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Local boards concerned about DeVos



Betsy DeVos testifies during her confirmation hearing.

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Members urged to consider protest about nomination

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The East Lansing Board of Education earlier this week passed a motion urging U.S. senators to vote "no" on the confirmation of Betsy DeVos as the Trump administration's nominee for secretary of education.

Canton resident Jason Kaye thinks the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education should do the same.

Kaye, a consistent presence at P-CCS board meetings and

on local school issues, suggested the board pass a similar motion and provided board members with copies of the exact motion East Lansing passed. He said passing such a motion would allow the board to "truly lead and protect the best interests of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools."

"In times like these, it's important for educational leaders lead, to accept the difficult challenge to take unpleasant conflict head-on," Kaye told board members. "This is why you were elected. This is why I

voted for you."

Kaye's comments drew loud applause from educators and parents in the room.

The East Lansing board passed its motion 6-1, according to a story posted at East Lansing Info, Trustee Kate Powers abstained, citing her work with organizations in the Grand Rapids area, including the DeVos family business, Amway.

The Plymouth-Canton board took no action on Kaye's suggestion and likely won't before DeVos's expected committee vote Tuesday. Members could,

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Vinyl record fans of all ages attend The Park's record show.

Student radio station rocks with vinyl at show

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From punk rock to doo-wop, vinyl has brought the groove to a record show that helps Plymouth-Canton student radio station WSDP-FM (88.1) raise money and stay on the air.

Record dealer Rod Branham alone plans to bring about

4,500 vinyl albums to the ninth annual record show, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, inside the Salem High School cafeteria in Canton.

Branham, owner of Rerun Records for 37 years, has noticed a steady uptick in vinyl record sales to high school and college students.

"The younger generation

has discovered that warm, fuzzy feeling of vinyl," he said.

The record show also features digital CDs, cassette tapes, posters, T-shirts, video-cassettes, DVDs and other memorabilia. Yet, station manager Bill Keith credits vinyl records with boosting the show's popularity.

"I think the record show has

taken off since the resurgence of vinyl," Keith said. "People are buying turntables or hooking up the ones they find in their basement. They are digging out their parents' albums and purchasing new music on vinyl, too."

Last year's show brought in 65 record dealers, who paid to set up shop inside the Salem

cafeteria and sell music to hundreds of shoppers. It benefits WSDP, dubbed The Park after the high school complex where the 300-watt station broadcasts hit music.

"The record show is my favorite 88.1 event," said Eliot Bongiovanni, the station's

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Law enforcement ready for the worst after active shooter training

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A frantic 9-1-1 call alerts Plymouth Township police that a gunman is inside a local school and shots have been fired.

Students, teachers and others inside the building are panicked, fearing they could become victims of the nation's latest mass shooting.

Police rush to the scene and

see one body lying in a hallway. They hear screams from a distance.

Huddled together and moving in unison, four officers move down a long hallway, looking in all directions with their guns drawn. They find the room where the gunman has gone and, during an exchange of gunfire, they wound and capture him.

It's actually a mock crime scene that Plymouth Township

police hope never becomes a reality — but if it does, they're ready.

The department's 25 officers have finished their latest active shooter training on the third floor of PARC (Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex), formerly Central Middle School, in Plymouth. They can tell after firing their non-lethal rounds of "simunitions" wheth-

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Officers run a scenario of a possible shooter, moving through the third floor halls of the PARC.

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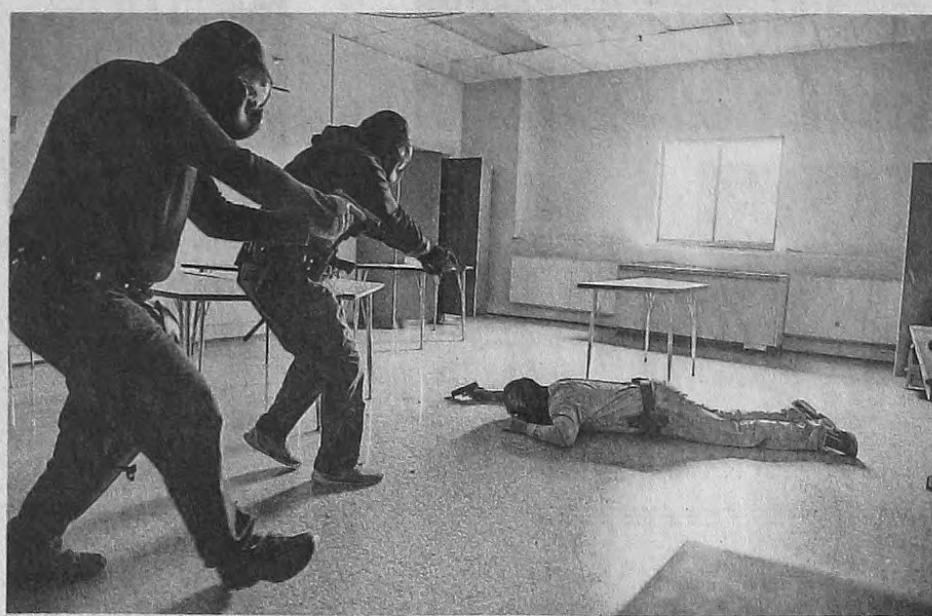
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er they hit — or missed — their target.

Police officers once waited for SWAT teams to arrive at active shooter situations. Now, they have the training they need to immediately move into action to save lives or halt further carnage. Incidents such as the Columbine High School massacre have changed law enforcement's approach.

"Every minute, every second, is another victim," Detective Steve Cheston said.

Simunitions, whether in the form of plastic, wax, paint or other material, give police officers a laser-sharp view of how efficiently they responded to the mock crisis. After the PARC training session Tuesday, Officer Mike Hinkle talked with officers to review what they did correctly and what needs improving. He said offi-



The team advances toward the wounded suspect.

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cers get "a rush of adrenaline" from the training.

Plymouth Township officers received 16 hours of training over two days during the latest active shooter scenario. Police Sgt. Bill Fetner said officers and their commanders all learn the

same skills so that "the team is ready to go" if a real situation occurs.

They also receive the same training as officers from other western Wayne County police departments. Sometimes, they train together.

"We want to make sure we are on the same sheet of music as the other agencies," Cheston said.

Fetner, Cheston and others commended PARC

officials for letting them use the third floor of their building to train.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said it was the perfect location because the department wanted a school-like setting, with classrooms and stairwells, for the latest training. Though it was a school setting, police say the training can apply to everything from workplace shootings to barri-



Officer Mike Hinkle debriefs the team at the end of the scenario.

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caded gunmen inside a home.

"Obviously, it's smart business for us to be conducting this type of training," Tiderington said, pointing to a flurry of mass shootings in recent years. "I think police officers and the community have to be

prepared in the very unlikely event that this happens in our community. We want to make sure our officers are trained to deal with these situations."

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however, consider such a motion before DeVos's confirmation before the full Senate, although that seems equally unlikely at this point.

That doesn't mean board members aren't concerned.

"The role of the Board of Education is always to advocate for what is best for the students and the district we serve," board President Kim Crouch said. "As a board, it is important we remain focused on specific policy and any potential impact on our students and district. We will be very vigilant and closely monitoring any federal, state and local policies

that affect ... the education of our students."

DeVos, the Grand Rapids billionaire who advocates for school vouchers and charter schools, had her confirmation hearing earlier this month. Her performance at that hearing raised eyebrows, with some observers on both sides of the political aisle saying she seemed unprepared.

Michigan Sens. Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow have both spoken out against DeVos's nomination.

Farmington

No other local districts are considering a motion opposing DeVos's appointment, either. In Farmington, Board of Education President Jessica Cummings said

she found the notion of a motion "interesting," but that nobody has approached her with the suggestion.

She admitted to concerns about DeVos, but said Farmington has had its own issues lately. The district has voted to close schools, is shifting its STEAM school from Highmeadow Elementary to Dunckel Middle School, is still without a contract for its teachers and has other budget issues.

"I've had conversations about (DeVos) with some board members," Cummings said. "The board has been focused on important matters we've been handling in our own district. We've had a lot on our plate."

Livonia

The Livonia Board of Education also will likely not entertain such a motion, but that doesn't mean board members aren't concerned. Board President Colleen Burton said while there hasn't been a motion suggested, conversations have taken place between board members and legislators.

"We regularly contact our legislators on education issues. ... It's a good idea to express opinions to those in charge," Burton said. "Members are contacting our legislators individually. It's more advantageous to have direct conversations. That's the most effective way."

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By: Sam Potter
Health Correspondent



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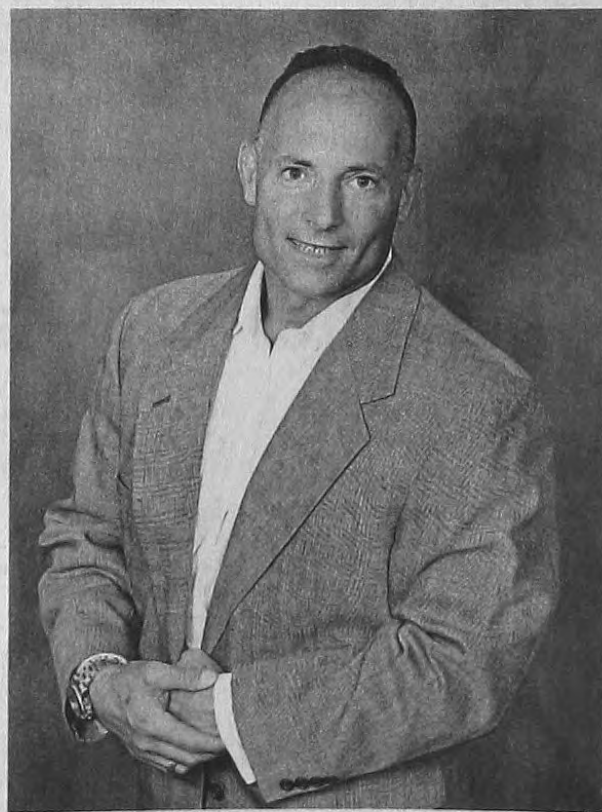
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Plymouth-Canton Girl Scouts take heart, seriously

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Learning that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women — causing 1 in 3 deaths per year across the United States — didn't sit well with members of local Girl Scout troop 40353 of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Isbister Elementary.

Like many, they were startled to learn the chilling statistics about women and heart disease, including the fact that, according to the American Heart Association, 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease. They decided to take action.

The result is Heart Filling Fun, an afternoon event designed and planned by the 10-member troop of 10-year-olds from elementary schools across the P-CCS school district. Aimed at educating other Scouts and their families about the signs, symptoms and risk factors surrounding women and heart disease, the Girl Scouts have planned a variety of stations to provide in-



Caroline Valdes, Liz Plymale and Brianna Hodge, Junior Girl Scouts from Troop 40353, based out of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, are ready to share some important information about heart health and Go Red for Women at their upcoming event.

formation. They will also help promote the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign. Go Red for Women is the AHA's initiative to raise awareness of the issue of women and heart disease.

