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Crouch, Maloney tangle in school budget talks

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton school board President Kim Crouch apologized to a large audience Tuesday after she had words with Trustee Mike Maloney, who again asked for plans for Allen Elementary, now used as part of the district's preschool program, and contract services.



Crouch



Maloney

The public exchange came following a budget hearing on the proposed \$155 million 2016-17 budget. Maloney began questioning some of the budget items, including adding plant engineers for elementary schools, freezing technology replacement expenditures —

pending a long-term plan — and the use of Allen Elementary, which was originally scheduled for closure before its use for preschool classes.

"There was clearly a plan to shutter these schools," Maloney said.

Meanwhile, Pam Anstey, interim assistant superintendent of business and operations, told Maloney that the preschool program is making a profit for the district. But Maloney insisted that he had asked for data on issues, including Allen, that has not been given to him. He also said that when he offered suggestions, he was told by the board that it wasn't the appropriate time.

"I don't want you to come here, Mike, like, 'This is all news to me,'" Crouch said.

Said Maloney: "There's a lot of good alternatives. To do that, we need to have data."

Board Vice President Sheila Paton, however, reminded

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Tears were shed and it was an emotional evening as the Orlando massacre victims were remembered.

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Diverse group mourns Orlando massacre, shows unity

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

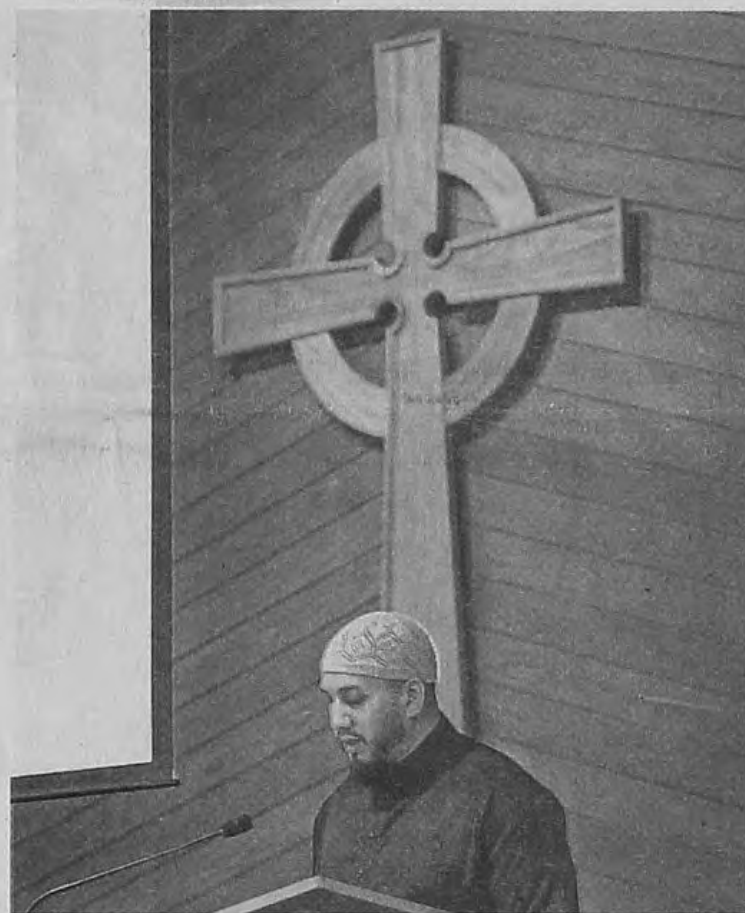
Andrew Slayton, a Canton gay man horrified by the Orlando massacre, was moved emotionally as he looked around a church where Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs and Christians gathered to support the LGBTQ community and stand as one against hate and violence.

Slayton, 26, has learned that religion isn't always a weapon used to discriminate.

"It just shows me how far I've come and how much love can transform our lives and bring us together," he said.

Slayton was among a diverse crowd of about 100 people who gathered Wednesday evening inside Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton to show solidarity against hate after gunman Omar Mateen killed 49 people and wounded 53 others in the Orlando gay nightclub

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KELLY DOBSON

Hasan Sheikh, representing the Islamic faith, read from the Quran, offering sympathies for the victims and their families and condemned all violence perpetrated in the name of religion.



World War II veteran Bob Sloan looks out as the bus enters Arlington National Cemetery.

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Honor Flight honors veterans

More than 80 treated to a trip to Washington, D.C.

Flight Network.

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

World War II veteran Bob Sloan was sure that, because his war ended more than seven decades ago, it had lapsed into our nation's archives, forgotten by most.

And after watching the disinterest and, in many cases, disdain with which returning Vietnam veterans were treated, Korean War veteran Jim Berbrich was convinced pretty much no one cared about his

war any more, even though it happened a decade before Vietnam.

If their shared journey to Washington, D.C., recently taught them anything at all, it taught them one thing for sure: They're both wrong.

The two men, both Livonia residents, were among more than 80 veterans flown to Washington, D.C., June 4 as part of an Honor Flight organized by Talons Out Honor Flight, the southwest Michigan hub of the national Honor

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The idea: Fly veterans to Washington for a day, where they're treated to meals, tours and visits to national monuments dedicated to their service. When they left Kalamazoo, while they were in D.C. and when they returned late that night, they were surrounded by people applauding — and saluting — their contributions.

The show of love caught the veterans a little by surprise. "Our time was 70 years

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MOD Pizza 'spreading MODness' to Canton

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

MOD Pizza, the nation's fastest-growing company of its kind, has chosen Canton for one of its next sites in Michigan. Livonia-based Team Schostak Family Restaurants has confirmed Canton and Chesterfield townships will become the sixth and seventh MOD Pizza locations in Michigan.

MOD Pizza brand leader Jake Schostak said the Canton location will be in the new Shops

of Canton, which will be built on the site of the now-demolished Zax Auto Wash, on Ford Road west of Haggerty.

"Assuming everything goes as planned, we'll be good for a December opening," he said.

Billed as a fast-casual eatery that promises top quality, but not full table service, Seattle-based MOD (Made On Demand) Pizza outpaced its industry rivals with 220-percent growth in 2015, according to Technomic, a research and consulting firm servicing the food

industry. Company officials chose Canton because of demographics, amid the belief it was underserved for the fast-casual pizza industry.

"We're spreading MODness in the area," Schostak said.

MOD Pizza is expected to employ a "MOD squad" of 30 employees in its 2,600-square-foot Canton site. The company now has about 120 eateries in the United States and one in the United Kingdom.

MOD Pizza already has locations in Livonia, Northville Township, Rochester Hills, Brighton and Woodhaven. Team Schostak Family Restaurants has exclusive rights to the Michi-



MOD Pizza is coming to Canton.

MOD PIZZA

gan eateries. "We're focusing right now on the metro Detroit area," Schostak said.

MOD Pizza has committed to opening 25 locations in Michigan as the company rapidly

expands. It touts artisan-style, personal-size pizzas ranging from just under \$5 to nearly \$11. It also offers other fare, such as Michigan craft beer and hand-spun milkshakes.

On its website, MOD Pizza co-founder and CEO Scott Svenson called 2015 "a significant year for MOD" with 220-percent growth in sales.

Darren Tristano, Technomic president, has called the fast-casual, custom-built pizza segment "today's break-out growth sector," saying it is poised for double-digit growth for five years and beyond.

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Canton collecting items for military troops

Canton Leisure Services is partnering with Operation Care Package Michigan through July 31 to collect items and donations that will go directly toward care packages for deployed military troops and wounded soldiers recovering from injuries away from home.

Canton began collecting items during Liberty Fest and also was sponsoring a letter-writing effort, allowing people to submit messages

of support and encouragement by filling out blank postcards.

Donations and notes of support will also be collected in the lobby of the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, through July 31. Also, campers at all Canton Leisure Services summer camps will be participating in the letter-writing and package-building parts of this support effort.

Care package items

that are currently being accepted include personal care items like bug spray, ChapStick, eye drops, disposable razors, travel games, batteries, sports equipment, blankets, DVDs and CDs (new or used), Ziploc bags (all sizes), greeting cards (all occasions), individualized snack items like instant oatmeal, granola bars, Little Debbie snacks, microwave popcorn and beef jerky and clothing items like hats, scarves, gloves and scarves (black, brown, or green).

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Bike-riding burglary suspect charged

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A bicyclist who drew the attention of police early Wednesday was charged Friday with burglarizing a house on Plymouth Township's north side and property recovered during a subsequent investigation links him to thefts in the township and other communities.

Township officers arrested Jonathan A. Urso, 26, of Livonia, in the area of Hines Drive and Wilcox Road shortly before 2 a.m. Wednesday, Lt. Bob Antal said. Urso, wearing dark clothing, had been spotted riding a bicycle without a light and fled when an officer tried to stop him in order to speak with him, police said.

"The officer knew that there were thefts occurring in that area," Chief Tom Tiderington said.

Antal said Urso pedaled into a nearby condominium complex, tossed the bike over a fence and then climbed over himself and rode away, but that officers, who set up a perimeter, located him about 10 minutes later.

In his possession, Antal said, was a backpack with a Wii video gaming set inside that turned out to have been stolen from a house on nearby River Bend Drive. That burglary was reported later Wednesday morning, Antal said.

Urso also had the key to an \$8,000 Honda all-terrain vehicle, which police later recovered at the Dearborn Heights home of a relative of the suspect's while executing a search warrant, Antal said. The ATV had been reported stolen from a garage in the home in the township.

Not-guilty pleas were entered for him and Judge James Plakas set bond at \$100,000 total, cash or surety, and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Friday, July 8.

TLC Productions is accepting plays for biennial Canton One Acts Festival

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If you plan to enter TLC Productions' biennial Canton One Acts Festival, be prepared to submit your work sooner than later.

The organization set an Aug. 31 deadline, but will accept only the first 50 one-act plays that meet its submission guidelines.

"Submissions are coming in fast. Within the first 24 hours, we have 50 percent of the scripts in," said Christopher Tremblay, TLC Productions co-founder.

Two years ago, the theater received 100 entries within a month. It's accepting half that number this year because the festival will feature an original play by TLC Productions in addition to works submitted by the public. The festival is set for Jan. 13-15, 2017, at Canton's Village Theater.

TLC Productions will choose several semifinalists from the 50 entries it receives this summer. Portions of those plays will be performed in dramatic readings in October. Finalists will be announced by Oct. 31.

Scripts should be no longer than 12 minutes and may include up to four characters. No children's shows or shows with child characters will be considered. Playwrights may submit up to two original plays.

"You've got to think minimal props and minimal set," Tremblay said, offering advice for novice writers. "Even though we allow four characters, start with two. It's much easier to write with two and you can always have a third minor character."

"Any good play will



Maureen Paraventi of Redford performs a scene during Canton One Acts Festival last year. She also wrote one of the plays included in the biennial event.

have a good plot and some interesting characters. When you have a short play, you really are relying on the actors to bring the story to life because you don't have a lot of time. Writing a short play in many cases can be harder than writing a full play, because you've got to condense everything."

