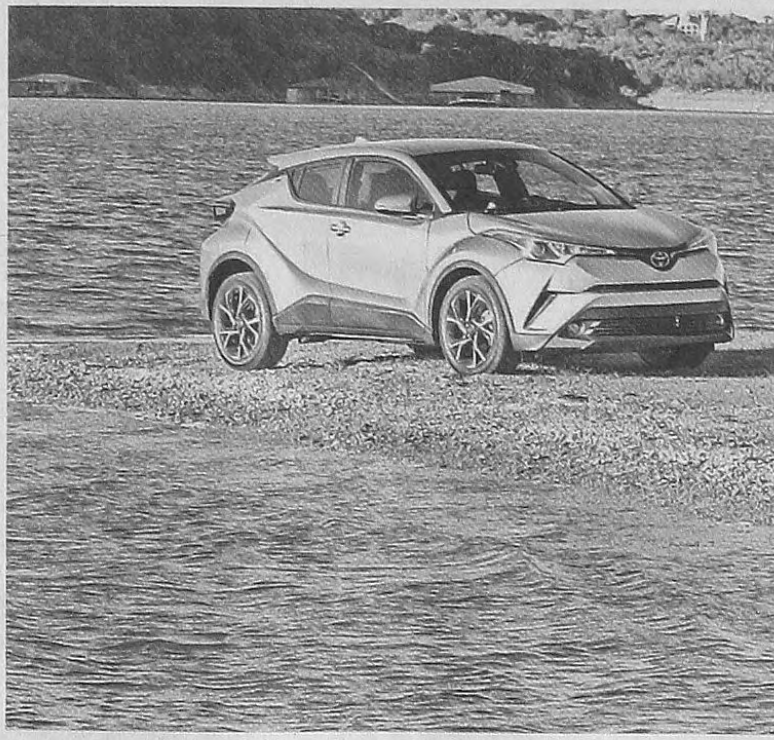
competitive segment. Hyundai's very late-coming new Kona is tilted at the same opportunity: the desire for small but utility-type vehicles by millennial consumers.

CH-R offers a sporty enough 23-liter, four-cylinder engine that delivers 144 horsepower, coupled with a continuously variable transmission, for a powertrain that provides 31 mpg on the highway and 27 mpg in the city. Among its featured performance benefits are a very tight turning radius.

The standard safety system is a huge plus as well, including automatic braking as standard equipment and a suite of other automated-driving features that to date have remained the province mainly of much pricier vehicles.

All of this for a price that begins at \$22,500 with a \$960 delivery fee.

"Prior to 2010 the segment didn't exist," John Meyers, national manager, Toyota Motor Sales, told me. "The



The new Toyota CH-R is styled for summertime fun

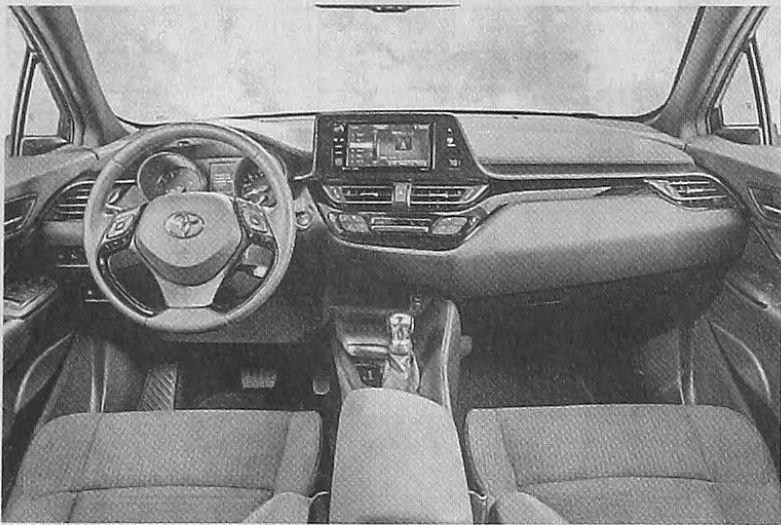
Toyota CH-R as the object of desire.

"One of our main objectives was to spark interest and enthusiasm in a creative campaign equally as captivating as the vehicle itself," said Ed Laukes, group vice president of marketing for Toyota Motor Sales USA, in a press release. "The fairy tales we use in the creative element are timeless classics, but we're telling them in a fresh and mischievous way."

Further adding to the mischief, Toyota also had agency Saatchi & Saatchi remix the content with the help of YouTube sensation Bad Lip Reading, whose re-dub spots highlight CH-R's features with a humorous touch.

Meyers told me that the creative "is a little un-Toyota like and that starts with the target we're going after. They're younger and not typical Toyota buyers. With the audience we're going after, the young millennial audience, and the vehicle and product we have to offer, it really kind of drove the decision to create this unique campaign. It was after mischief makers from fairy tales. We have Cinderella, Ginger Bread Man, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, and so on."

Right now these spots are strictly for YouTube; they won't be repurposed for TV ads. It'll be all digital placement. "We also have print ads, social and digital -- it's a fully Toyota campaign," Meyers said. "We have activations with music and a big partnership with MTV. And a lot of experiential activations at various festivals spread across the country."



Advanced standard safety features highlight the CH-R package

is for another 61 percent in the next couple of years. It's an entry point for new buyers with starting prices in the low 20,000s. It offers the alternative to a sedan.

"For our vehicle, the three key items are styling, fun-to-drive, and it offers our full suite of safety items as standard, which no one else in the segment does. That include dynamic radar cruise control, lane departure alert with steering assist, and [others]."

But whatever happened to the notion, so popular in the auto industry just a few years ago, that millennials don't want to own a vehicle or even learn how to drive?

B, and to work, and to do what they need to do. We don't see slack. While millennials come in later to get their driver's licenses and drive cars, they are purchasing vehicles. They're doing a lot of what you traditionally do in life, just a few years later."

Meanwhile, the marketing launch campaign for C-HR -- which stands for Coupe-High Rider -- inserts the new vehicle into online video ads that tell classic and traditional stories of mischief makers that are updated for the modern age. So, for example, Cinderella escapes the rules of conformity around her life in a C-HR, and a Gingerbread Man spot places

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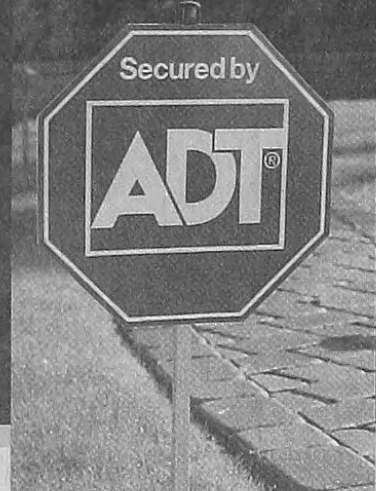
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