Scheduled for 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Plymouth Township clerk's office, the Heart Filling Fun event is open to local Brownies and Daisies and their families. Attending Brownies and Daisies are able to earn a Go Red for Women patch for their participation in the event.

For Liz Plymale, 10, a Girl Scout and Isbister student, the event is an opportunity to help others learn how to prevent themselves from becoming a statistic.

"Heart disease affects millions of women in America and not many people seem to know about it," she said. "I want women and girls to realize that they need to exercise so that they can keep their hearts healthy."

Canton resident Heidi Eichmann, who co-leads the Girl Scout troop with Leann Kudla, also of Canton, said that the girls' interest in heart disease began last year during a fitness event, which emphasized the connection between exercise and heart health. After earning a Go Red for Women patch through the University of Iowa, their concern about the impact of heart disease grew.

"As we talked during our meetings, the girls began to realize that almost all of them had a friend or relative who had been affected by heart disease. I think they were all a little surprised," Eichmann said.

As the girls began making plans to work toward and obtain a Bronze Award — the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can achieve that requires a project to impact the community — their thoughts once again turned to the heart. A theme for their Bronze Award project quickly became apparent.

"When 10-year-old girls start clamoring for heart-healthy snacks and

sharing stories of family members affected by heart disease, it's time to take notice," Eichmann said.

"I knew that they were really engaged in this topic when they started pointing out that our treats were not heart-healthy. They were really taking all the information they had learned and were putting it to use," she added.

The troop began working on its project last summer and has spent well over 20 hours in planning and preparation, with some girls even researching heart disease at length at the library.

"They really got into this project, learning about the anatomy of the heart and how it works. I had to remind some of them that this was a Girl Scout project and not a college essay," she said with a laugh.

As a result of their hard work, the girls were able to construct an event to encompass many aspects of heart-health education through different learning stations.

The stations include a

model demonstrating how the heart works as a pump; a station focusing on the importance of exercise, which includes a short outside jog (weather permitting); a dance station to highlight that healthy exercise comes in a variety of forms and can be done at home; a coloring station that teaches the anatomy of the heart; and a heart-healthy snack station featuring apple slices topped with dark chocolate. The event will also feature a photo booth filled with red props and encourages participants to post their photos with the hashtag #GoRedforWomen.

Many of the girls were motivated by the far-reaching impact of heart disease on women, Eichmann said, continually expressing the idea that "heart disease affects every one of us."

Tonda Elementary student Brianna Hodge, 10, said she is hopeful that others are able to learn how to keep their heart healthy.

"I want to teach others that the heart is more important than we sometimes think," she said.

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former program director. "There's literally every genre of music waiting to be dug up and it's great to be around people who love music."

Branham, who runs record shows in places such as Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo and Lansing, said his collection mostly includes music from the 1950s to the 1990s, including jazz, punk rock, rhythm and blues, progressive rock, mainstream rock, some country — most genres, really.

He sells records for as low as \$1, but he also



Digital CDs, vinyl, cassettes and memorabilia are all sold at the record show.

has higher-end albums from artists such as T. Bone Walker's record-

ings on the Imperial label.

Record dealers can

reserve eight-foot tables for \$30. Some, like Bran-

ham, need multiple tables to sell their music.

Keith said the record show last year raised just over \$3,000 for The Park and brought in 370 patrons.

"It was our biggest year yet," he said. "It was excellent."

The six-hour event features special giveaways and door prizes. Admission is \$3, but collectors looking for an early start can pay \$5 and arrive an hour early at 9 a.m. Students from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools are admitted free with student identification.

The record show is one of several fundraisers that The Park, which

has gained national recognition, sponsors every year to generate revenue. Salem High School is located at 46181 Joy Road, at the corner of Joy and Canton Center. The cafeteria is located on the first floor, just inside the main entrance.

Interested record dealers still may reserve space by calling Keith at 734-416-7732 or by email at bill.keith@pccsk12.com.

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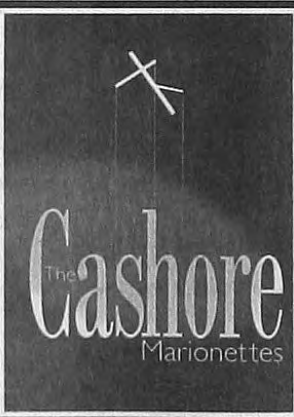
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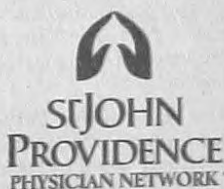


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STARS, Extra Miler awards get combined honors

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Generally speaking, the STARS (Students with Tenacity Achieving and Reaching Success) and the Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler awards given out by Plymouth-Canton school officials are completely separate awards.

Not so this time. School board Vice President Kate Borninski handed out both awards at Tuesday's board meetings, to people intertwined with the same successful event.

The STARS award actually went to a group of four students who organized the first Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Relay for Life in November, an event that raised an astonishing \$21,000 in its first go-round. Borninski and the board honored the four students — Canton High School senior Kendall Milo, Canton senior Terrill Malone, Canton junior McKenna Pierce and Canton senior Sydney Good — who organized the event.

They were guided by Canton social studies teacher Erin Le, who is



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Canton High School senior Terrill Malone accepts a handshake from Plymouth-Canton school board Vice President Kate Borninski, while the other STARS winners — senior Kendall Milo, junior McKenna Pierce and senior Sydney Good — look on.

the faculty adviser to the Class of 2017 (and 2019 and 2020, for that matter) and to the National Honor Society.

After the students were honored, Malone turned around and read his own nomination of Le for the Extra Miler award.

STARS award

Le nominated the four Canton students for their success in organizing the relay, which raised \$7,000 before anyone even stepped onto the bus loop behind Salem High School. The event, which ran for eight



BRAD KADRICH

National Honor Society adviser Erin Le accepts the Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award from school board Vice President Kate Borninski.

hours, eventually drew some 40 teams, more than 600 walkers and raised some \$21,000.

The four organized the event after the Class of 2017 participated in the Canton Relay for Life in Heritage Park. They've been urging Le to bring the event to the Park, which they felt would "increase and encourage the involvement of their peers," Le said.

"I initially brushed them off, knowing what a huge undertaking this would be for a group of students," Le said, drawing a chuckle from the crowd. "However, they continually pushed, made requests and showed a desire to make this event a reality."

Le said the students recruited participants,

formed committees, organized fundraisers and publicized the event. Le called the results a "huge step in the fight against cancer."

"I am continually surprised and impressed by the amount of dedication and follow-through, especially at their age," Le said. "This event was truly a labor of love."

Extra Miler

The students returned the favor when Malone nominated Le for the Extra Miler award. Calling her a "true leader in all her glory," Malone said Le continues to go "above and beyond."

In his nomination, Malone said Le has taken on the role of managing and advising four class councils, as well as co-

managing the National Honor Society. He noted she's always been "actively involved around campus" and plays an active role in the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which Malone said "exemplifies her dedication" to furthering and improving the educational system for everyone.

"Her versatility and ability to persevere and lead are a few of her greatest qualities," Malone said. "She is caring, optimistic, fair, charitable, selfless and kind. She is a lifelong learner and educator who will do no less than change the world, building one leader at a time."

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Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Construction Bid Package 10, consisting of: **Site Upgrade Projects at PCCS Maintenance Facility, Isbister Elementary School and Salem High School,**

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Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of sealed bids for the following Bid Division of work:

102: Asphalt Paving / Site Concrete

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SEEKING EQUALITY USING DIALOGUE

Hmong woman's group forms to heal community divided after stabbing

MARK TREINEN
USA TODAY NETWORK

Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit onenation.usatoday.com.

WAUSAU, Wis. - Maysee Herr saw a need to bring people together. A summer of racial tensions threatened to divide her hometown, and she felt her voice could make a difference.

She became a founding member of a new community dialogue project called Toward One Wausau, which sprang up in the wake of heated debate over the treatment of a Southeast Asian teenager convicted of stabbing another boy to death in a street fight. Dylan Yang, who was 15 when he killed 13-year-old Isaiah Powell, shares a Hmong heritage with Herr.

The Hmong are an ethnic group that fled persecution in their homeland after aiding American troops in the Vietnam War era. Thousands have settled in the central Wisconsin community of Wausau, which had been almost all white prior to the arrival of Hmong and Laotian refugees starting in the late 1970s.

Dylan Yang's conviction in adult court stirred Hmong Americans across the nation to protest on social media, in letters to authorities and finally in a march in Wausau. The protest was to promote peace and justice, and to call for leniency, but it elicited fear and anger among those who believed marchers had unjustly targeted police and prosecutors.

Herr, who grew up in Wausau and went on to become a college professor, was torn between her own concerns about injustice and her desire to teach and heal. She and others formed Toward One Wausau to encourage people of all backgrounds to "talk openly, listen earnestly" and know their neighbors.

She knew it wouldn't be easy. "It is in our discomfort that learning takes place," Herr told residents who gathered for the first Toward One Wausau public forum in October. "That dialogue, the



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Maysee Herr is one of the founders of Toward One Wausau, a project to encourage people in her community to talk about racial and ethnic differences.

discussions you have are powerful."

Toward One Wausau has grown to include local police and school administrators, the local newspaper and public radio affiliate, the nonprofit Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service and representatives of African-American, Hispanic, Hmong and Native American groups. The group plans a series of public deliberations in the spring to involve more people in the community.

Maysee Herr

Location: Wausau, Wis.

Age: 40

Profession: Associate professor of education at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Mission: To bring together community members from all walks of life to talk openly, and act in unity, so that Wausau is a safe, welcoming and attractive place for everyone.

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Q&A WITH MAYSEE HERR

Maysee Herr grew up the daughter of refugees from war-torn Laos. She has a doctoral degree in curriculum studies and early childhood education from Indiana University and taught in Indianapolis before returning to her hometown of Wausau, Wisconsin. She is now an associate professor of education and a founding member of the Toward One Wausau unity project.

What does it mean to be an American?

To be an American means being able to express my thoughts and ideas freely but responsibly. It means having the right to stand tall and being able to pursue whatever dreams I wish even when the path isn't always easy.

What moment touched and motivated you to take part in this effort?

I've always felt that this type of effort was needed. However, there have been many national and local challenges related to race that have made me realize there is an urgency for this type of effort.

What gives you hope and what concerns you?

Efforts such as the Toward One Wausau project are giving me hope for a more open and equitable community. What is most concerning to me is when people aren't willing to try putting themselves in the shoes of someone else to try understanding their experiences. When we aren't open to listening to one another, we remain static as a community and not much changes.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

If something I say or do can encourage someone to also take a stand for understanding and equity in the community, I will have done my job. As an American, we all have a responsibility to help build a better community for every one of its members and to spread hope where there is none.



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Nadiana Langevillier and Cory Hurst were married July 16, 2016, at Longacre House in Farmington. The Rev. Suzanne Paul officiated and Rayna Gill interpreted the ceremony in French.