He suggests that writers read a few one-act plays to get a feel for the format. Need inspiration for a plot or character? Read through magazines, newspapers, think about current issues or reflect on your own life.

"One of the plays I wrote a couple of festivals ago was 'Priced to Sell,' about a mother and daughter preparing for a garage sale," Tremblay said. "That came from personal experience growing up in a family that had garage sales. You can take something very ordinary and transform it."

TLC Productions also offers a writing experience through its biennial StageLab 24, which brings together writers, directors and actors to create, rehearse and stage a play, all within 24 hours. The next StageLab 24 is planned for September 2017.

For guidelines and directions on submitting

a script to the Canton One Acts Festival, go to cantononeacts.com.



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Ryan Reid of Howell and Isaiah Davis of Dearborn Heights work on the World of Beer construction site in Canton.

World of Beer taking shape on Ford Road

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

World of Beer, a place where patrons can raise a toast to 600 different brews from about 30 countries, is taking shape in Canton.

Chad Wilson, who is spearheading the project, said he is hopeful the Canton WOB will open by late summer.

"We're looking at sometime around mid-September," he said Friday.

Observer readers have inquired after noticing construction on the WOB site on Ford Road, west of Lilley.

With a heavy emphasis on craft beer, WOB will have 550 different brews in bottles and another 50 on tap.

Patrons still can find domestic beer such as Budweiser and Miller, Wilson said, "but our main focus will be on craft beer."

Patrons can drink their beer and eat it, too. Wilson said beer is used in sauces and dressings

that accompany a wide range of fresh-made menu items, including hand-crafted burgers.

"Our food really compliments the craft beer selections," Wilson said.

Canton WOB is expected to seat 150-175 people and will have an outdoor patio. Wilson said it will employ about 75 workers.

When it opens, it will be the only World of Beer in Michigan, though construction also has begun on a site in Woodhaven. WOB isn't a brewery, so no beer is made on-site, though the selection of bottled and draft beer is vast.

Local officials have said WOB will complement an already thriving business corridor along Ford Road. Kristen Thomas, Canton's economic development manager, has called it "a great fit for Canton."

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ago," said Sloan, a flight orderly in the Naval Air Transport Service who was stationed in Hawaii. "I thought the war had all been forgotten. It was absolutely awesome. It really humbles you, but you're proud they remember."

Berbrich, who joined the U.S. Marines at age 18 and, at age 82, still refers to himself as a marine, served from 1952-55 and spent 14 months in Korea. He was touched by the outpouring of affection for the veterans of all conflicts.

"After seeing how Vietnam vets were treated (when they came home), I thought our country didn't care any more," said Berbrich, who served as a payroll disperser during the war. "This (trip) changed my mind totally about that."

Aside from renewing their faith, the trip was the chance of a lifetime for both men, which is exactly how the organizers hope it will turn out. The Honor Flights are paid for by Talons Out through grassroots fundraising.

Starting small

The national Honor Flight program got started with a couple of small planes flying two veterans at a time and has since expanded into 132 hubs in 43 states. The Talons Out Michigan hub held its first fundraiser in July 2013 and flew its first flight Oct. 26, 2013.

Money is raised largely by donations — often only \$10 or \$20 at a time — for the flights, which organizers say cost some \$96,000 each these days. The flights are staffed entirely by volunteers and include individual escorts — usually friends or family members — for each veteran.

BIG 10 OPPORTUNITY

Talons Out Michigan Honor Flight has scheduled its 10th flight for Sept. 10 and fundraising is underway.

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Talons Out Michigan president Bobbie Bradley said it's all done for one basic reason.

"It's nothing more than to honor our veterans for their service to their country," Bradley said.

After boarding an early morning flight in Kalamazoo, the veterans arrived in Washington, D.C., and were taken on the rounds of the various memorials, among them the Vietnam Wall, the World War II Memorial, the U.S. Marine Corps memorial and others.

Sloan, the 89-year-old World War II veteran who'd never been out of his native Tennessee before joining the U.S. Navy, was anxious to see the memorial commemorating his war — "That was the main one I wanted to see ... it was gorgeous," he said — but was most touched by visiting the Arlington Cemetery grave of Audie Murphy, one of the most decorated veterans in World War II.

"I always looked up to him," Sloan said. "I always felt like maybe he never recovered from what he went through (in the war)."

Personal reasons

Berbrich, the 82-year-old Korean War veteran, wanted to see the memorial for that war, but he



The more than 80 veterans plus their escorts and volunteers pose by the Iwo Jima Marine Memorial.

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The Vietnam War Wall.

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also wanted to see the U.S. Marines memorial to Iwo Jima. His reason was personal: he had a cousin

die there. "I hadn't seen it," Berbrich said of the memorial. "I'm still a ma-

rine and I wanted to see it." Both men were struck by the fact that, among

the visitors who greeted them were many children. Sloan said he was touched by their presence.

"There were little kids, which meant their parents cared enough to bring them out there," Sloan said. "That meant everything to me."

That also surprised Gretchen Alaniz of Livonia, Berbrich's daughter, who accompanied her father on the trip.

"A lot of young kids came up to thank (Berbrich) and that was cool," Alaniz said. "Kids aren't usually comfortable approaching strangers, but these kids did it to say 'thank you.' It was really interesting."

Organizers had one extra surprise for the veterans on the return flight, something to which they had all looked forward during their time fighting their respective wars: mail call.

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Maloney that when Monica Merritt was appointed interim superintendent in February, trustees talked about allowing her time to adjust to the new position. "We needed to give her time to get her feet on the ground," Paton said, adding that plans Maloney wants are in the works. Maloney asked about contract services and where a plan – and a potential plan for cost savings – might be. Paton again reminded him that Anstey is developing requests for proposals for all services. "Anstey is doing it. She's already said she's doing it," Paton said. "I gave dozens of suggestions," Maloney said, adding that there has been no public discussion of his ideas. Crouch, however, held up a piece of paper with his suggestions and told Maloney she had reviewed tapes of the past few board

meetings. "A lot of what you are raising we talked about two to three meetings ago," she said. But Maloney continued: "I think there are much better alternatives" and again asked for data regarding the space at Allen and preschool classes. Finally, Crouch attempted to stop Maloney. "Please don't come and say no has talked about your things (budget suggestions)," she said. As Maloney continued talking, Crouch added: "You are out of order!" "Don't be silly," Maloney shot back. Crouch responded in kind: "No. You don't be silly." "We need to act like a board instead of this complacency," Maloney said, adding, "I won't accept a lecture from you." As she put an end to the verbal exchange, Crouch said: "It's not about complacency. It's about you trying to ride roughshod over people."

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Celebrate America's first ladies at Plymouth Historical Museum

A wine and appetizer reception for the former first ladies and their husbands (as portrayed by the Plymouth Living History Troupe) takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The Plymouth Living History Troupe will impersonate some of the first ladies and their husbands. The Main Street Opera Theatre will perform historic patriotic songs throughout the evening. This event is a "first look" at the new exhibit "First Ladies — Fashion Setters" featuring more than a dozen dresses of the first ladies throughout history. "The dresses are going to be fabulous," said Liz Kerstens, executive director of the museum. "They will be more historically accurate than anything we've had before." In the past, the museum rented dresses from outside sources, but this year is different. Each

dress in this exhibit has been carefully researched by museum volunteer and past president Pam Yockey, who is also a costume historian and seamstress. Yockey handmade 12 of the dresses based on details gleaned from a lifetime of research. Two original dresses will be on loan from a private collection as well. "We're not necessarily picking inaugural gowns," Yockey said. "We're primarily picking dresses they wore." Something visitors can look forward to seeing is Florence "Flossie" Cleveland's wedding gown. When she was a young bride in the White House, photography was widely available, so photographs of her dress exist. This made recreating the dress easier. "We have front and back photographs," Yockey said. "We chose not to do her inaugural gown, because it had been altered. That's true of a lot of the

gowns back then. Mary Lincoln's dress, for example, had been given to a niece and altered into a different time period." Setting up an exhibit of this size is a serious endeavor. The museum closes for two weeks while the exhibits team takes down the current exhibit "It's a Downton Abbey Thing" and sets up the "First Ladies — Fashion Setters." Tickets for the Wine & Appetizer Reception are available online at www.plymouthhistory.org, by phone at 734-455-8940, ext. 0, or in person at the museum at 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Tickets are \$25 (museum members receive two complimentary tickets.) Reserve your tickets by June 24. The "First Ladies — Fashion Setters" exhibit opens June 29 and runs through Nov. 6. The museum is closed June 13-27 during the changeover.



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One of the things Bob Sloan delivered as part of the air transport service was mail and he remembers the warm greetings mail call — “The things marines liked the most was the mail,” he said, laughing — got from soldiers.

Mail call

Before the Honor Flight, escorts and volunteers solicited “mail” — letters, postcards, etc. — from friends and family. Then, on the flight back, weary veterans were greeted with “mail call.”

“That was totally unexpected,” Berbrich said. “It was every bit as invigorating as getting mail call in Korea. It brings a lump to your throat.”

Alaniz was her father’s escort for the trip and she wouldn’t have had it any other way. Like the other escorts, Alaniz went through a training



The Vietnam War Wall.

session so she’d know what to expect.

And she found it well worth the effort, though she admitted to some tears flowing.

“I held it together most of the time ... when we got back is when I lost it,” she said, smiling. “Being able to experience that with my dad is something we’ll never, ever forget. To be able to see Dad and the other vets enjoying themselves was such an amazing experience.”

Cindy Sloan accompanied her dad, as well, and felt the same way about it as the other escorts. Cindy could look at it from a

different perspective: She’s a 20-year U.S. Army veteran herself.

She said the patriotism was so ever-present you could almost feel it.

“There’s no way to describe how lucky I was not only to take my father, but to be allowed to go on a flight with that caliber of men,” said Cindy Sloan, who makes her home in Knoxville, Tenn. “Just to see all the men, the expressions on their faces, the talk, the camaraderie. ... It was the most remarkable thing I’ve ever done.”

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World War II veteran Bill Douce of Berrien Springs looks at wreaths from Memorial Day ceremonies at the Air Force Memorial.

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On board the tour bus, Cindy Sloan, daughter of World War II vet Bob Sloan, shows a photo of her dad taken during the war.

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First stop is the Air Force Memorial. Korean vet Paul Bailey of Grand Rapids and travel partner volunteer James Stuck look at the view of Washington, D.C.

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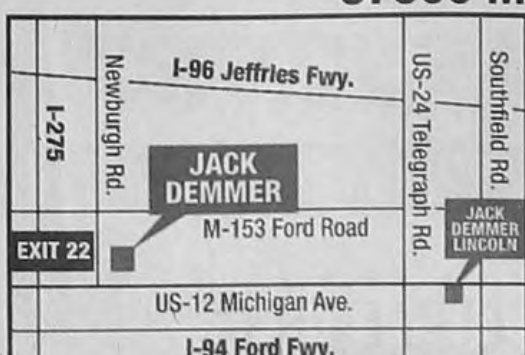
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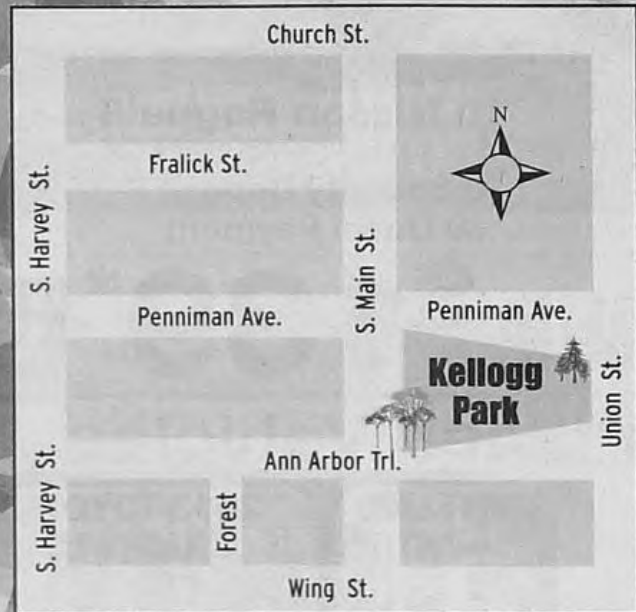
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Find the appealing 2015 Rogue at Nissan of Canton

The 2015 Nissan Rogue is an appealing compact SUV with a robust exterior and a high-quality look. Its sporty appearance is complemented with updated interior features. You can check out the available models at Nissan of Canton located at 42175 Michigan Ave., just west of I-275.

Styling

Nissan has definitely succeeded in crafting a compact SUV that many find appealing. The Nissan-family look is in full force, with more than a passing resemblance to the bigger Pathfinder. The look is more aggressive than its competitors, with bulging wheel arches and a bigger nose than the Honda CR-V or Toyota RAV4. Seventeen-inch steel wheels are standard on the base S trim, with 17-inch alloy wheels standard on the midlevel SV trim and 18-inch alloy wheels standard on the topline SL trim. New LED running lights up front and angular taillights make the Rogue distinctive even in the dark.

How it drives

The Rogue's powertrain is a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine making 170 horsepower and mated to a continuously variable automatic transmission. Front-wheel drive is standard and all-wheel drive an option.

Handling is sharp. The thick steering wheel delivers excellent feedback to the driver. Brakes are very strong and firm, with excellent pedal feel and no noticeable fade.

The standard front-wheel-drive Rogue gets an EPA-rated 26/33/28 mpg city/highway/combined.

Interior

Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior,



The 2015 Nissan Rogue's bold, sharp bodylines offer a sporty and confident appearance, balancing its sleek style with an aggressive stance provided by large wheelwells and available 18-inch wheels and tires.



Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior, creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types.

creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types. Slide into the driver's seat and the combination of command seating and low dashboard creates excellent visibility to the front and sides.

Seating is flexible, spacious and comfortable.

The second row of seats is also quite spacious at 37.9 inches, with much more legroom than

expected for a compact SUV, stadium-style layout and long, tall windows for rear seat passengers.

Ergonomics and electronics

Gauges are easily visible through the steering wheel and include a 5-inch color LCD, the largest in any Nissan product, to display a variety of customizable vehicle information. A full complement of

information and entertainment electronics are available, including navigation, satellite radio and Bluetooth streaming audio and phone connectivity. The Rogue features not only a backup camera but Nissan's Around View Monitor, which uses cameras to display a 360-degree live feed of the Rogue's environment on the touchscreen.

Cargo and storage

Pop the rear hatch (a power liftgate is optional) to reveal a spacious cargo area with low bumper liftover. The second-row seats fold flat in a 40/20/40 split, and the levers are accessible with a stretch from the cargo area to unlatch the seatbacks. Fold the front passenger seat flat as well to get a cargo area able to accommodate an 8-foot ladder. For models without the third-row seat, under-floor storage is presented with two reconfigurable dividers that can also act as package shelves.

The Rogue cargo volume area is 39.3 cubic feet of space available behind the second row of seats.

Some notable features of the 2015 Rogue include the following:

Exterior highlights

- » 17-inch steel wheels; 17- and 18-inch alloy wheels available
- » Halogen headlights
- » LED daytime running lights
- » Rear spoiler
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Interior highlights

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- » 170-horsepower, 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine
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County parks improvements to take place across region

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Several improvements are planned at Wayne County parks across the region, including parks in Livonia, Westland and Redford.

County officials outlined planned capital improvement work Thursday morning, which includes about \$2.5 million in renovations. Some improvements planned include upgrades to baseball diamonds in Hines Park, a new roof and paint for the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland and renovations to bathrooms at Hines Park in Westland and Livonia, as well as Lola Valley Park in Redford.

"Thousands and thousands of people come to the parks regularly and we do it on a pretty small budget of about \$15 million for all the parks," County Executive Warren Evans said. "Out of that comes whatever we can scratch out for capital improvements."

The Wayne County parks system is made up of 41 parks and facilities and spans more than 5,600 acres. Many of the parks are located in the northwest portion of the county, though there are several elsewhere, including Trenton and Sumter Township. About 17 capital projects are planned for this year.

More detailed work will include: adding a new swing set with a baby swing at Gunsolly Mills in Plymouth Township; more protective fencing around some baseball fields at Nankin Mills Park in Westland; an assessment of water lines will take place throughout Hines Park; and upgrades to bathrooms in Hines Park and Lola Valley Park in Redford, in-



FILE PHOTO

Wayne County will spend several million dollars in capital improvements to several county parks, including ones in Redford, Livonia and Westland.

cluding renovations to make them compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"A lot of our buildings were built in the '20s and '30s, so our infrastructure is that old as well," said Elizabeth Iszler, chief of planning and design for the county parks division. "Some of our focus is to bring that up to current standards."

Additional work could also come in the future on new trails created near Newburgh Lake in Livonia last year, including work on the parking area for the trail on the southeast corner of Newburgh and Ann Arbor Road.

"We want to make some improvements to the parking areas where they're going to be and add some kiosks," Iszler said. "We want to make that better."

A more detailed map of planned capital improvement work this year can be found at waynecounty.com/capitalimprovements.

County: Millage crucial for improvements

The work comes as Wayne County voters prepare to vote on a re-

newal of the county parks millage for another five years. Voters will decide on the Aug. 2 primary ballot whether to renew a 0.2459-mill tax for county parks. That millage provides roughly \$9.86 million for county parks, more than half of the budget.

Iszler said other funding sources, including grants, are always examined for possible sources of revenue as well.

Beverly Watts, interim director of the county's department of public service, said the planned capital improvements this year have already been budgeted and will take place, though future capital improvement projects could be affected. Those other funding sources would need to be examined more as well, especially if that happens, she said.

"We still have to plan, but of course if the millage is not renewed, we'll have to go to a different plan," she said. "We definitely would need the park millage to be renewed in order to make all of this happen."

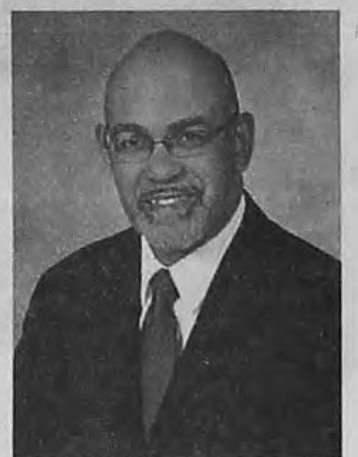
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Remember, the tax payment plan agreements deadline is June 30, 2016

DIVERSITY

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Pulse. Hasan Sheikh, assistant imam of the Canton Mosque, said thousands of Muslim scholars responded to the worst mass shooting in U.S. history by issuing a statement that hatred "has no place in any faith, including Islam."

Amid an uptick in anti-Muslim rhetoric since the shootings, Sheikh said it would be "reprehensible" and "an egregious offense" to place blame on the entire Muslim community because of the extremist actions of one man.

Loren Khogali, president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, choked back tears as she and husband Yasir read the names of the 49 people killed in Orlando.

"This is so hard," she said.

For every name read, a candle was lit by Jack Hanley, a 17-year-old Plymouth High School student, and Joseph Jankowski, 16, a Salem High student.

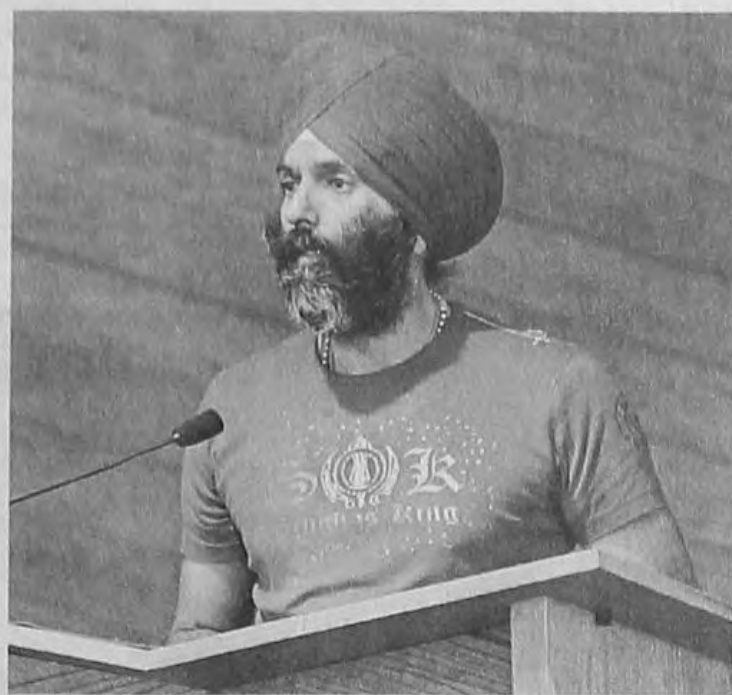
Hanley, who is bisexual, noted that the Orlando massacre came about one year after the Supreme Court ruled in favor of same-sex marriage.

"These victims will live on in our hearts as loved," he said.

Chandru Acharya, representing the Hindu community, said he attended the two-hour ceremony to show opposition to hatred and violence. He also is president of the South Asian American Voices for Impact.

"I think the Hindu community strongly condemns any extreme views and violence based on gender identification and sexual orientation," said Acharya, a Canton resident.

Similarly, Jaspreet Singh, who read a Sikh verse during the ceremony, said it was impor-



KELLY DOBSON

The Sikh faith was represented by Jaspreet Singh of Ann Arbor. Sikhism, meaning a disciple or a learner, teaches unity and equality of all humankind.

"I'm here because I'm not comfortable being a bystander as events (involving hate) unfold in our community and our country. Everyone is in this together."

JASPREET SINGH
Ann Arbor resident

tant for him to attend.

"I'm here because I'm not comfortable being a bystander as events (involving hate) unfold in our community and our country," said Singh, an Ann Arbor resident. "Everyone is in this together."