The bride is the daughter of Bibi Kareemah and Christian Langevillier of Château-Renault, France. The groom is the son of Gary and Becky Hurst of Plymouth.

Grandparents are Robert and Lois Hurst of Saline and Ted and Joanne Podewil of Lewiston.

The maid of honor was Malvina Langevillier, sister of the bride. Kyla Hurst, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid. Arwenn Fabes-

Vinsonnaud, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

Jim McEvelly served as best man, David Catalan as groomsman and Joshua Haun as usher.

The bride is a graduate of University of Wales Institute of Cardiff, with a bachelor's degree in secondary education, modern foreign languages: French.

The groom graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree and teaching certificate in secondary history education and a master's degree in instructional technology.

The newlyweds met while teaching in Kuwait City, Kuwait. They currently live and teach in Alcázar de San Juan, Spain.

Heise keeps campaign promise to create citizens advisory council

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com

Keeping a campaign promise, Supervisor Kurt Heise has rolled out details of his new Plymouth Township Citizens Advisory Council, touted as a way for residents to become more involved in improving local government.

Heise hopes the plan will engage residents, some of whom he said have felt "shut out of the process, disrespected and ignored."

Heise, elected in November to lead the township, said he initiated a similar effort when he served in the state House.

"I found it to be very effective," he said.

Heise described the advisory council as a way for residents to become directly involved in township government's strategic plan-

ning and mission for the future.

The council's first organizational meeting is set for 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Plymouth Town Hall meeting room, 9955 N. Haggerty. Attendance is limited to Plymouth Township residents.

Treasurer Mark Clinton said he believes the advisory council "absolutely" is the right move, based on what residents told him during his campaign last year.

"One of the things I heard loud and clear when I was campaigning was that the citizens did not feel their input was being taken seriously," he said. "What better way to get the citizens' input than through these citizens advisory boards.



Heise

More input, more transparency — that's really what we're trying to achieve."

Heise said the council will be a citizen-driven, voluntary group of concerned residents who are interested in serving on one or more committees focused on public safety, economic development, environmental stewardship, government accountability and arts, recreation and heritage.

"Formation of the council was a campaign promise of mine, but more importantly, it's a way to involve our residents in the future of our community," he said. "Plymouth Township is fortunate to have many outstanding citizens who are eager to offer their experience and education to the betterment of our community."

Heise and some Plymouth Township trustees have agreed to serve on

at least one of the committees.

Heise said the advisory group as a whole will meet at least twice a year, but committees are asked to meet at least four times a year to review and discuss township services and issues and to help the township board with ideas to improve the community.

"The council is a strategic planning and review committee that will have a hand in assisting the Board of Trustees in our policy-making process," he said. "It's vital that we get feedback from our experienced, hardworking residents."

Residents who have questions may call Heise at 734-354-3201 or email him at kheise@plymouthtownship.org.

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Volunteers sought for annual Rouge frog, toad count

Spring is only two months away, the time when frogs and toads begin their chorus of calls. This spring, consider learning why frogs and toads are making those sounds and which ones you might have in your area. Friends of the Rouge is looking for people interested in participating in the annual Rouge Frog and Toad Survey. The survey is a simple presence/absence survey. Volunteers visit

wetlands at night and identify what types of frogs and toads are calling.

Interested volunteers need to sign up for one of three training sessions held several Saturdays in February. All materials are provided at the workshop. Volunteers are assigned survey blocks and required to visit them several times a month March through June on damp warm nights.

This will be the 20th year of the survey. Friends of the Rouge started the survey in 1998 to involve local residents in collecting data about the health of Rouge River wetlands. The presence of frogs and toads is used as an indicator of wetland health as the animals disappear when wetlands are too polluted. Diverse, healthy wetlands support diverse assemblages of amphibians. To learn more about the findings from the survey, go to the FOTR website at www.therouge.org.

Workshop dates
» Saturday, Feb. 4: 10 a.m. to noon
Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia
» Saturday, Feb. 18: 10

a.m. to noon
Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

» Saturday, Feb. 25: 10 a.m. to noon
Farmington Hills Council Chambers, 31555 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

Friends of the Rouge is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed. The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the Detroit area.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

The AGBU Alex & Marie Manoogian School, located at 22001 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI, will have "Open Enrollment" from March 8, 2017 - March 31, 2017, between 10 AM to 1 PM, and on Sunday March 19, 2017 from 10 AM to 1 PM. For further information or special appointments, please call the school at 248.569.2988. Random selection drawing for new applicants will take place at the school on Friday, April 21, 2017 at 10 AM. Families of those selected will be notified.

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Livonia family inspired to hold blood drives

On June 3, 2015, Tina Dunphey went into a scheduled Cesarean-section with her husband to welcome their third child.

She had the same procedure with her second child, so they didn't expect anything out of the ordinary.

"The entire pregnancy, our baby never stayed in one position. The day of the delivery, he had turned sideways. We both knew something felt different, but it wasn't too alarming," Dunphey said.

Their newborn son, Philip Dunphey, was born at 8:30 a.m. June 3. Within hours, Tina began vomiting as her blood pressure plummeted. After testing, she was taken to the hospital's medical trauma unit.

That's when the family learned the mother of three was suffering from internal bleeding due to a



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The Dunphey family from Livonia gives back by hosting blood drives.

damaged artery behind her uterus. Doctors used seven units of blood to save her.

"I didn't know how serious it was until I saw the bag of blood hanging the next day," she recalled. "I didn't fully understand what had happened until then."

Dunphey spent three days in the intensive care unit and another three days in recovery.

"It's a humbling experience

laying in the ICU. It was just surreal. You can't really tell what's reality and what's not," she said. "I just kept looking at my blood pressure, hoping it would go up."

The entire time in the hospital Tina remembered hearing about Michigan Blood drives over the PA system. After realizing the blood she received came from Michigan Blood, she

decided to find a way to give back.

A month after Philip's birth, Dunphey and her husband held their first blood drive through Michigan Blood. Since then, they've held multiple drives.

"It's kind of been our thing — if we can do something to give back, for me, this is the best thing we can do. Michigan Blood makes it so easy to host a blood drive. We provide the space, and they take care of everything," she says.

As for their son, Philip, now 18 months old, "He's completely healthy with no complications," she adds. "He never even knew what had happened. He was asleep the whole time."

Donating blood

Any healthy person 17 or older (or 16 with parental consent) who weighs at least 112 pounds may

be eligible to donate, although females age 18 and under must weigh 120 pounds or more.

Blood donors should bring photo ID. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 866-MIBLOOD or at www.miblood.org.

Michigan Blood is the primary provider of blood and blood products for more than 60 hospitals in Michigan, including Beaumont Health and Henry Ford Health System. Donations given outside of Michigan Blood do not have direct local impact. Michigan Blood is currently in urgent need of O-negative blood donations.

Blood drive locations

» Jan. 27: Beaumont Hospital-Wayne, Second Floor Conference Room, 33155 Annapolis St.,

Wayne, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

» Jan. 28: St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, Parish Hall, 28353 Herbert St, Madison Heights, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

» Jan. 29: Orchard Grove Community Church, multipurpose room, 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

» Jan. 31: Schoolcraft College, Student Activities Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

» Feb. 1: Schoolcraft College, Student Activities Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, noon to 6 p.m.

» Feb. 7: Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills, 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

» Feb. 17: Beaumont Hospital-Royal Oak, Classroom 2, 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Knowing your 'number' will make retirement secure

Whether you are currently retired or planning to retire in the near future, there is an important number you need to know — your retirement number. That's the amount of money you need to retire or to stay retired.

One of the mistakes many people make when contemplating retirement is they compute their number to determine if they can retire, but then never re-compute that number. As far as I'm concerned, when someone is retired, they need to recalculate their retirement number at least twice a year. The reason is that things change and it is important to monitor your situation. With people living much longer, it's



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

not unusual for someone to be retired for 20 or 30 years. With people living as long as they do, new expenses arise that are never factored into the equation.

Just think, if you retired 20 years ago, you wouldn't have to worry about a smart phone bill; today, you do. I have no doubt that over the next 20 or 30 years we will see more change and new products that enhance the quality of our life. The problem is, there is a cost to these items. That's why it is always important to know your

number and make sure it is current.

What many people find is they spend more money than they anticipated in retirement. If they don't make an adjustment to their lifestyle, they'll run into problems down the road. The result is that someone in their 80s is running out of money and we all know in this country it's not a good thing to be old and poor. That is why knowing your retirement number and constantly updating it is so important.

To calculate your retirement number, you need to know what it costs you to live for the year. Remember things such as holiday gifts, vacations, entertainment and absolutely anything else you spend money on;

are all part of your cost of living. Because this number is so important, you should not guesstimate; you need to spend time ensuring it is accurate.

Once you've determined what it costs you to live a month, then you need to subtract from that number guaranteed payments you are receiving, such as Social Security and pension. When you subtract your living expenses from your guaranteed payments, that is the shortfall you will need to cover with your investments. For example, if it costs you \$50,000 a year to live and you are receiving \$30,000 from pension and Social Security per year, your shortfall is \$20,000.

For someone who is retiring in their 60s, my

general rule is that you need 25-30 times your annual shortfall to make sure that you have enough for retirement. For example, if your annual shortfall was \$20,000, you would need a portfolio of between \$500,000 and \$600,000 to cover your needs. As you get older and in your 70s and 80s, 20-25 times your annual shortfall would probably be sufficient.

One last note — when you compute your retirement number, it is also a good time to do a personal family balance sheet. A personal family balance sheet is nothing more than a listing of all your assets and liabilities. By doing a personal family balance sheet, you can compute your net worth, which is nothing more than assets less

liabilities. Your net worth is important in determining your financial health.

As I've mentioned many times in the past, retirement is a new concept in the history of mankind. In the old days, retirement was nothing more than getting ready to die; that's not the case today. Now, retirement is round two and, to make sure you can enjoy it, you must have a rising income; computing your retirement number will help you achieve this goal.

Good luck!

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

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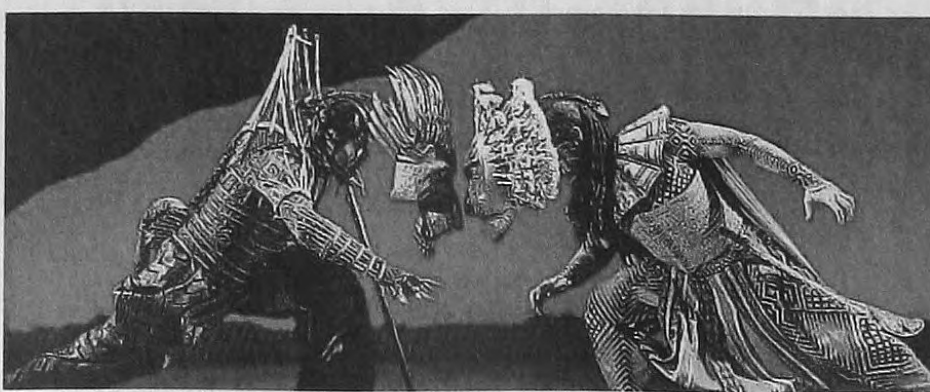
Hometown actor feels the love on stage

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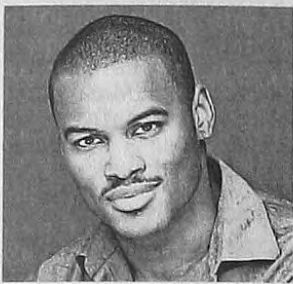
For months, John Sloan III has been taking endless ticket orders for his friends and family. Even his dentist is bringing the whole office to see the talented actor perform on the Detroit Opera House stage beginning Feb. 1 in the national tour of Disney's "The Lion King."