Steve Spreitzer, a Plymouth Township resident and president/CEO of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, denounced any efforts to disparage all Muslims for what happened in Orlando. He said Islam teaches that "to harm one is to harm all humanity."

Bryan Smith, pastor of Geneva Presbyterian Church, said it is difficult to deal with the killings, which occurred June 12, but he said scripture teaches believers to love their enemies and pray for their persecutors. He said the gathering

Wednesday shows "a vision of what we can be together, of what our creator intends of us."

The Rev. Duke Morrow of Canton said the Orlando massacre dealt him an emotional blow. He has a lesbian daughter.

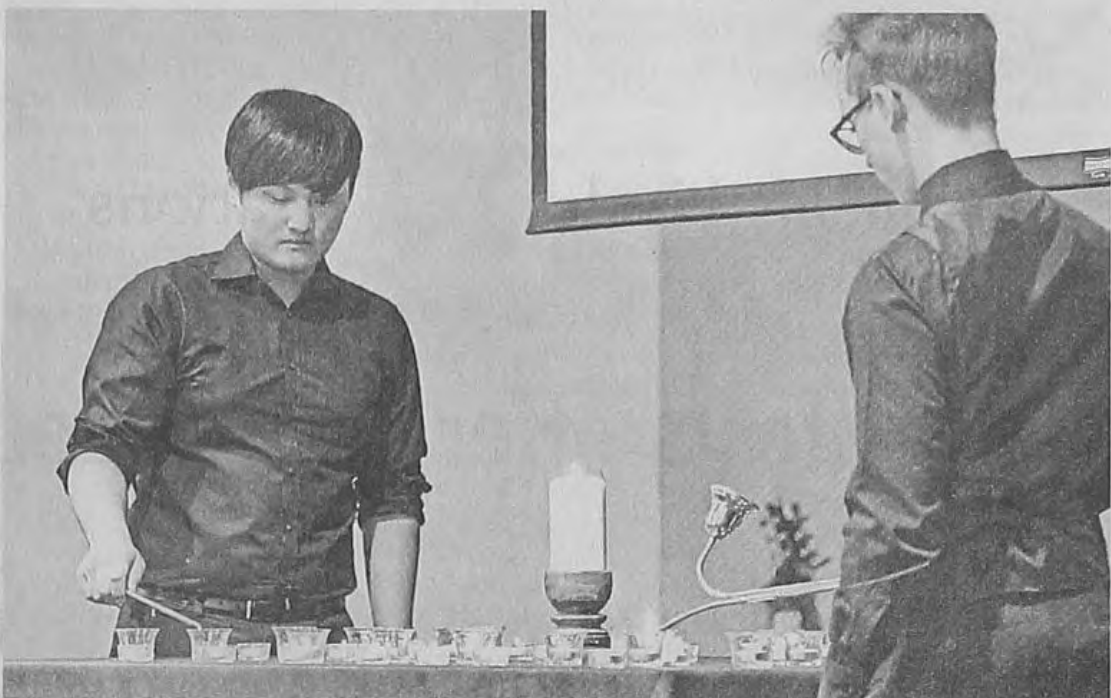
"I can't tell you how deeply grieved I am by this tragedy," he said. He encouraged support for those killed in Pulse by using the hashtag #KeepOnDancing on social media.

Sommer Foster, director of policy and outreach for Equality Michigan, read a statement that said some LGBTQ people are "marginalized" multiple times, such as when they are gay and a member of a racial minority. She said they still face discrimination by employers, landlords, neighbors and others.



KELLY DOBSON

Attendees closed their eyes as speaker George Belvitch asked them to imagine being in the Orlando nightclub, enjoying themselves until fatal shots rang out.



KELLY DOBSON

A single candle was lit for each victim of the massacre in Orlando. Joseph Jankowski of Salem High School and Jack Hanley of Plymouth High School had the honor of lighting the memorial candles.

She also urged a strong stance against allowing the massacre to become an anti-Muslim rallying call.

"We cannot allow anti-Muslim sentiment to become the focal point of this tragedy," Foster said.

George Belvitch, president of the Plymouth-Canton PFLAG group, which supports

the LGBTQ community, asked those attending the event to close their eyes and imagine they were in the nightclub Pulse.

"One moment you're joyful — the next, horror," he said.

Since the Supreme Court ruled in favor of same-sex marriage, he said, 34 states have either introduced or passed anti-LGBTQ legis-

lation.

For one evening, though, in one church in Canton, a diverse group of people made those like Slayton feel welcome, loved.

"I just want to thank you all," he said, "for the love that is here tonight."

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DPD retired sergeant offers tips on avoiding scams

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Scams can hit unwary consumers, with thieves using increasingly sophisticated methods to trap victims. Robert Haig, a 27-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, shared advice on avoiding becoming a victim June 9 at a Plymouth District Library presentation.

"It was one of the more devastating crimes I had ever seen," said Haig, a Livonia resident who retired as a sergeant in 2013. He urged his audience of about 30 to never give out a Social Security number.

"Has anybody in this room ever heard of anybody going to prison on this? The bank won't prosecute. It does not pay to prosecute the case," Haig said. "Millions and millions of dollars lost by our financial institutions because of this."

He noted a typical holdup in Detroit yields the robber about \$20 cash

and a credit card he'll use without the PIN, such as for repeated gas fill-ups. Of "skimmers" at gas stations, recently on the news, Haig said, "You're getting away from your regular street criminal."

"My kids do not carry cash. They don't carry a penny," he said. Haig noted credit and debit transactions now put people at risk for identity theft. He was on an Armed Robbery Task Force about 10 years into his Detroit career. An elderly woman told police two suspects threatened her young grandson with a gun.

'Never heard of such a thing'
"I had never heard of such a thing," Haig said. He and his investigators worked the case hard and

nine people went to prison. Haig is proud of his investigators and their work. Older people are targeted as they're less able to run or fight back, he said. Often, suspects work in pairs and are well-dressed. Some pigeon-drop cases have also had criminals who impersonate police officers, claiming the bank is stealing and asking for another money withdrawal from the victim.

Haig showed a fake warrant and letter from the prosecutor's office and noted it's easy to make up such documents. He also showed fake badges.

"Enforcement officer? What the heck is that? Six bucks on eBay," he said of a fake badge he passed around. He called the criminals "brazen," noting a couple drove a victim to the 10th Precinct and pretended to work there.

"It goes on daily and it never gets reported," Haig said. Suspects in his



Haig

IRS IMPERSONATORS CHARGED

USA Today's Kevin McCoy reported on Internal Revenue Service impersonators recently. The suspects traveled the U.S. with dozens of fake names and IDs, he reported, collecting millions of dollars in payments wired by unwitting victims in at least 21 states.

McCoy noted new unsealed federal court complaints charge the defendants with wire fraud and conspiracy.

case were from Alabama; extraditing suspects for trial is an issue.

Police need search warrant

Haig also gave a reminder on the U.S. Constitution. "A search warrant. This is America," he said, noting police can only enter your home with a valid search warrant or in hot pursuit, called "exigent circumstances."

"Don't let people in

your house," he said, noting you can agree to appear for an interview at the police station if you feel threatened or believe it's a police impersonator.

Other tips from Haig: » If frightened, return to a building such as a grocery store, where there are people. You can also pretend to use your cellphone to place a call, scaring off an assailant.

» Be leery of those claiming to work for the water or power company, as well as those who claim to be tree trimmers. "These criminals have gotten pretty sophisticated," he said. » Watch starting around April and through warm weather for those who claim to have "left-over materials" to seal your driveway. They often use cheap material and then haggle over the price, he said.

"Livonia gets hit hard right now. That's probably our most prevalent here," he said. "Also, it straddles that line with a civil case" and is hard to

prosecute.

» Go to the National Association of Bunco Investigators website, www.nabihq.org. That has retired and current law enforcement personnel nationwide who list scams.

» Never list a home phone number.

» Be leery of bank emails, which can compromise your account. Haig was told to log on, but didn't.

"All they need is a little crack in your armor," he said, urging people not to open such emails or answer phone calls they don't recognize.

Listener Susan Stefanski of Plymouth said, "I wanted to learn more. I have had identity theft." She's concerned about customer service calls she gets.

"It is for real or is it a scam? You don't know if it's really them," Stefanski said.

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Contests offer cash prizes for card, parking meter art

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

You may be roasting in the sun, but it's time to think about winter.

The Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary is accepting art work through July 31 for its annual holiday card competition. The contest is open to both amateur and professional artists of all ages working in any medium.

The winning artist will receive \$100 and the design will be used on the auxiliary's holiday cards that help raise money for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

"We've had a variety of different covers. We've had some patient-

drawn cards and children-drawn cards. We've had professionals," said Joan Emery, board member and auxiliary gift shop manager.

Artists can choose their own holiday subject matter, although Emery said their work should "appeal to all people."

"We are the Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary and that's a nice thing to keep in mind," she said. "For example, if I got a picture of a golden retriever with a wreath around its neck, I would wonder if should should forward it to an adoption center for goldens."

She suggests that artists use a lot of color

and minimize white backgrounds.

"We like to say what resonates with the artist?" she said. "How do they appreciate the holiday? And at the same time, we're reaching out to the general community. Keep that in mind, too."

Drop off art work in person or mail it to Something Special Gift Shop, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201. For more contest details, go to www.chmauxiliary.org.

Painting parking meters

If painting outdoors is more your style, check out Ford Arts, Beats & Eats' "Meters Made



Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary is accepting art for its holiday card design contest. This is the 2015 winning design.

Beautiful" contest for both amateur and professional artists, age 18 and up.

The organization, in conjunction with the city of Royal Oak Commission for the Arts, is accepting artistic designs for parking meters through July 21.

Contest finalists will paint their designs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, on 150 parking meters in downtown Royal Oak. The festival runs Sept. 2-5.

One artist will win a grand prize of \$1,200. Second place will take

home \$1,000 and third place will receive \$500. Ten artists will get honorable mentions and \$100 each. Every artist will receive a \$20 to \$30 for paint supplies.

Fill out an application at artsbeatseats.com/meters-made-beautiful.

Pet photos

There's no cash prize at stake in the Michigan Humane Society's annual calendar project, but your pet could land a pet-of-the-month spot and earn a little fame, depending on your photography skills.

MHS has extended its submission deadline to June 30 for pet photos that will be used in the

2017 calendar. The best ones are chosen for pet-of-the-month placement, but all entries will be used in the calendar.

"Some photos just have that star quality, showing a pet in the best possible light," said Nancy Gunnigle, MHS spokeswoman. "It's also helpful when the photo has a beautiful or interesting background that complements the pet."

Cost to enter is \$20. Photos should be horizontal and labeled on the back with the pet's name, owner's name and phone number.

Download an entry form at michiganhumane.org/petcalendar.

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STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at **STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI** on June 25, 2016 at 10:00 am, on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. **CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.**

Unit# 027 - JASMINE KENDALL, 44511 SAVERY DRIVE, CANTON, MI 48188
Tv, Leather couch, kids basketball, VCR, microwave, bed frame card table, vacuum, misc. boxes and items.