For local fans, tickets to see Sloan are almost as hard to get as those for "Hamilton," knowing that this is the third and final time that Sloan will perform in "The Lion King" in Detroit. His contract expires in July. "The beauty of doing the show at home is that I can always walk out the stage door and run in to someone I went to school with," said Sloan, who grew up in Oak Park and moved to Farmington with his family when he was 13.

When he was a kid in the early '90s, Sloan performed with the Lathrup Youth Theatre and Metropolitan Youth Symphony and, to this day, he always travels with his violin. He'd do television commercials and voiceovers while attending the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills and later, Farmington High School. He left high school a year early to attend Oakland Community College. It was right after graduating from the University of Michigan and moving to New York in 2005 that his friend "dragged him" to



"The Lion King" returns Feb. 1-26 to Detroit.



Sloan

his first professional open call audition for "The Lion King."

"I had seven callbacks, but didn't hear back for two years," said Sloan, 33, who performs in the ensemble and understudies Banzai the Hyena. "After I didn't hear back from Disney, I spent the next year-and-a-half doing the starving-artist thing - working at Starbucks, Banana Republic, doing catering jobs. I needed the flexibility to audition."

In 2006, Sloan landed his first professional job in Philadelphia, playing the role of Mrebe in "Ai-

da." He earned his Actor's Equity union card with that show. He then played Schroeder in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" for the same theater before moving back to Farmington. He worked for Wild Swan Theatre in Ann Arbor and Plowshares Theatre in Detroit and was an acting coach for Detroit Youth Slam.

"New York can be very hectic and stressful," Sloan said. "So I came home to see my folks. I didn't intend to stay for as long as I did, but in this industry, you don't turn down work."

Sloan has been with "The Lion King" on and off for 10 years, taking time off occasionally to perform in other productions, such as "Showboat" on the big island of Hawaii.

"As an African-American actor, it's great to be creative and vibrant and tackle iconic roles like Joe, who sings 'Old Man River' and perform in 'The Lion King,'" Sloan

said.

In advance of coming to Detroit for "The Lion King," which will run Feb. 1-26 at the Detroit Opera House, Sloan has been working on scheduling outreach events and educational theater workshops with the Detroit chapters of Black Lives Matter and The Future Project in connection with his newly sponsored nonprofit, The Helping Hands Campaign.

"Our goal as artists is to figure out a way to support and engage schools and the community, by using the power of art to inspire change and progress," Sloan said of The Helping Hands Campaign that he started a few years ago.

Along with "The Lion King" cast, the casts of "Wicked" and "Jersey Boys" have put on benefit concerts, held food drives and conducted workshops in different cities while on tour. To date, Sloan noted they have raised more than

\$85,000 that they have distributed to various charities.

"My mother taught me how to do what I do and my father taught me why," he said. "I grew up with a strong family support system and learned the importance of music education at home at an early age."

Sloan's mother, Brenda Gold-Sloan, taught music in Detroit for 15 years; she currently teaches at Warner Middle School in Farmington. His aunt, Ernestine Livingston, is a retired high school music teacher in Detroit and his father, John Sloan Jr., is a counselor and teaches philosophy at OCC.

"I'd like to think that I've always been altruistic," said Sloan, who's ready for this next chapter in his life, which is a full-time dedication to The Helping Hands Campaign. "My parents and family have always instilled in me that you should know why you're doing what you're doing and do your best to live with a sense of integrity."

In the meantime, Sloan plans to continue his charitable work while being on the road for the next five months with "The Lion King."

"The show is really relatable to our audience," he said. "Whether you're 8 or 80, there's universal elements about the desire to live up to our parents while also having the fear of living in their own shadow. It's about finding your own identity."

Sloan has 10 elaborate costume changes as a member of the ensemble. When he understudies Banzai the Hyena, Sloan noted that the costume weighs an additional 25 pounds.

Sloan offered a tip for audience members to find him in "The Lion King" crowd:

"There's three guys on stage, on the audience's left side. I'm wearing an orange-ish and blue dashiki - almost U-M colors. It's definitely much better than having a scarlet and gray costume," the University of Michigan Musical Theatre graduate said with a laugh.

In Detroit, "The Lion King" will play at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. There are also special 1 p.m. matinees scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 2 and 23. Note there is no evening performance Sunday, Feb. 26.

A special open-captioned performance will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. Tickets for the open-captioned performance may be purchased in person at The Fisher Theatre and Detroit Opera House box offices or by phone at 313-872-1000, ext. 0.

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Recipients of Catholic Vantage Financial 2016 scholarships were (from left) Gabrielle Stephen, Eric Swartz, Rebecca Damuth, Nathaniel Breintner, Ethan Hall, Avery Zimmerman, Michael Arble and, in front, Dominick Isele. Other scholarship winners were Luke Emerling and Miriam Sponsler.

Catholic Vantage scholarship applications now available

Catholic Vantage Financial announced student scholarship applications are now available online at www.mycvf.org. The deadline to apply is Saturday, March 4.

The credit union will award a total of 10 scholarships to members in 2017.

Six scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded to help cover tuition for students who attend Catholic schools. Two scholarships will be awarded to students in kindergarten through eighth grade and four scholarships to students who attend a Catholic

high school. Scholarship recipients will be selected by random drawing and notified in writing by March 25.

Four college scholarships of \$1,000 each will also be awarded to 2017 high school graduating seniors of private or public high schools, who will attend an accredited college, university or trade school. In addition to completing the online application, students are required to write and submit a 500-word essay. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on the information submitted and notified by

March 25.

"Catholic Vantage Financial is committed to helping young members further their education and build a solid foundation for the future," said Emma Teller, vice president of marketing and business development for Catholic Vantage Financial. "We look forward to recognizing these scholarship recipients and their families at our annual meeting on March 29."

More details about the scholarships are available online at www.mycvf.org.

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Area woman raises money for mutilated dog

Jay Grossman
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Leslye Galperin Golding could not turn away when she saw the photograph of Baron, a stray dog who was discovered wandering the streets of Detroit with part of his nose and ears chopped off.

"I'm a 35-year volunteer for the Michigan Humane Society and I've seen lots of abuse over the years," said Golding, a Birmingham resident. "I've seen dogs with their chain still embedded in their neck ... but I've never seen anything like this."

Hoping to help catch the person responsible



Birmingham resident Leslye Galperin Golding has started a Go Fund Me Page to help find Baron's attacker.

for mutilating the dog, Golding started a Go Fund Me page called Justice for Baron. In a matter of two days, she's

managed to raise \$2,675 in reward money.

"Someone must know who committed this horrific and sadistic act on a

poor, defenseless dog," she said. "This was torture and somebody should have to pay for it."

Pet owners Claudia Drilich and Linda Schlesinger-Wagner, both of West Bloomfield, donated to the page.

"I was devastated that someone could actually harm an animal like that," Drilich said. "What kind of monster could do such a thing?"

Wagner has five King Charles rescue dogs at home. Four of them join her at work.

"I am so sad for our world, that sick people could do such a horrible crime against an innocent animal," she said.

"I'll do anything I can to get behind finding the person or persons behind this cruel act."

Golding said her goal is to raise \$50,000 in reward money. If nobody comes forward, she plans to divide the money equally between the Michigan Humane Society, the Michigan Animal Rescue League and the Detroit Dog Rescue. The Humane Society also has a reward fund that's reached more than \$35,000.

"The Humane Society has already raised a lot, but we think more money can be raised," she said. "All the donations - 100 percent - will go to this reward."

This was Golding's first Go Fund Me page and she found it heartwarming to see the number of people who have banded together to help the Rottweiler mix.

"My 9-year-old neighbor donated \$5," she said. "I'm honestly overwhelmed by all the people who are stepping up and offering to help this poor dog."

Baron is now recovering at the Michigan Humane Society. Anyone with information is asked to call the Humane Society hotline at 313-872-3401.

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Dog's tale: Rescued after months on the streets

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Laura Kahn relied on rotisserie chicken and persistence to rescue Toby, a frightened, stray dog she had seen on the streets and in the woods of Milford for two months.

"I love him and he has a piece of my heart," Kahn said. "It sure would be amazing if a home could be found for him. He deserves it after all he has been through."

Kahn learned that Toby, a Lab mix, had bolted from his Milford Township yard while on leash seven months earlier. He was micro-chipped and wearing a collar with a tracker, but had eluded efforts to bring him home. His former owners had given up on locating him; after Kahn found Toby, they didn't want the dog back.

The Devoted Barn, an animal rescue and shelter in Newport, south of Detroit, specializes in feral and frightened dogs and is caring for Toby, helping him to become ready for adoption.

"Since I'm an animal lover, I just felt so bad for him. He didn't have a home and was a stray. I told myself that the first day when I saw him running by the Milford Theater," said Kahn, who works as a paraprofessional in the Huron Valley School District.

It all started one October evening after Kahn, her husband Brian and their children, Kristina and Kyle, were returning to their Milford home after watching a movie.

"My husband and kids first saw the dog," she said. "He was running down the sidewalk. I asked if we could check it out, see if we could get it to come to us."

They turned the car around and parked in a lot where the dog was lingering, but he bolted



Laura Kahn spent two months trying to rescue runaway dog Toby.

before she could get close enough to look for an identification tag. When they arrived home, Kahn drove back to the parking lot, armed with an extra leash, chicken strips and Mandy, the family dog, hoping she would put the stray canine at ease. He was back, but didn't give her a chance.

Kahn was on a mission. She posted on social media about the yellow Lab that was on the run. A few others had seen the runaway, but no one claimed the dog as their own.

Over the next few weeks, she saw the dog on Commerce Road near Crystal, on Oakland just

up the road from her home. Her son said he saw the dog just three doors down near a neighbor's house. Kahn tried to lure Toby each time, but he always ran.

By November, Kahn was worried about the dog's survival.

She contacted the Lost Dog Search Team in Holly, hoping to borrow a trap. Lynn Fiedor responded with a cage that's built to trap a dog and prevent it from backing out or busting out of the enclosure, as some dogs do with spring-loaded traps.

Searching for dogs

Fiedor and five other women founded the all-

volunteer search team a year ago, after meeting during a community-wide search in Holly for "Perry the one-eyed dog," a rescue dog eventually found under a chair lift deck at Mt. Holly Ski Area.