Unit# 016 - BRIAN DASCENZO, 5008 E ANNAPOLIS CIR, CANTON, MI 48188
Blue couch and Blue recliner

Unit# 028 - LARRY GADOMSKI, 40074 CAMBRIDGE #203, CANTON, MI 48187
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BeRemarkable.



Alice Cooper shows off a can of Boy Howdy! Beer on the cover of CREEM magazine's June 1973 issue.

Boy Howdy! Craft beer brewers take a cue from CREEM magazine

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Boy Howdy! Beer will make a comeback this month when four local breweries release their versions of the iconic — and fictitious — brew.

The Boy Howdy! character appeared throughout CREEM, the rock 'n' roll magazine that was located in Birmingham and published in the 1970s and '80s. CREEM ran a regular feature that showed rock musicians

holding cans of Boy Howdy! Beer while declaring the fictitious brew their favorite drink.

The craft beer versions that are being released this month will help promote an upcoming Kickstarter fundraising campaign for a new documentary about the magazine. "Boy Howdy! The Story of CREEM: America's Only Rock 'n' Roll Magazine" is being produced by J.J. Kramer, son of the late Barry Kramer, CREEM's founder and publisher.

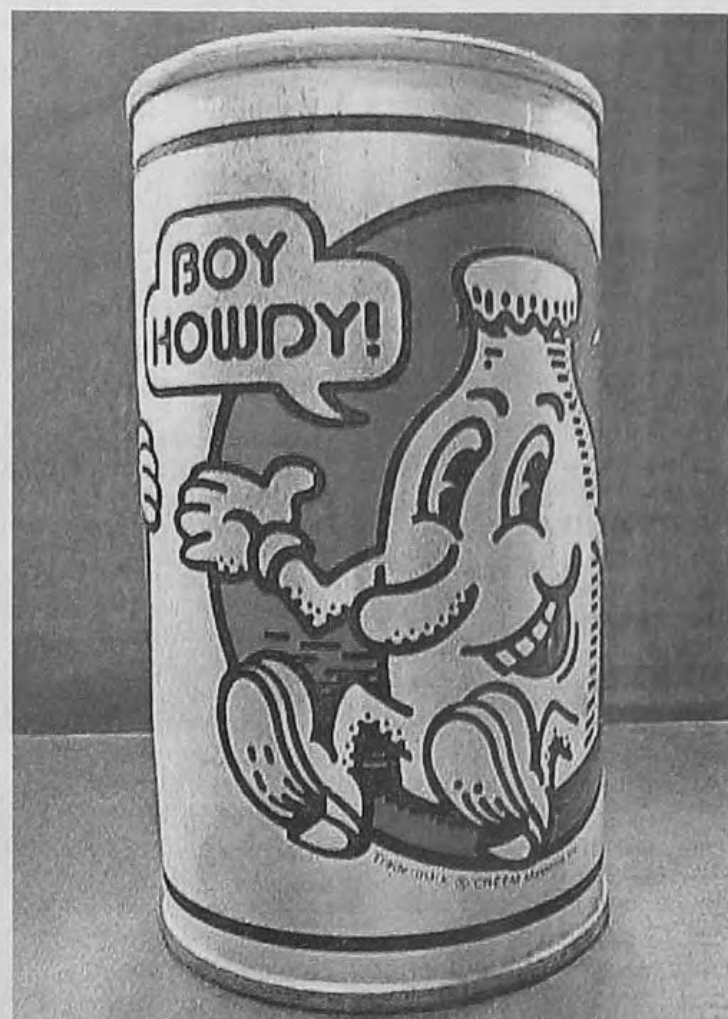
The film's promoters asked Farmington Brewing Co., Draught Horse Brewery, Ypsi Alehouse and Ascension Brewing Co. to create CREEM-inspired beers.

Jason Hendricks, who co-owns Farmington Brewing Co. with Jason Schlass and his father Gary Schlass, began serving the limited edition beer this week.

"There has been a good response for the beer so far. We made a Czech-style pilsner. We went with a pilsner because it was a very popular style at the time," Hendricks said. "It's a really drinkable style."

The brewery imported grain, hops and yeast from the Czech Republic and made 2½ barrels, enough beer for about a month. Hendricks said they could brew more if Boy Howdy! Czech pilsner is popular and customers request more.

Hendricks, 36, didn't know much about CREEM magazine nor



Boy Howdy! Beer was a fictitious brew created by CREEM Magazine. A handful of local breweries are making their own versions to help promote a documentary about the Detroit-area rock music magazine that was published in the 1970s and '80s.

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Boy Howdy!, the cartoon mascot created by artist Robert Crumb.

"My research told me it was not a real beer," he said.

The brewery gives out a Boy Howdy! coaster that includes information about the film with each order of the special brew.

Ginger beer

Brad Tiernan, owner of Draught Horse Brewery in New Hudson, plans to release his version of Boy Howdy! Beer at the end of the month.

Rather than use the 1970s as inspiration for the beer, Draught Horse focused on the magazine's readers.

"It might be some of the Baby Boomers and my father's generation," Tiernan said, considering his target market.

He decided to create a flavor Baby Boomers might recognize.

"It's a ginger rye ale," he said. "So it has a hint of ginger and it's brewed with malty rye. It's a well-balanced, easy drinking ale."

Draught Horse brewed five kegs that likely will last through July.

"It's refreshing and good for hot months," he added.

Ascension Brewing Co. in Novi also brewed a summer favorite, a light cream ale.

"It's a beer we do all the time that we are renaming," said Adam Czap, Ascension owner. "It's one of our top sellers. It's the craft equivalent of the American light lager, with a little more flavor."

Learn more about the documentary at creemmagazinedoc.com. Visit the breweries at these locations:

» Farmington Brewing Co., 33336 Grand River Ave., Farmington; 248-957-9543

» Draught Horse Brewery, 57721 Grand River Ave., New Hudson; 248-617-3000

» Ascension Brewing Co., 42000 Grand River Ave., Novi; 248-308-2093

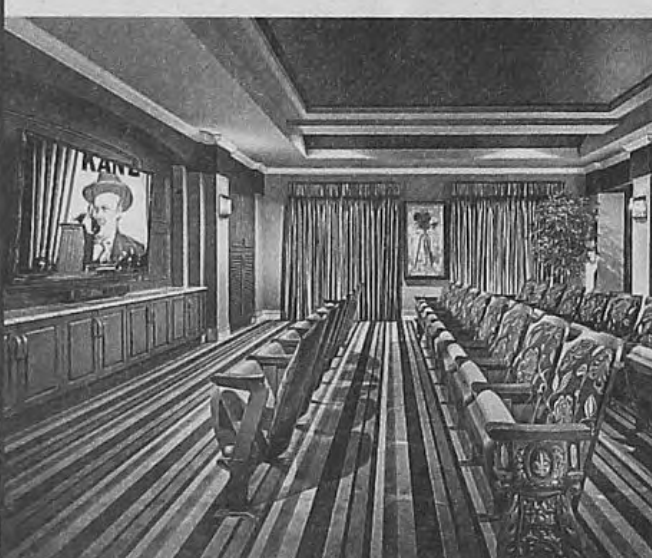
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Police raid homes over dog fighting

Michigan State Police seized 25 dogs, narcotics and arrested five people Thursday night while executing search warrants regarding a dog fighting operation at homes in Westland and Inkster Thursday.

Police didn't release information on the addresses of the homes or those arrested as no charges have been filed.

The dogs were turned over to the Michigan Humane Society. In addition to cocaine, heroin and marijuana, state police reported seizing \$25,000 in cash and equipment for training the dogs.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CONNECT YOUR SUMMER

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 20
Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road
Details: Get involved in summer reading with more than 100 programs, activities. Attend summer kickoff party takes for a photo op spot, a wheel of fun, custom library coloring sheets and much more. If patrons pick up one of library CYS yard signs, the CYS prize patrol might drop in and hand out prizes at your doorstep as a new CYS feature. The library's giant Spirograph is set to be unveiled at the kickoff party
Contact: www.cantonpl.org or call 734-397-0999

ARTS AND ACTS

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 19

Location: Downtown Northville
Details: Northville Art House shines a spotlight on the imagination, art, talent and cultural diversity of artists throughout the region when the annual festival returns for the seventh consecutive year
Contact: Northville Art House at 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org.

ELKS JAZZ

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, June 28
Details: The Terry Lower Trio with Edye Evans Hyde returns

for an evening of true jazz entertainment. Hyde is an award-winning jazz singer who engages the audience with the great favorites. Joining Lower on keyboard and Hyde on vocals, will be Ray Tini on bass and Jim Ryan on drums
Cost: \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plymouthannarborrelks325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: The Canton Concert Band will perform a free concert on the lawn at St. Michael Lutheran Church. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of music and fellowship.
Contact: The church office 734-459-3333 or go to www.connectingwithGod.org.

SEEKING COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: Until September
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5820 N Lilley Road, Canton,
Details: Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care

and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentially, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged, as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions. Next new volunteer orientation is Sept. 13 in the hospice office
Contact: Jeanne Edwards, volunteer coordinator, at 888-983-9050.

GRUB CRAWL

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 19

Details: Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts annual Grub Crawl with food samples, sweet treats and craft beer from 18 eateries and the Canton Brew Works microbrewery.
Cost: \$35 per person for tickets (T-shirts) and include transportation. They are on sale now and can be purchased at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford, online at www.cantonchamber.com or by calling 734-453-4040.

DIVERSITY EXHIBIT

Time/Date: Exhibit runs through July 30. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.
Location: Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill
Details: Wood carvings of Filipino dancers, Muslim prayer beads known as tasbeeh, a Buddhist monk's brass bowl and a Brazilian special-occasion dress are on display as a Canton Historical Museum exhibit pays tribute to this community's cultural diversity. Muslims, Filipinos, Sri Lankans, Brazilians and the American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine, are represented in the exhibit — "A Diverse Township: Looking at Canton's Cultural Community."

CANCER SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month
Details: Connecting with others who know what it is to have lung cancer can help during this difficult time. To start, join the Lung Cancer Support Group at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230. Thoracic surgeon Dr. David Sternberg leads the group. The group is open to anyone living with lung cancer and their loved ones. Meetings are free the third Monday each month. For more information, call 248-473-4828
WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/Date: 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.
Details: Join Widowed Friends,

a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-0399.
Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month.
Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connor's Restaurant on Haggerty/Five Mile Road, Northville. To save a seat, contact Carol at 313-562-3080.
Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each month.
Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting Co-Ed Breakfast at Richard's Restaurant on Plymouth Road at Eckles Road. Contact Jerry at 734-455-2651.

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CANTON / SALEM HIGH SCHOOLS CLASS OF 1986

30th reunion planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at E.G. Nick's, 500 Forest, Plymouth. Square Pegz will perform '80s music. Tickets are \$32.74 in advance or \$40 at the door and include music, photo booth, appetizers, late-night pizza, drink specials and karaoke after midnight. Order tickets at eventbrite.com/cantonsalem-30th-class-reunion.