"We developed a strong friendship. We were out there sometimes 18 hours a day. We started with Perry and have been non-stop almost daily. We really saw a need," said Fiedor, who travels throughout the state to find lost dogs.

The Lost Dog Search Team tracked 80 dogs last year and has helped more than 100 dog owners by offering advice and lending equipment.

The owners of Riley, a dog that went overboard and swam six miles to the Lake Michigan shore in August last year, are helping the team become a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. It was Fiedor who coached the Illinois couple via cellphone as they searched for Riley in a park near the Sleeping Bear sand dunes. They followed her advice and found their beloved pet.

"When people lose their dogs, they don't know what to do," Fiedor said. "Once a dog is out for a few nights, their whole demeanor changes. After so many nights of a dog being out, they go into survival mode. Typi-

cally, they may even run from their owners. That's when we need to trap."

Trapping

Fiedor said Kahn had done everything right in her attempts to rescue Toby. She crouched when she approached, offered food, but made no eye contact. Kahn checked the trap every two hours for a few days, but it yielded nothing more than a few opossums, so Fiedor retrieved the trap for another case.

By mid-December, Kahn saw paw prints in the snow and thought the dog might be hiding in a nearby cemetery. Fiedor returned with a trap that they set at a neighbor's house. Kahn placed a rotisserie chicken inside the cage and outside leading to the road. She barely had her coat off at home when her neighbor texted her to retrieve the trapped dog.

After visiting the vet, where Toby's microchip was scanned, Fiedor took the dog to his previous owners, hoping for a happy reunion. The elderly couple said they had adopted the dog from a shelter in Battle Creek, but that Toby had originally lived in Texas.

"A lot of the dogs that go into shelters in Texas are street dogs," Fiedor said, adding that Toby probably hadn't lived in a home before. "They told me when they got him home from the shelter, he was shaking, he wouldn't eat. They said the dog was too much to handle."

After spending a night with Kahn, Toby went to his temporary home at The Devoted Barn.

"It makes my heart happy thinking about him," Kahn said.

For more about the Lost Dog Search Team, go to <https://www.facebook.com/lostdogsearchteam>. Find photos of Toby at thedevelopedbarn.org.

Local doctor offers winter health tips

Winter is here. Sore throats, sniffles and coughs seem to be everywhere. Despite the weather and the season's propensity for the common cold, winter does not have to mean illness. Keep your family well this year with these easy health tips:

» Get the flu vaccine. The flu vaccine is the best way to protect against the flu. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, 80 percent of flu cases occur between January and March. It is not too late for your whole family to get the flu shot. The vaccine is safe and cannot cause the flu.

» Practice proper hygiene. It may sound repetitive, but proper hand washing really does prevent many illnesses. Wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 15 seconds. Encourage your child to sing the ABCs to ensure they wash their hands long enough. Remember, you should also wash your hands after return-



Dr. Farah Akhdar

GUEST COLUMNIST

ing home from school, day care or work, after using the bathroom and before and after meals. Hand sanitizers work well when soap and water are not available.

» Teach your child not to touch their eyes or nose. An unwashed hand is covered with thousands of germs. When someone rubs their eyes or nose, he or she is depositing those germs directly onto mucous membranes, where they are absorbed into the bloodstream and can potentially cause illness.

» Avoid crowded areas or visiting people who are ill. Staying away from those who may be ill will help prevent the spread of germs.

» Help stop the spread of germs. If you or your child is sick, do not go to school or work. Stay home, rest and properly

sanitize your home so others do not get sick. Wipe down door knobs, counters and other areas touched by the sick individual.

» Dress appropriately. Dress in layers. Several thin layers are helpful to keep children dry and warm. Be prepared with warm boots, gloves and a hat. For babies and young children, a good rule of thumb is to dress them with one more layer than an adult would wear in the same conditions.

Despite the best intentions, germs spread and your family might catch a cold. If this happens, call your doctor to see if an appointment is necessary or if extra rest at home will do the trick. Be sure to stay rested and hydrated - children tend to easily become dehydrated when ill. Consider giving your child an electrolyte drink or Popsicles to ensure he or she stays hydrated. For stuffy noses, use a cool mist vaporizer and saline drops to prevent mucous build-up.

When it comes to over-the-counter medications, there are a lot of options. Before taking anything or giving it to your child, talk to your physician. Every medication has an age recommendation and possible side effects. Your doctor will make a recommendation right for you or your child.

If symptoms do not improve or worsen, it is time to see a doctor. Symptoms that should be addressed include a persistent, high fever (more than 100.4 °F), unusual drowsiness, refusal to eat or drink, excessive crying, holding the ears or stomach, wheezing or difficulty breathing.

Finally, do not underestimate your intuition. If you are concerned about your child, contact your doctor.

Dr. Farah Akhdar is a Family Medicine physician with St. Joe's Medical Group and St. Mary Mercy Livonia. She provides preventative and general wellness to children and adults at the St. Joe's Medical Group Redford office.

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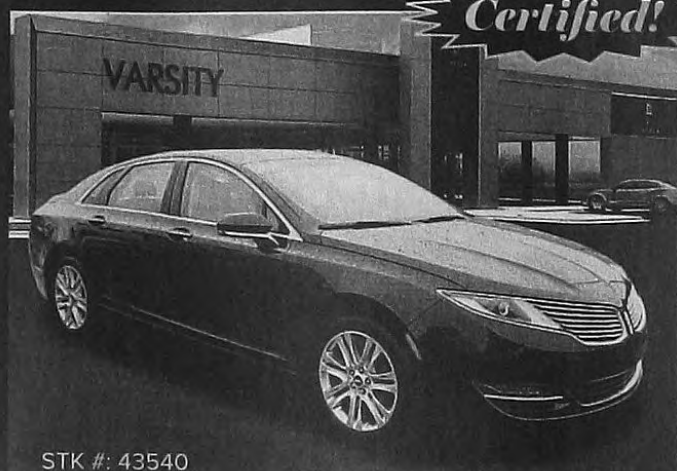
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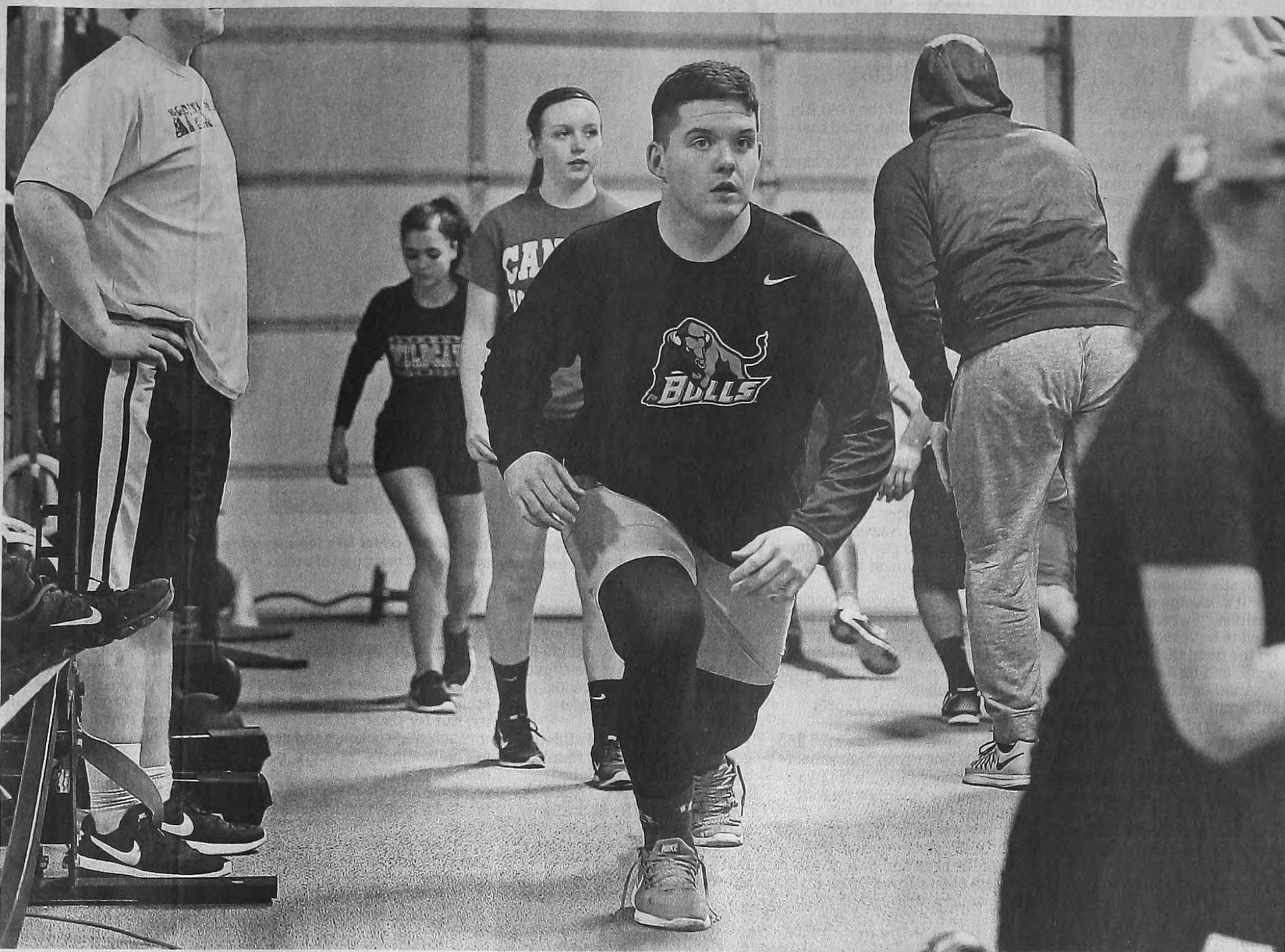
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GOING TO THE NEXT LEVEL



As part of a group of high school and college athletes at Jake's House of Iron, Jeremiah Riordan cranks up the intensity with each and every repetition.

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SNAP JUDGMENT

Buffalo-bound Riordan working long and hard to succeed as college long-snapper

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Jeremiah Riordan dropped to the floor at Jake Sweeney's House of Iron in Canton, then elevated in a flash in time to be ready to catch the 20-pound medicine ball heaved at him by his training partner.

Riordan fired it right back from whence it came, at former Canton High School baseball catcher Nick Romanowski (currently playing at Schoolcraft College) standing about 10 feet away.

They traded tosses at a faster and harder rate of speed and power during the so-called burly throw, one of numerous cutting edge exercises that Sweeney — who long-snapped in the early 1980s for legendary Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler — incorporates into intense group workouts populated by high school and college athletes.

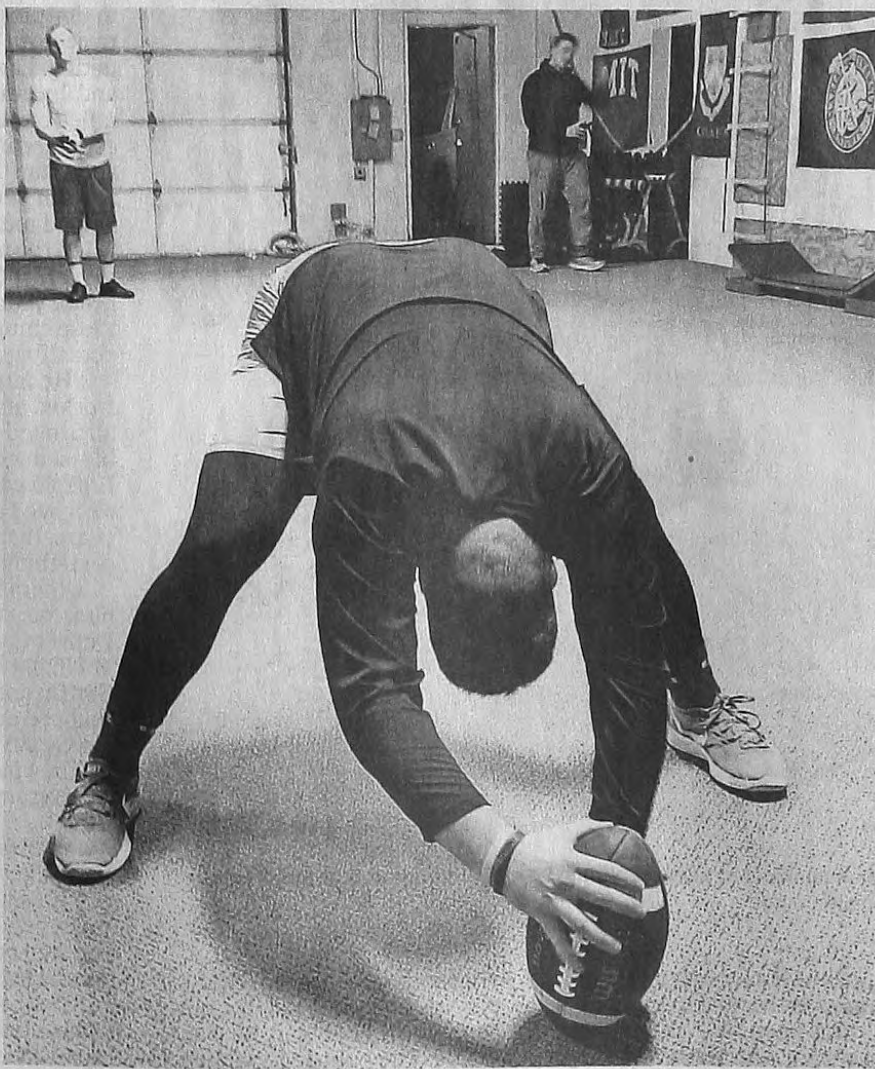
"You got to go down and get up right before the ball gets to you," Riordan said. "Just got to keep moving. All energy is going forward."

Plymouth resident and University of Detroit-Jesuit senior Riordan said the burly throw is exactly the kind of drill he needs to sharpen up his skills before going to the University of Buffalo — a Division I school in the Mid-American Conference, where he is officially signing his national letter of intent Feb. 1 to become a long-snapper.

Beyond the limit

He is getting a full-ride scholarship just to make sure the pigskin is snapped accurately and with some oomph on it. That trend is picking up

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Following his workout at Jake's House of Iron, Jeremiah Riordan gets in some extra repetitions snapping the football. The velocity off his snaps rival that of a hard-throwing baseball pitcher.

THE RIORDAN FILE



Who: Jeremiah Riordan, 18-year-old senior at University of Detroit-Jesuit.

What: The 6-2, 225-pound Plymouth resident,

whose parents are Meghan and Michael (a Michigan Court of Appeals judge), will sign with Division I University of Buffalo to be the Bulls' long-snapper. He is receiving a full scholarship.

On the grid: He is a three-year varsity player for the Cubs, who played him as a lineman, tight end and long-snapper, among other roles. With Buffalo, he will strictly snap for field goals, extra points and punts.

Other: Riordan carries a 3.0 grade-point average and attended middle school at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

"They have a senior who's graduating. They want me to be that guy. They need me to step in day one and be that guy and I'm willing to do that and work my butt off for that."

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Sweeney helps them up their game

Ex-Wolverines lineman's House of Iron is a welcome home for those who want to get tougher, faster, better

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

When Lawrence "Jake" Sweeney played football at the University of Michigan for the legendary Bo Schembechler, long-snapping was an extra duty linemen were entrusted to perform.

And with only 40-something roster spots to fill, whether in the Big Ten or National Football League, the idea of giving scholarship money — or a pro contract, for that matter — to a player solely to snap the ball to kickers and punters was little more than a pipe dream.

The game — not to mention the importance of long-snappers — has evolved in a big way in the more than three decades since Sweeney suited up for the Wolverines. There's potential for opportunity, too, with college and pro rosters typically exceeding 50 athletes.

"It's become a legitimate position," Sweeney said. "It used to be ... they found a guy on the team that could (long-snap) and he did it."

Another way things are different now: Bo called Sweeney "Larry," but that's a story for another day.

Sweeney performed all the things long-snappers do today, but he was a center first and foremost. He cut his teeth as an all-state player at Alma High School and then played every game over four seasons (1980-83) for Schembechler. He

was a member of the 1980 Big Ten championship squad that won the 1981 Rose Bowl.

"I played center at Michigan and I learned to long-snap when I was in junior high," Sweeney said. "My dad was a football coach; he coached at Alma College. Back in the day, centers did it all. They snapped to quarterbacks, holders and punters. I just naturally developed that skill."

"And I was recruited by all the big boys, but it was basically between Michigan and Notre Dame. Those were the final two."

No limit

He didn't make the big time in pro football, but he worked a decade as a federal law enforcement officer. During those 10 years, Sweeney became the go-to guy for raising the physical fitness bar for federal agents.

Ultimately, Sweeney decided to take his game to the private sector. Today, he owns Jake's House of Iron in Canton and is a strength and conditioning specialist.

It is boot camp, of sorts, because the ex-Wolverine makes sure the young men and women (mostly in high school and college) go to their physical limit — and then go well beyond that.

Among those who spend \$20 for a 45-minute session (his rate for prep and college athletes) two or three times a



JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Still a Michigan Wolverine at heart is former football center Jake Sweeney (center). Group exercise sessions at his Canton facility are all about trust, accountability and being part of a team.

week is University of Detroit-Jesuit senior Jeremiah Riordan of Plymouth, who is signing to be long-snapper for the University of Buffalo (a D-I school in the Mid-American Conference).

"Jeremiah's a good athlete, a good kid, from a good family," Sweeney said. "I think he'll have a great career, I really do. When he was offered, his dad asked me what I thought."

"I think he's good enough that he could probably play anywhere. I think he's that

good, with the speed that he snaps with."

Sweeney doesn't have a crystal ball about what the future might bring for any athlete who trains at his facility. But for those getting through the workouts and coming back hungry for more, he does have a gut feeling about someone's work ethic, character and commitment to excellence.

Those all are traits that can translate into success as a college or pro athlete.

"The game's changed, but I just enjoy training the athletes as football players and see where it goes," Sweeney said. "I've got some really neat young kids now that are training with me that I see a lot of potential in."

Jake's House of Iron is located at 42030 Koppernick, Suite 311, Canton. For more information, go to jakeshouseofiron.com.

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RIORDAN

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steam as colleges are making a greater commitment to those who can do the job, rather than hoping a lineman can handle such duties.

"Blocking, especially when I'm getting up from snapping," Riordan said when asked about how the drill might help him with the Bulls. "Snapping my head up, it's just going to help me block faster and just get me prepared for the speed at the next level."

Chugging a bottle of Muscle Milk following the 45-minute workout, the 18-year-old Riordan said he loves to keep pushing the envelope with help from Sweeney and the rest of the group at House of Iron (located at Haggerty and Koppernick and a workout facility of choice for many pro football and hockey players).

"It's a tough workout; I couldn't do it," said Riordan's dad Michael, a judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals. "I can do an elliptical. I couldn't do what those guys are doing."

"But the proof's in the pudding, Brennen Beyer comes here, Kyle Brindza."

Working out during the same session were Brindza and Jamarl Eiland, a Buffalo wide receiver. Both are Plymouth football alums, as is Beyer (who plays for the NFL's Baltimore Ravens).

Brindza, a former NFL kicker, is now feverishly training to recover from a torn Achilles tendon.

"I like the battling ropes, just a great workout all-around," Jeremiah Riordan said. "Toughest is the sled, especially when they jump on it. You got to do all the weight and have the body weight of the person when they jump on. It gets you."

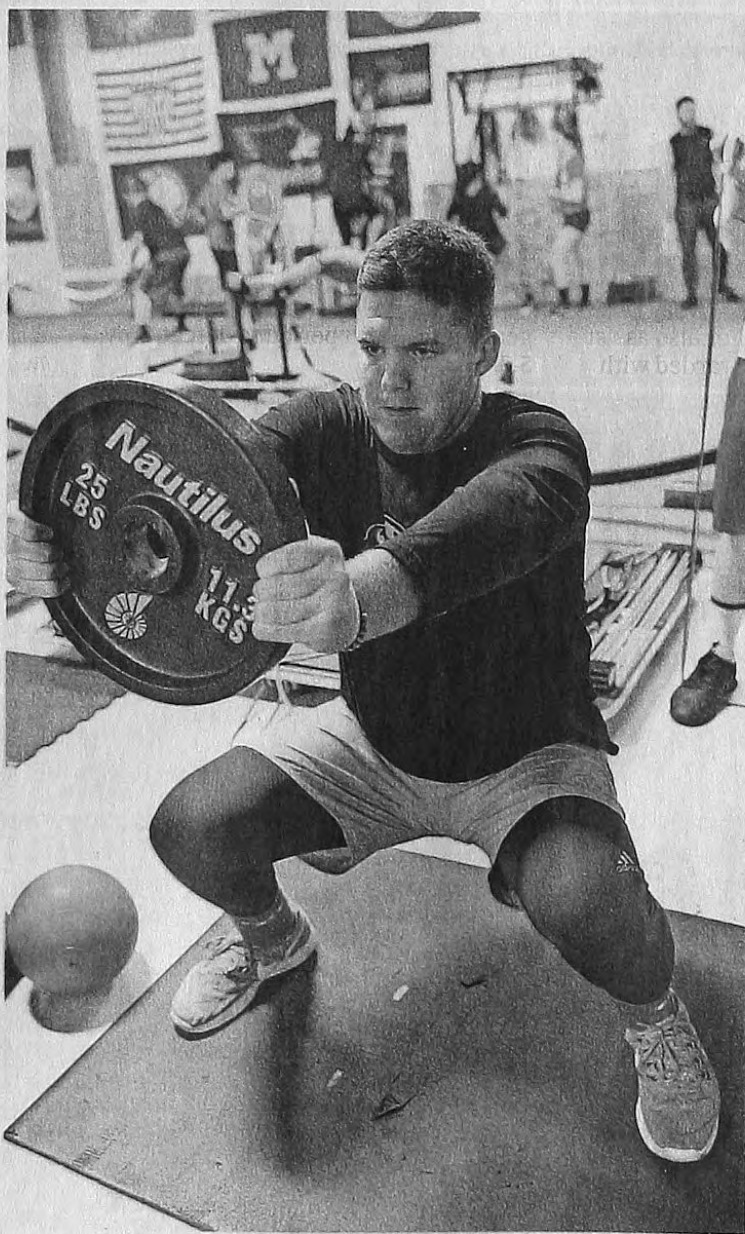
Desire and dreams

Riordan's got something else, too. He is talented, of course, but his desire to fulfill his football dreams is off the charts. So is his overflowing gratitude to those who have believed in him.