45th reunion set for 6 p.m. to midnight Sept. 24, at Mama Mia, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Mail \$25 to JGHS class of '71 in care of Gary Pack, 38128 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, MI 48185. Pre-reunion party is 7-11 p.m. Sept. 23 at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road. For more information, call JoAnn Keenan at 734-516-6443, Gary Pack at 734-377-9133 or Darla Webb at 734-262-1132.

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CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976

40th reunion set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Kickers Allstar Bar & Grill, in Canton. For more information, go to http://bit.ly/Crestwood76.

DETROIT CODY CLASS OF 1966

50-year reunion planned for Sept. 10 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information, go to cody-class1966@groups.facebook.com or call Joe Evans at 313-421-5448 or Barbara (Doherty) Kalinski at 734-320-6545.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1981

The 35-year reunion is set for Saturday, July 16, at the Holiday Inn in Farmington. Cost is \$60 per person. Call Jeri Martin Stam at 734-895-9026 or go to Farmington High class of '81 on Facebook.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST & WEST CLASS OF 1966

The 50th reunion will be held Sept. 10. Find more event information on the G.C.H.S. class of 1966 East & West Facebook page.

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL WEST CLASS OF 1976

40th reunion Motown Dinner Dance Cruise on the Princess Riverboat. Boarding 6-7 p.m., cruise 7-9:30 p.m. Aug. 27. \$65 per person. Call 877-338-2628.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

50th reunion will be held Aug. 25-28. Contact Larry Ruzsas at 810-599-3509 or lruzsas187264mi@comcast.com.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

50-year reunion dinner and celebration set for 5-11 p.m. Sept. 17, at the Summit in Canton. For more details, check the Plymouth High School Class of 1966 Facebook page or email jerryrorquist@gmail.com.

SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976

40th reunion set for Aug. 13 at Baker's of Milford. For more information, email Southlyon-class1976@yahoo.com or go to South Lyon Class of 1976 on Facebook

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Laughing Madmen mixes music and showmanship

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Laughing Madmen has recorded four CDs of original songs, but also plays cover tunes on stage, where performance is every bit as important to the band as music.

"We're very outgoing on the stage. We're not afraid to move and be in people's faces. Our singer will walk into the crowd and solicit people to sing with him," said guitarist Lee Micallef, a Livonia resident. "To a lot of bands, a performance is to stand in one spot and perform as is. That's not performing. You're playing music, but it's not performing. Performing requires more than standing like a mannequin."

"We are actively engaged and involved. The majority of people want to see you have a good time and get into it."

Micallef said the band not only connects with the audience, but also approaches cover material in a way that sets the group apart from other bands.

"A lot of bands do the songs by the numbers," he said. "They'll look at whatever song and play it accurately ... but there is no life left in it because they beat it into the ground. We look at how the original artist presented the song live. Often, there's more of a spark in their live performances. We'll take that and expand on it and breathe life into the songs."

In addition to Micallef, known as "Mr. Lee" in the band, Laughing Madmen consists of Gerry Paz of Warren on vocals and bass, drummer Brian Sabalinski of Clinton Township and vocalist



Gerry Paz of Warren and Tom Petito of South Lyon work the stage.

Tom Petito of South Lyon. Micallef and Petito founded the band 23 years ago, giving it a name that suggests unpredictability and that allows its members to feel at home whether they're dressed in a cape, tuxedo or blue jeans and T-shirt.

"It allows us to be anything we want to be," Micallef said.

Concert series

The band will perform for the 10th consecutive year at Walled Lake's annual summer concert series at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at Hiran Sims Memorial Park, located on Quinif Drive, east of South Commerce Road, off North Pontiac Trail. It's a new concert site for the band.

"We've played at Riley Park and also at an adult senior citizen complex," he said. "They had us out on the shuffle board court for four years. It was a high-rise and people would be on the balconies, sitting out there and applauding."

Laughing Madmen also experienced the "roar of the crowd" last year when the band played Rockin' on the Riverfront in Detroit. "There were a good

few thousand people," Micallef said.

The band won a competition, besting 60 other groups and earning the right to perform at the free summer concert series on GM Plaza.

The group also has entertained at the Woodward Dream Cruise in Oakland County, at Pumpkinfest in South Lyon and the Red Dog Saloon in Milford. It has developed a following mostly east of Woodward Avenue, in Oakland and Macomb counties.

"You've got to go where the crowd goes," Micallef said.

Upcoming gigs include the Center Line Independence Festival on June 25, farmers market in Warren on Aug. 7 and Warren Birthday Bash on Aug. 26.

Micallef, a Churchill High School graduate, took drum lessons as a child and later spent some time learning piano and guitar. He credits himself as self-taught on guitar and can write and read music.

For more information about the band's concert schedule, go to laughingmadmen.com.

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Study options to reduce premiums of long-term care insurance policy

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Rick Bloom
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Across the board, we have seen long-term care policy premiums increase substantially. The key to remember is that you have more options ...

those increases, so reducing or eliminating the protection should not be a major issue.

Another item that you can consider adjusting is the elimination period. The elimination period is the same as the deductible in auto insurance. The difference is the elimination period is not measured in dollars, but in time. Therefore, if you have a 90-day waiting period (which is the norm), you can consider raising it to 180 days. Typically, Medicare covers the first 90 days, so you would be self-insured for the next 90 days, having coverage for long-term issues. At the same time, you should look at the coverage term. If you have lifetime coverage, maybe reducing that can also offer substantial savings. Lastly, you can look at

adjusting the coverage so that it matches your current premium. In addition, there could be a combination of the adjustments to keep the policy affordable.

Typically, long-term care companies are not very helpful in helping you make the aforementioned adjustments. You can either get a new agent to help you with this policy or you can contact the company and have it assign you a new agent.

Across the board, we have seen long-term care policy premiums increase substantially. The key to remember is that you have more options than either paying the higher premium or just canceling the policy. You have to be proactive. These are the times where a good qualified agent can be extremely helpful. Good agents will work with you and provide you a variety of options to suit your needs. All that bad agents are looking to do is sell you something. That is why, particularly with long-term care, you need to deal with someone who is competent, who cares and who wants more than just to sell you something.

Good luck!

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JUNIOR GOLF

Boczar earns spot in U.S. Junior Am

Plymouth Wildcats standout qualifies for 69th U.S. Junior Amateur Golf Championship

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The hits keep on coming for Jack Boczar.

Not even a week after Boczar came within an eyelash of earning the individual championship at the Division 1 boys golf state finals in Grand Rapids, the Plymouth High School standout placed another feather in his cap.

On Thursday, Boczar — who still has one more season to go with the Wildcats — earned a coveted spot in the 69th United States Junior Amateur Golf Championship.

He did so by registering 139 at the 36-hole qualifier at Fieldstone Golf Course in Auburn Hills, finishing just one stroke out of first place.

The USGA took the top four finishers out of more than 100 golfers who participated.

The United States Junior Amateur Golf Championship will be held in mid-July at the Honors Course in Chattanooga, Tenn., and consist of the best junior golfers in the country.

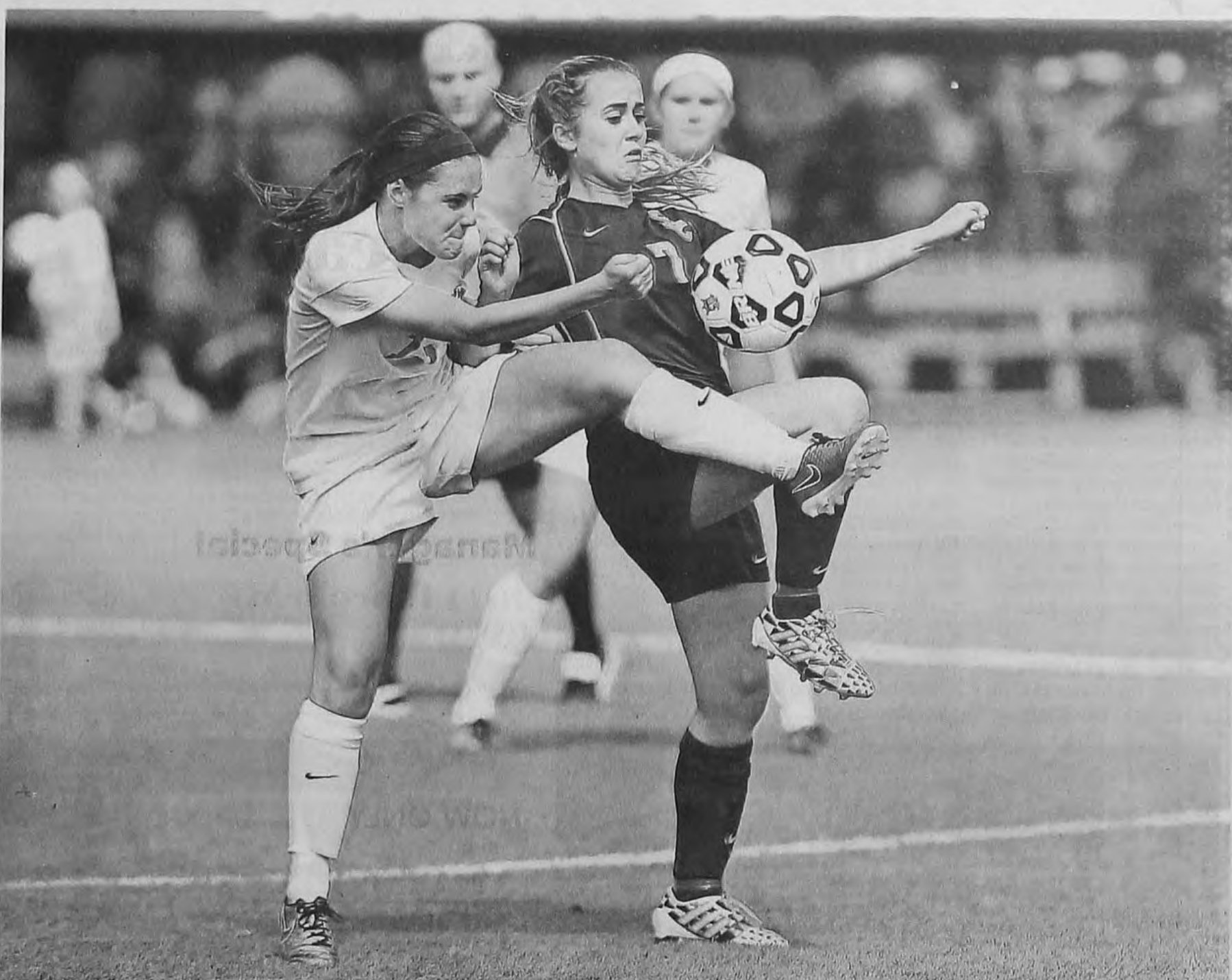
It will be a four-day tournament, with two days of stroke play and two days of match play.

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Jack Boczar (left) is congratulated by Gordon Marmion, Fieldstone Golf Course manager and head golf professional.

D1 GIRLS SOCCER FINAL



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Battling for a 50/50 ball Friday are Canton's Sarah Willett (left) and Sofia Zambrano of Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.

CHIEFS GET THE BOOT

Championship dreams foiled as Canton loses late on penalty kick against Stoney Creek, 1-0

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The postseason magic for the Canton Chiefs came to a controversial end Friday at Michigan State University's DeMartin Stadium.

Although the Chiefs were widely outplayed throughout the Division 1 girls soccer final against Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, the contest remained 0-0 with less than 11 minutes to go in regulation — with senior goalkeeper Jordan Anheuser



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

It's the agony of defeat for this Canton Chiefs player following Friday's 1-0 loss to Stoney Creek at MSU's DeMartin Stadium.

sliding, punching and diving all over the front of the net to keep her team in it.

But then came a penalty kick that the Chiefs did not

think was justified. Cougars junior midfielder Emily Solek subsequently ripped the shot into the lower-right corner, the deciding goal in the 1-0 Stoney

Creek championship victory.

"I'm not in the box. The ref calls what he calls," Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy said about the PK ruling. "It's a crappy way to lose in the state finals, obviously."

Anheuser, who stole the D1 semifinal win over Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central and was tracking to repeat that against the Cougars, questioned the PK call and lamented losing a state title on such a ruling.

"I think that the ball was already out of bounds when they called the penalty kick," Anheuser said. "The girl running in wouldn't have even got to the ball. I believe it shouldn't have been a penalty kick."

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Plenty of standouts on All-Park team

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Although success in the standings was uneven among the three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park girls lacrosse teams during the 2016 season, there still were plenty of outstanding individual performers.

The coaching staffs at Canton, Plymouth and Salem selected the 2016 All-Park Girls Lacrosse Team and those players are profiled here (listed alphabetically):

Marissa Barman, jr. attack, Canton: The junior earned all-KLAA honorable mention honors following a productive season in which she scored a team-leading 33 goals and 35

points. Barman, who was second in draw possessions this season, will be one of the Chiefs' senior captains in 2017.

Mikaela Berg, sr. defense, Salem: One of the Rocks' captains and team leaders, Berg made her presence felt on defense. She led the team in ground balls and had the second highest number of interceptions.

"Mikaela is quick, plays strong defense and is a significant part of the Rocks' defense," coach Nicole Jacobs said.


Casey Bower, sr. attack, Canton: The four-year varsity letter winner led the Chiefs in



TAMMY MILLER


Members of the 2016 All-Park Girls Lacrosse Team, composed of players from Plymouth, Canton and Salem, are: (front row, from left) Natalie Nowicki, Marissa Cirino, Casey Bower, Marissa Barman, Kayla Goleniak and Leah Tardiff; and (back row, from left) Elizabeth Elliott, Shelby Strawn, Cathryn VandenBosch, Kristen Wiseman, Katja Nuler, Lauren Rippy, Stephanie Miller, Mikaela Berg and Colleen Shortal.

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PDL SOCCER

Bucks stop Cincinnati in match played at CC

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Michigan Bucks won't deny their performance Thursday night appeared at times to be like a deer in headlights.

But the Bucks made Zach Bock's homecoming to Novi Detroit Catholic Central High a happy one as they improved to 5-1 (15 points) in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference with a 1-0 victory over the Cincinnati Dutch Lions.

The Dutch Lions, despite being in sixth place, proved to be a tougher match than their 1-5-2 division record indicated.

"It wasn't our best performance, for sure," said Bock, a defender who also plays at Western Michigan University. "The conditions - the rain - you've got to deal with those. The sign of a good team is getting the three points when you're not at your best."

Bock was an all-state football player at CC who went on to concentrate on

soccer at the collegiate level following his high school days.

Just being back at the Fr. Richard Elmer Stadium and on Tom Mach Field brought back good memories of playing Friday night football.

"It's definitely cool to be back," Bock said. "It hit me during the national anthem, just to be under the lights here. It was really a similar feeling to be back on the field. And when I closed my eyes, it was another Friday night for high school. Glad to get the win here and moving on with the season."

The only goal of the match came in the 33rd minute, when Hilliard, Ohio, native Ben Fitzpatrick scored off a feed from Adam Najem.

"The team was starting to play better at the end of the first half," Fitzpatrick said. "We were getting a few passes strung together. We were countering and Adam (Najem) picked up the ball in the middle of the field and I broke off toward the wing and he



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The Bucks' Marco Charalambous tries to dribble around a couple of Cincinnati Dutch Lions defenders during Thursday's PDL match at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

slotted me and I buried it at the top of the net."

The midfielder, who helped Urbana reach an

NCAA Division II region final and a 13-5-2 record during his junior year last fall, notched his third

goal of the season for the Bucks.

"Ben played really well," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "He scored a great goal for us. He's been good for us all season and he played quite well. We're really happy with him and (he) would probably get my vote for man of the match."

Fitzpatrick, in his first season with the Bucks, likes the team's chemistry thus far.

"I'm loving my time up here," he said. "The competition is great, good group of guys, so I'm really enjoying myself up here."

The Bucks averted a tie during the 62nd minute of play when goalkeeper Tom Lohmann, who earned the shutout, came up with a key point-blank save.

And in six games now, the Bucks have outscored their opponents 14-1, but they trail Great Lakes Division leader Kitchener-Waterloo United (6-1, 18 points), the defending PDL national champion,

which has a game in hand.

"You're not always going to be on your 'A' game, so to speak," Muftari said. "And to be able to get something out of the game, to be able to grind something out, is important because those games are going to happen and you're not going to clicking on all cylinders. We found a way to get it done, but we know we have to get a lot better."

The Bucks return to PDL action at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in Louisville (Ky.) against the Derby City Wolves before returning home to face Toronto FC at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Home match tickets are available at the gate for \$10 (adults) and \$7 (16 and under). Pre-sale tickets for all ages can be purchased online for \$6 at www.bucksoccer.com.

Group packages for 20 or more are also available. For more information, call Kelly Haapala at 248-521-2179.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Despite Friday's disappointing loss in the Division 1 girls soccer finals at Michigan State University, the Canton Chiefs have plenty reason to smile about their 2016 season.

SOCCER

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"I think we played a hard game. I think it should have gone to overtime. I think it should have gone to PKs."

Jump-starting the action that led to the penalty call was a free kick from midfielder by Solek.

As the ball scooted through the box to the left of the Canton net, there was contact inside the 6-yard box with Stoney Creek forward Sarah DeGrendel knocked to the turf.

The official's call elicited a loud cheer from the Cougars' fan section.

And their cheers grew understandably louder after Solek found the inside of the right post with her PK.

"It was a great game, back and forth," Stoney Creek head coach Bryan Mittelstadt said. "I was just pleased that we got that opportunity and took advantage of it."

Few opportunities

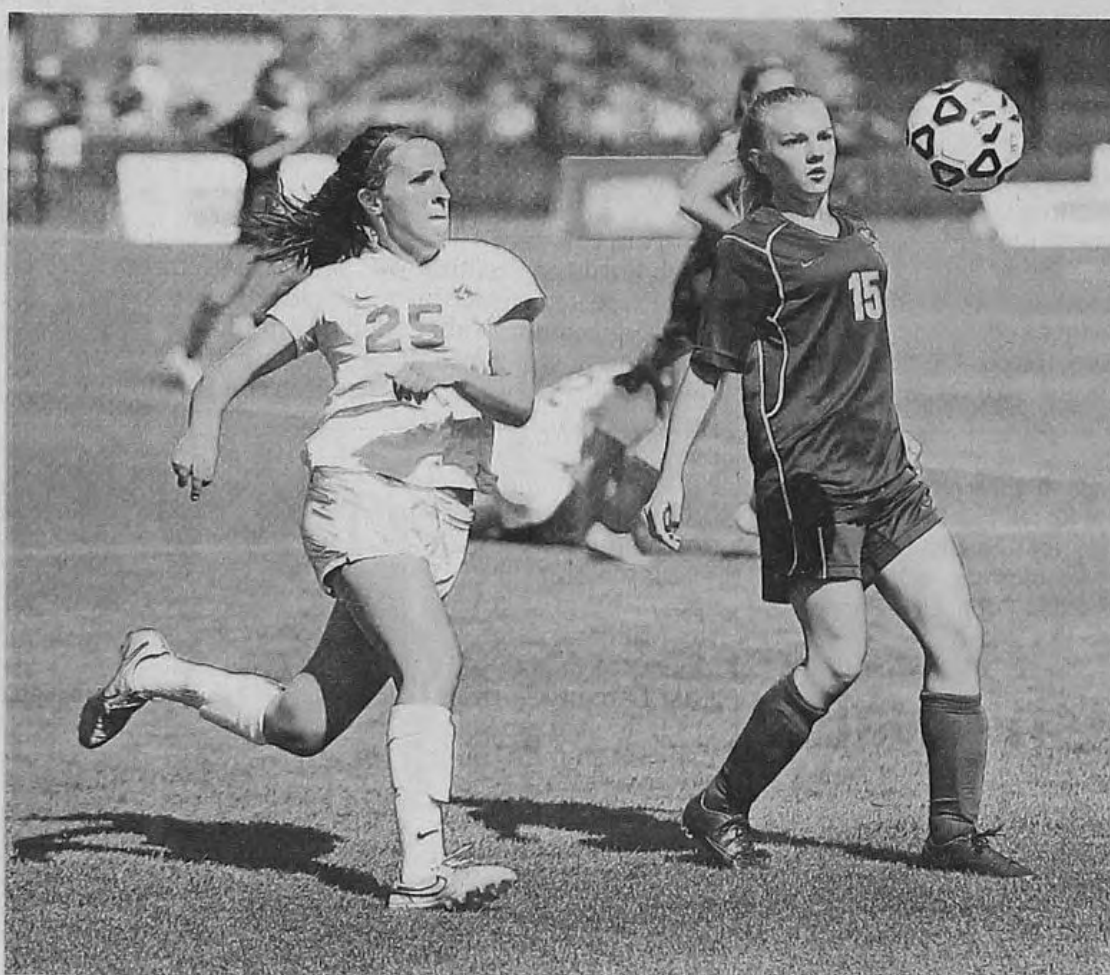
Canton (17-3-4) could not muster much of an attack throughout the contest, sending just four shots in the direction of Cougars junior goalkeeper Gina Cerny.

The final attempt was a soft shot from above the 18-yard box with three minutes left by junior midfielder Abigail Heyde, which Cerny easily grabbed.

Where things changed was how much offensive heat the Cougars (18-3-3) generated following intermission.

Both teams had played a conservative brand of soccer in the first half, trying to figure out the lay of the land.

An indicator of how much the pitch was tilted during the final 40 minutes in the direction of Anheuser — who faced 12 shots all told — was Stoney Creek's wide edge in



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Following the bouncing ball are Canton's Hannah Lapko (left) and Stoney Creek's Amelia Kuntzman.

corner kicks.