Nothing is going to stop the 6-2, 225-pounder from doing all he can to make sure Buffalo scouts and coaches made the right call.

"They have a senior who's graduating," Riordan said. "They want me to be that guy. They need me to step in day one and be that guy and I'm willing to do that and work my butt off for that."

Sweeney noticed from the get-go when Riordan walked into Jake's House of Iron that he had a young man who didn't mind going through countless



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Jeremiah Riordan puts everything he has into workouts at Jake's House of Iron in Canton.

hours of hard work to get to where he wanted to go.

"It's been four or five years (working with Riordan), maybe more," Sweeney said. "His dad brought him to me. I won't train them how to long-snap. I'll condition them, get them more explosive and stronger and faster."

"And if they want to stay afterward and work on some long-snapping, then we do that. I offer that service to all my players that play football and are offensive linemen."

Versatility counts

During his three-year prep career at U-D Jesuit, Riordan did much more than snap the football. He played tight end, linebacker, defensive end, offensive line — pretty much wherever Cubs coaches wanted him on the gridiron.

And that's a huge plus for any football player who might someday find a spot long-snapping in college or perhaps the professional ranks.

"I teach offensive linemen to be centers, too," Sweeney said.

"Because only the five best players play. So a kid like Mason Cole at Michigan, he was a tackle. They needed a center, so they moved him to center. These things happen all the time."

"Jeremiah's really applied himself. He's gone to camps, he's had these combines, places where they take parents' money and tell them, 'Oh, I can get your kid a scholarship.' I guess it works out sometimes and it doesn't."

"You got to understand, I'm kind of old-school. I look at it from the point of view that a college coach, a staff, they're going to find good football players. They don't rely on these all-star combines to find their talent in. But that's me."

Help from home

Word of mouth in Riordan's neighborhood helped him go to Jake's House of Iron several years ago.

"Jake was recommended to us by Patrick Salo (also a Plymouth grad), who lives in our sub," Michael Riordan said. "I

"I think the reason there are not more scholarship offers for long-snappers is that there are only so many scholarships to give."

TIM BAECHLER
Canton head coach

think he's going to be a doctor now. But he said Jake's the best around."

The younger Riordan knows where his bread is buttered, so he makes sure his dad gets major props for the upward trajectory his football career is taking. Last weekend, Michael and Jeremiah drove some 600 miles round-trip to Buffalo's official campus visit for 2017 recruits.

"I'm very blessed; my dad helped me a lot," Jeremiah said. "He's the one who actually got me into it (snapping). Eighth-grade year, he was looking at all these camps and said, 'You can actually go somewhere.'"

"He pushed me. We just worked at it together, traveling all around the country. I'm blessed with the opportunity Buffalo gave me and I'm going to prove I can make it four years, that long-snapping is something you can do."

Others have been there for him, too, such as former Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Michigan long-snapper Sean Griffin and Nick Adams, who snapped at Central Michigan University.

They pick up the training baton from Sweeney and ran with it.

"With anything, including snapping, repetition is the key," Griffin said. "You take so many snaps behind the scenes, when you step out on the field, it's second nature."

"The actual game doesn't change much. It's all about repetitions to develop muscle memory."

Mind over matter

And one of the muscles benefiting from that approach is the brain, so that athletes such as Riordan do not soften mentally when a key field goal needs to be kicked at the same time opponents and spectators scream expletives in an attempt to throw them off.

"With any specialist position, mental toughness is very important," Griffin said. "That's why you always see pro coaches try to 'ice the kicker' at the end of a game before a big kick."

"You always have to have a short memory while snapping. If anything goes wrong, forget about it and move on to the next one."

Riordan considers Griffin and Adams big brothers who will do anything for him. That's why he doesn't want to let them down.

"They teach you how to do

your mind right; it's all mental," Riordan said. "You can win or lose the game and you don't want to be the one to lose the game."

"Nick, he said, imagine the first game is at Minnesota, imagine the people there yelling and shouting. I have a couple buddies that snap with me, we just yell at each other, taunt, trying to make each other laugh, do whatever we can to distract each other. But you just got to focus on that snap."

Changing perspective

The future Bull can't wait until he gets the chance to butt helmets in the MAC, because he is a football player first and foremost.

Yet he understands he has an important job ahead of him for the next four seasons.

It is a job that is being taken seriously by more college coaches, enough so that Riordan is part of a growing fraternity — long-snappers with scholarships, rather than needing to prove their mettle as walk-ons.

Such was the case with Collin Caflisch, a 2015 Canton graduate who walked on at Michigan State the past two seasons.

Caflisch, like Riordan a physical beast at 6-4, 288 pounds, is entering his junior season with the Spartans, looking to break into the regular lineup.

"I think the reason there are not more scholarship offers for long-snappers is that there are only so many scholarships to give," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "I think most programs try to recruit a player based on position needs and they hope that a few of the guys they give scholarships to can also long-snap instead of just giving a scholarship to a snapper only."

"Collin can also play offensive line, but was mainly recruited because he is an excellent long-snapper that is also developing into a good offensive lineman at MSU."

Indeed, coaches like players they can count on and that definitely is the case with Riordan. At least, that's how he wants to be perceived.

And he doesn't mind one bit facing the challenges ahead.

After all, if Jeremiah Riordan can handle a burly throw, he's game for just about anything.

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MPHS SHOWCASE

Goleniak twins spark Salem victory

Rocks knock off Escanaba 4-0 in Chelsea, behind big game by sophomores

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Even though the Salem Rocks already have made several road trips this hockey season, there still was nervousness going into Thursday's game against Escanaba at the annual Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase in Chelsea.

For starters, the Rocks barely knew anything about their opponent for the game at Chelsea Arctic Coliseum. And head coach Ryan Ossenmacher was sidelined due to a two-game suspension levied after a Jan. 20 loss to Brighton.

Plus, the week-long showcase also is where plenty of college and junior scouts come to check out as many teams as possible during a short span.

Those factors contributed to a bit of a slow start, but the Rocks — behind the Goleniak twins — collected themselves and went on to post a convincing 4-0 victory.

Sophomore forward Colin Goleniak had two goals and an assist, while goalie Austin Goleniak was perfect between the pipes for his first shutout of the season.

"I think it's a blend of excitement and maybe a little nerves, because what you saw in the first period when the pressure's on sometimes you grip the stick a little harder," said Ossenmacher, who watched the game from a perch inside the arena. "Maybe you try and make a play that you don't try and make."

"Usually, it takes a little bit to get over that and I thought we did a good job after the first period."

Ossenmacher said the Goleniak brothers came up big-time for the Rocks to help the team improve to 7-8-1 overall (entering Friday's second showcase game against East Grand Rapids).

"When Colin's skating and moving his feet he's very effective," Ossenmacher said. "He opens his hips up better than almost anybody at this level, (to) protect the puck and create space for himself."

"He found himself in the right spot a couple times tonight. He's got a sneaky way of scoring goals."

About Austin Goleniak's effort, the coach said "especially in the first period, when we struggled, he made a couple big saves and kept us in the game. As the game went on, he continued to make the saves he needed to."

Colin Goleniak said the team "stepped up. We haven't been doing the best lately, so I think this is a really big



During a game earlier this season, Salem's Colin Goleniak (right) skates against Livonia Churchill defenders.

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Colin Goleniak

Austin Goleniak

win for us."

He smiled about facing the Eskymos, a team from the Upper Peninsula.

"I didn't even hear about them (Eskymos) until about three days ago," he said. "I was, like, 'That will be a fun experience, play a team I never heard even heard of.'"

Despite their early jitters, the Rocks actually enjoyed a 1-0 lead after one period, thanks to some strong goaltending by Austin Goleniak and a goal by junior forward Martino Zaia, who chipped in a rebound in front of Eskymos goalie Brodie Goddard.

Salem then scored three times in the middle period to take a 4-0 lead into the third.

Senior center and captain Matt Schaumburger buried the rebound of a Colin Goleniak shot at 2:07 (with defenseman Austin Marthaler also assisting) and Goleniak was rewarded with

his first goal on another rebound.

Senior forward Joey Driscoll (two assists) threaded the puck to senior defenseman Matt Davis, whose shot was stopped by Goddard. But Goleniak went to the net-front to knock in the second attempt.

"Our key was feed the points," Goleniak said. "We got a lot of traffic in front. Just feed the point, rebounds were there and started putting them in."

Adding a power-play goal with 20 seconds left in the period was Goleniak, again on a rebound. Schaumburger and Driscoll assisted.

Salem's goalie and defense then held off the Eskymos in the third period to preserve the shutout. Several times, the Rocks blocked shots to help the goaltender kill off two late minor penalties.

"You're playing for your teammates and you're not going to say anything, but everybody knows shutouts are a big deal to a hockey team and especially to a goalie," Ossenmacher said. "From that standpoint, whether it's 10 seconds left or 10 minutes, you still block shots, get in lanes. Things you're supposed to do."

Plymouth tops Colts

On Thursday afternoon at the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase in Chelsea, Plymouth scored five goals in the third period to defeat Troy, 5-3.

Jack Chumley led the way for the Wildcats with two goals and an assist, while Timothy Baldwin also had a three-point game (one goal, two assists).

Other Plymouth goals were scored by Christian Mullenax (who had an assist) and Zach Gallaher.

Chipping in two assists was Josh Weber, with Graham Sheehan and Nathan Stoneburg both collecting one assist.

Goalie Josh Montroy made 25 saves for the victory.

The Wildcats were scheduled to play their second game of the week Saturday at Chelsea Arctic Coliseum against Forest Hills Central.

ROCKS FALL, 5-1: On Jan. 20 at the Kensington Valley Ice House, Salem dropped a 5-1 decision to state-ranked Brighton.

Colin Goleniak put the Rocks on the board in the third period, with assists to Jake Saunders and Josh German.

CANTON EARNS TIE: On Monday at Chelsea Arctic Coliseum, Canton and Grand Blanc played to a 3-3 tie at the MPHS Showcase.

The Chiefs also were scheduled to play Bloomfield Hills on Wednesday at the showcase, but the result was not available as of Friday.

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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Rocks can't survive early deficit against Novi

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The Novi trey machine was rolling early Friday night and the Wildcats rode an early hot streak to a 63-43 win over visiting Salem.