Canton's first corner kick did not take place until about eight minutes remained in regulation and the Chiefs could not click on the bid.

Tough injury

According to Reddy, a key factor in her team's lack of offensive juice was a head injury sustained by junior forward Raquel Church midway through the scoreless first half.

"That (the injury) was huge," Reddy said. "She's come off the bench and scored pretty much in every game during the postseason for us."

"She plays well with Hannah (Lapko); (it) took all that dynamic up front out of whack."

Lapko, who had been an offensive force throughout the postseason, concurred with her coach about how much the injury to Church cost Canton.

"That really hurt us on offense. Raquel's such a good player and she's so aggressive and fast and works 100 percent," Lapko said. "It was a really big loss to lose her, especially because Jen (Richmond) and I, we didn't have three forwards we had two. It was kind of hard."

The Chiefs were looking to capture their first title since 2001, when they defeated Troy, 3-1.

A good note

Despite the defeat, Reddy and her players were proud of a season in which they dropped out of the top 10 state rankings despite losing only to Novi and Walled Lake Northern.

"It's a disappointing way to end the season, but I am so proud of my team," Anheuser said. "To not be ranked and go this far, we were definitely the underdog and I'm proud of everything we

accomplished this season. Still going out on a good note."

Senior midfielder Madison Archibald credited "unbelievable" goalkeeping by Anheuser for the Chiefs making the finals (although sophomore Sarah Hammond also was instrumental, winning PK shootouts during the tourney against Plymouth and Ann Arbor Pioneer).

But Archibald also touted the Chiefs' unwavering team bond all season long.

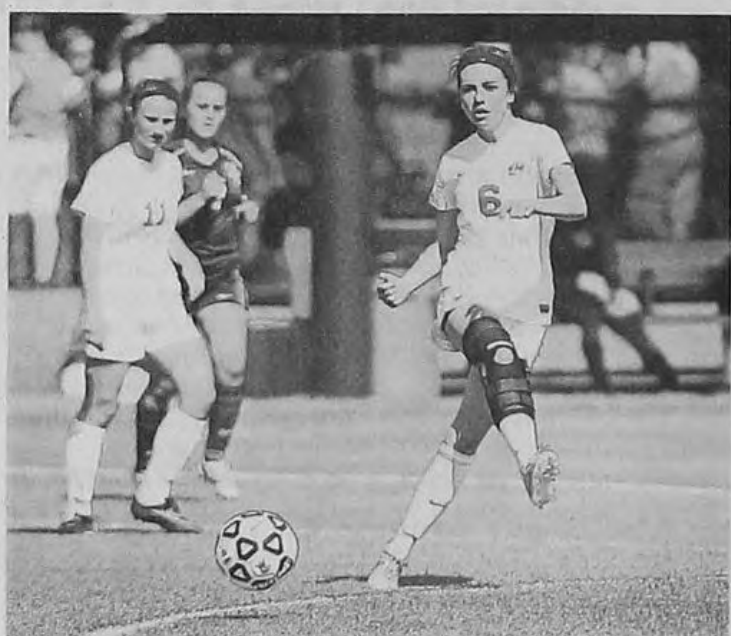
"Our team chemistry, we did everything together," Archibald said. "We all clicked together on and off the field."

Archibald added that the Chiefs "have been through a lot this season. So to get here, there's only two teams here in the states, so it's a big accomplishment."

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Retrieving the ball for the Chiefs is senior goalkeeper Jordan Anheuser. At right for the Cougars is Meghan Solek.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Threading a pass to a teammate Friday is Canton senior midfielder Casey Muglia.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Locked in struggle for possession are Canton junior forward Jen Richmond (left) and Stoney Creek's Lauren Orlando.

Cranes down Marlins in D-2 state semifinal

Scane scores six goals to lead the way

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Speed was the name of the game employed by Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood in a Division 2 girls lacrosse state semifinal game June 8.

The Cranes were fast on the field and at putting points on the scoreboard in a 22-4 victory over Farmington Hills Mercy at Troy Athens High School.

Cranbrook Kingswood scored the first seven goals and was ahead at halftime, 11-2. It scored

the first nine goals of the second half and won going away.

"We've been a slow-starting team this year," Cranes coach Greg Courter said. "Our focus the last couple weeks has been on starting quickly, and we're really getting after teams at the beginning. I was pleased we were able to do that today."

The Kingswood girls employed excellent passing skills to get the ball into the attack zone quickly, and they used their superior speed to get into scoring position.

"We talk about playing fast every day in practice," Courter said. "My approach is always to be

as fast as possible. At the high school level, it's all about speed of play and, usually, the faster team will win."

Sophomore Isabelle Scane scored four of her game-high six goals in the first half. She, senior Grace Giampetroni and sophomore Sophia Milia scored two apiece in the early 7-0 run.

"It's not a great surprise for those of us who see her every day at practice," Courter said of Scane's ability to score in a variety of ways.

"She's a terrific player; she's very creative. We encourage her to be as creative as possible. The kids have the green light and, however they

want to score, they can score."

In fact, it's all about skill and not strategy once the Cranes get to the state tournament.

"At the beginning of every season, I tell the kids my job is to make myself completely unnecessary by the state playoffs," Courter said. "If that's my goal, that means the kids are empowered."

"They know how to play the game; they're fit. They don't really need me for any strategy at this point. Just go out and play!"

Giampetroni finished with five goals, Milia and freshman Jess Geiger three apiece, senior Caroline Hinnant two.



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Mercy senior goalie Hannah Cohen disrupts a shot by Cranbrook's Georgia Hinnant.

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assists. "Good vision while attacking the goal from behind (and a) sure stick on the offensive end," coach Dave Bower said.

Marissa Cirino, sr. mid/attack, Plymouth: Cirino was stellar her senior season, setting game and season marks for assists (6 and 34, respectively) while providing leadership as a team captain.

Her efforts were rewarded with selection to the all-KLAA team and she was a MWLCA honorable mention all-state pick.

"Marissa is a smart player with speed, quickness and the stick skills to drive the opposing defenses crazy," coach Jake Wieloch said. "She sees the field very well and will get the ball to the right person at the right time."

Cirino will play at Siena Heights in 2017.

Elizabeth Elliot, jr. goalie, Plymouth: Elliot's aggressiveness and compete level helped her establish Wildcat marks

for saves in a game (17) and season (122) and save percentage (.524).

"Lizzy is a fiery and energetic goalie that could also play out if needed," Wieloch said. "She is quick and aggressive to the ball. Lizzy's clears are as accurate as they are long. She uses those clears to start our fast break offense."

Kayla Goleniak, jr. midfield, Salem: An all-KLAA honorable mention selection, Goleniak was second on the team in ground balls and third in draw controls, forced turnovers and interceptions.

"Kayla has a hard shot, but is also able to make smart feeds to her teammates," Jacobs said. "On the defensive end, Goleniak holds strong positioning and is tough."

Stephanie Miller, jr. midfield, Salem: The junior was named to the all-KLAA team and was a MWLCA all-state honorable mention selection.

Miller led Salem in draw controls and caused turnovers and was second in goals.

"Stephanie is an intense player with a smart shot who knows how to find her way around the

defenders," Jacobs said.

Natalie Nowicki, sr. mid/attack, Plymouth: The senior spark plug and a team captain for the Wildcats, Nowicki set game and season records for points (12 and 257, respectively) and groundballs (182) while doing whatever it took to help her team.

Her all-around play earned her all-KLAA and MWLCA honorable mention all-state honors as well as a spot on the Ursuline College team in 2017.

"Natalie is the spark plug for our team," Wieloch said. "She plays great defense and once we get the ball she is always looking for the right time to score. She has a high lacrosse IQ with the speed, quickness, stick skills and passion to go far in lacrosse."

Katja Nuler, sr. midfield, Canton: The Chiefs' senior captain and a four-year varsity letter winner, Nuler earned first team all-KLAA honors.

She set individual single season records for most draw possessions in a game (8), most draw possessions in a season

(41) and most takeaways in a game (4). She also was third in goals, points, groundballs and defensive stats.

"Katja is a technically skilled two-way player with a strong understanding of the game," Bower said. "She will be playing lax at Lawrence Tech in the fall."

Lauren Rippy, jr. mid-field, Canton: Rippy was team MVP, leading the Chiefs in draws and draw possessions while second in goals and points.

"A tough hockey kid, Lauren played through injury for most of the season," Bower said. "A natural leader (and) heart and soul of the team."

She will be a team captain in 2017 and subsequently play Division I hockey at Brown University.

Colleen Shortal, sr. midfield, Salem: The senior provided leadership as a captain as well as inspiration through her spirited play on the field.

"Colleen holds the second spot on the team for draw controls," Jacobs said. "Colleen is a team player and a leader on the midfield."

Shelby Strawn, jr. defense, Plymouth: The Wildcats' back line was bolstered by the consistency displayed all year by Strawn. Her play was duly noted as she was named to the all-KLAA team.

"Shelby is a tough defender who always ended up playing defense from the attack restraining line to our goal," Wieloch said. "She is fast and has a high lacrosse IQ which she uses to anticipate passes and cuts."

"When she gets the ball in her stick is has proven she can score as well with three goals this year."

Leah Tardiff, jr. attack, Salem: Tardiff had a big junior season, with accolades including all-conference, all-state honorable mention and selection to All-American Team Michigan.

A team captain who led the Rocks in goals, her efforts were instrumental in the Salem attack.

"Leah is quick on her feet and uses her speed as her advantage," Jacobs said.

Cathryn Vandenberg, jr. mid/attack,

Plymouth: Having made big strides as a junior, the team is looking forward to what Vandenberg can accomplish as a senior — when she also will be a captain.

"Cathryn has grown a lot this year in how she sees the field," Wieloch said. "She has become one of the primary targets for our attack to pass to down in the 8-meter fan."

"She has sniper like accuracy from either right or left hand. She also plays tough defense and will start the fast break on the turnover."

Kristen Wiseman, soph. midfield, Canton: It was quite a sophomore season for the rookie midfielder, who helped the Chiefs with expertise in draws and draw controls (second on the team in each category).

"Kristen put in a strong effort this season, developing two-way skills and making her presence felt in the midfield," Bower said. "We're looking for big things from her next season."

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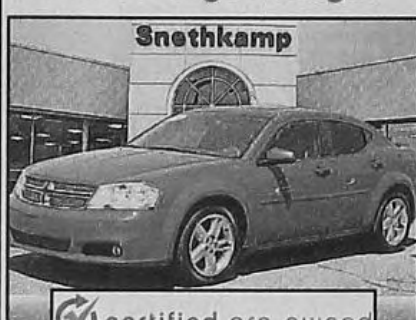


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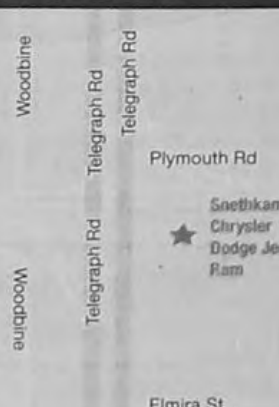
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