Getting the fun started early for Novi in the KLAA Central Division varsity boys basketball matchup was junior guard Tendon Hankerson, and joining the party in the next couple minutes were junior guard Traveon Maddox Jr. and sophomore guard Giovanni Miles, from the left and right wings, respectively.

Before veteran Salem head coach Bob Brodie knew what had happened, his team was down 11-2. Throw in 19 turnovers, many of what he called the "unforced" variety and difficulty getting to the boards at either end of the floor, and it's evident why the Rocks dropped to 5-7 overall and 2-4 in the division.

"They came out in a blaze of glory, and we didn't react very well to it," Brodie said. "We should have been better prepared, expecting that type of run."

Asked about players needing to do a better job defending the outside shot, Brodie concurred.

"But if you step out on their threes (to defend) you saw what they did," he said. "They just blew right by us."

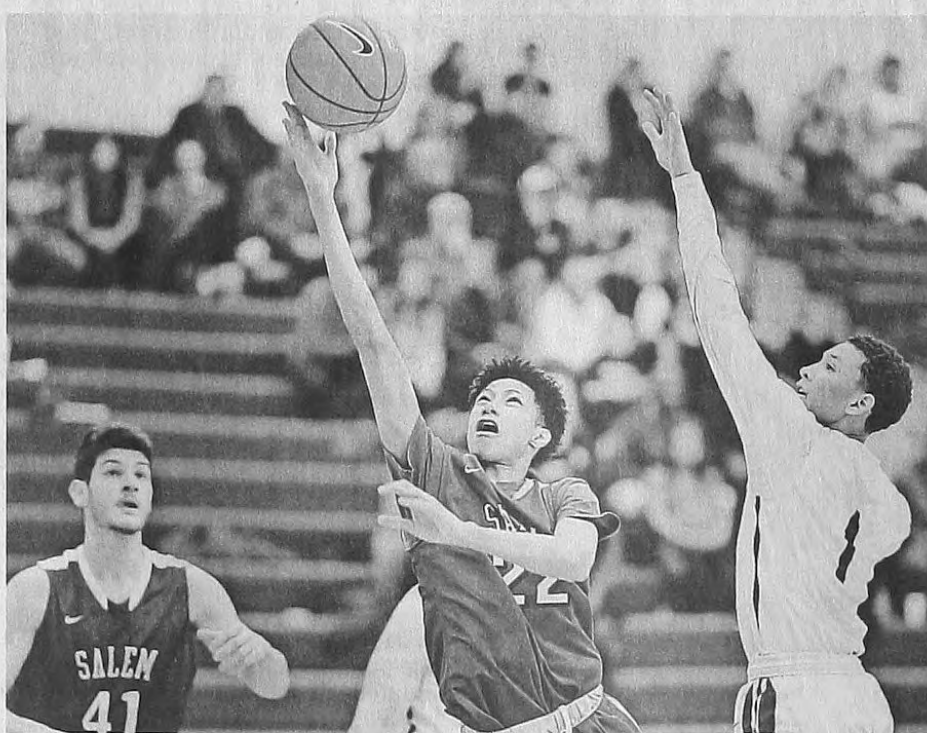
Novi, the first-place team in the KLAA Central (8-4, 6-0), enjoyed a 28-13 lead after one quarter and went to the locker room at halftime up 44-21.

The Wildcats sputtered somewhat in the second half, relatively speaking, actually losing the final two quarters 22-19.

"It's great to be where we're at, but we still got four tough games coming back," Novi head coach Brandon Sinawi said. "It's always tough the second time around. Tonight we were shooting the ball really well to start the game, but I think we lost the second half. It was close."

"They (Rocks) are always well coached and well disciplined and they're going to continue to play hard. Our kids had some lapses in that third quarter, beginning of the fourth. But we were able to hang tough, yeah, we're sitting nice up there but we still got work to do."

Scoring 15 points each for the Wildcats were Miles and senior forward



Taking the ball to the basket for Salem is Camren Barden (22), with teammate Kyle Winfrey (41) at left. At right for Novi is Tendon Hankerson (1).

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Jonny Davis while Maddox and Hankerson added 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Davis was a battler in the paint for the Wildcats, helping Novi to a considerable rebounding edge — which led to plenty of extra chances to score.

The play of the 6-4 Davis brought a smile to Sinawi's face.

"He's a fun kid to coach, he's somebody that always comes to the gym ready to play," Sinawi said. "He's been playing hurt the last five games and you wouldn't tell it by looking at the stats."

"... He's a big body, teams have a hard time with that girth inside and he's able to get some shots up."

Also helping the Novi cause with defense and rebounding were Miles and senior forward Alec Begeris.

"We did a great job on the defensive end, grabbing rebounds," Sinawi added. "Jiovanni Miles was all over the place. He's so good when he gets to the basket."

"And then when he comes out and helps us on the rebounding, and gives Jonny Davis a break, gives Alec Begeris a break, it makes us that much better."

For Salem, senior forward Cameron Grace was a bright spot with 16 points, while junior center Jeremy Armstead (10 points) and senior guard Camren Barden (six points) provided the Rocks with some offensive juice.

"In the second half we came out and we didn't let the game spread much further than it was," Brodie noted. "I told the guys it could be a running clock if we played like they did in the first half. To their credit, they didn't give up."

Brodie said it will be good for his team to get back on the court for practice to work on doing a better job protecting the basketball and getting in better position to grab some rebounds.

Both of those areas curtailed any chance the Rocks had of making a game of it Friday.

"We're making some poor decisions out there in passing the ball, dribbling off our foot trying to force too many things," Brodie lamented. "And when you force things it creates turnovers, and they're what I call unforced turnovers."

"Because we're trying too hard to

make things happen, rather than just letting them come to us."

The Rocks will look for better things to come when they host Northville on Tuesday.

Wayne nips Plymouth

It took overtime, but Wayne Memorial got past Plymouth 67-64 in a hard-fought KLAA South Division boys basketball game.

The Zebras (9-2 overall, 5-1 in the KLAA South) were paced by Keion Epps, who scored 17 points.

Also helping the Wayne cause were Rashad Williams (12 points) and Trevez Nyx (11 points).

Plymouth (5-7, 2-4) was led by Anthony Crump and Tariq Woody, with 17 and 16 points, respectively.

Adding 11 points each for the Wildcats were Joey Robb and Connor Bush.

Spartans romp

Livonia Stevenson improved to 11-1 overall and 5-1 in the KLAA Central with Friday's 74-45 win over South Lyon East.

Devin Dunn scored 15 points to lead the Spartans, who enjoyed leads of 14-9 after one quarter and 39-20 at halftime.

Ian Knoph added 11 points for Stevenson while George Ferguson and Thomas Demers added nine and eight points, respectively.

"It was a very fast-paced game tonight," Stevenson assistant coach Chris Haldane said. "We ran our full court presses to speed the game up to the pace we like to play and to cause turnovers."

Haldane also cited the strong defensive work turned in by Ferguson and Demers.

Rockets soar again

Westland John Glenn rolled to a 86-50 victory over host Livonia Churchill Friday night, to make it 10 wins in 11 games overall (5-1 in the KLAA South). The Chargers dropped to 2-10 overall and 0-5 in the division.

Joe Moon IV scored 26 points for the Rockets, while Dajon Parker (20), Christian Agnew (14) and Khalil Wright (12) all had strong offensive nights. Genesis Barnes scored 14 points for the Chargers.

John Glenn broke it open in the third, enjoying a 28-4 edge on the scoreboard to carry a 74-32 lead into the fourth.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dierker scores 1,000th point for MU

Former Salem standout reaches milestone in junior season, scores 20 as Crusaders top UNO

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During Chris Dierker's high school career at Salem, he was a thorn in the side of KLAAs opponents because of his double-threat ability to soar to the rim for buckets and boards or shoot jumpers from the perimeter.

Nothing has changed during his college career at Madonna University, as demonstrated by the 6-7 forward's milestone performance Wednesday at No. 21 University of Northwestern Ohio during the Crusaders' 82-76 victory.

Dierker sank a free throw for the 1,000th point of his three-year career with the Crusaders, becoming the 13th player in the history of Madonna men's basketball to join the exclusive club.

He sank a free throw in the second half for the big point and scored seven of his team's points during a 10-2 run that put Madonna up 72-58. The Crusaders had to withstand a late push by the Racers, who got to within 78-76 with 37 seconds left before junior guard Austin Johnson made two free throws for some breathing room.

"Reaching 1,000 points at this point in his career is a testament to his consistency," Madonna head coach Noel Emehiser said. "Since his freshman

year, we've been able to count on Chris to produce nearly a double-double every night.

"He has really improved since then and is really a force on both ends. I'm proud that all of his hard work is put on display and being rewarded in this way."

Dierker, of course, enjoyed another double-double against the Racers. He scored 20 points and grabbed 14 rebounds.

But the former Rocks standout wasn't the only MU player to spark the win. Johnson set a career high with 33 points (12-of-17 from the floor) to keep the offense rolling.

"Austin Johnson had an incredible night," Emehiser said. "He played a lot of minutes (32), defended their top offensive player and scored with great efficiency."

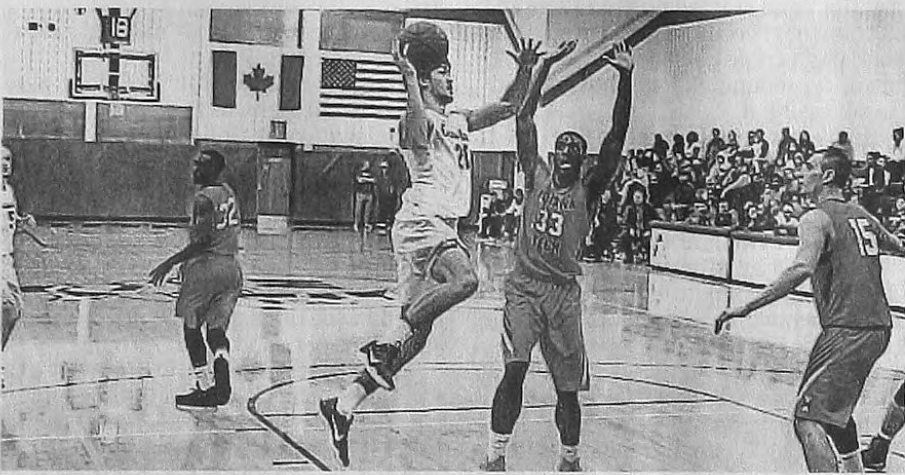
Chipping in eight points each were Dan Hall and Andrew Myers, while Stephan Umfress scored six.

Madonna, now 11-12 overall and 6-9 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, led 39-31 at halftime and held off the Racers down the stretch in large part to the play of Dierker and Johnson.

"UNO is a difficult place to play and they have a very good team," Emehiser said. "I was impressed with our defense throughout the game."

The Racers dropped to 15-8 overall and 10-5 in league play.

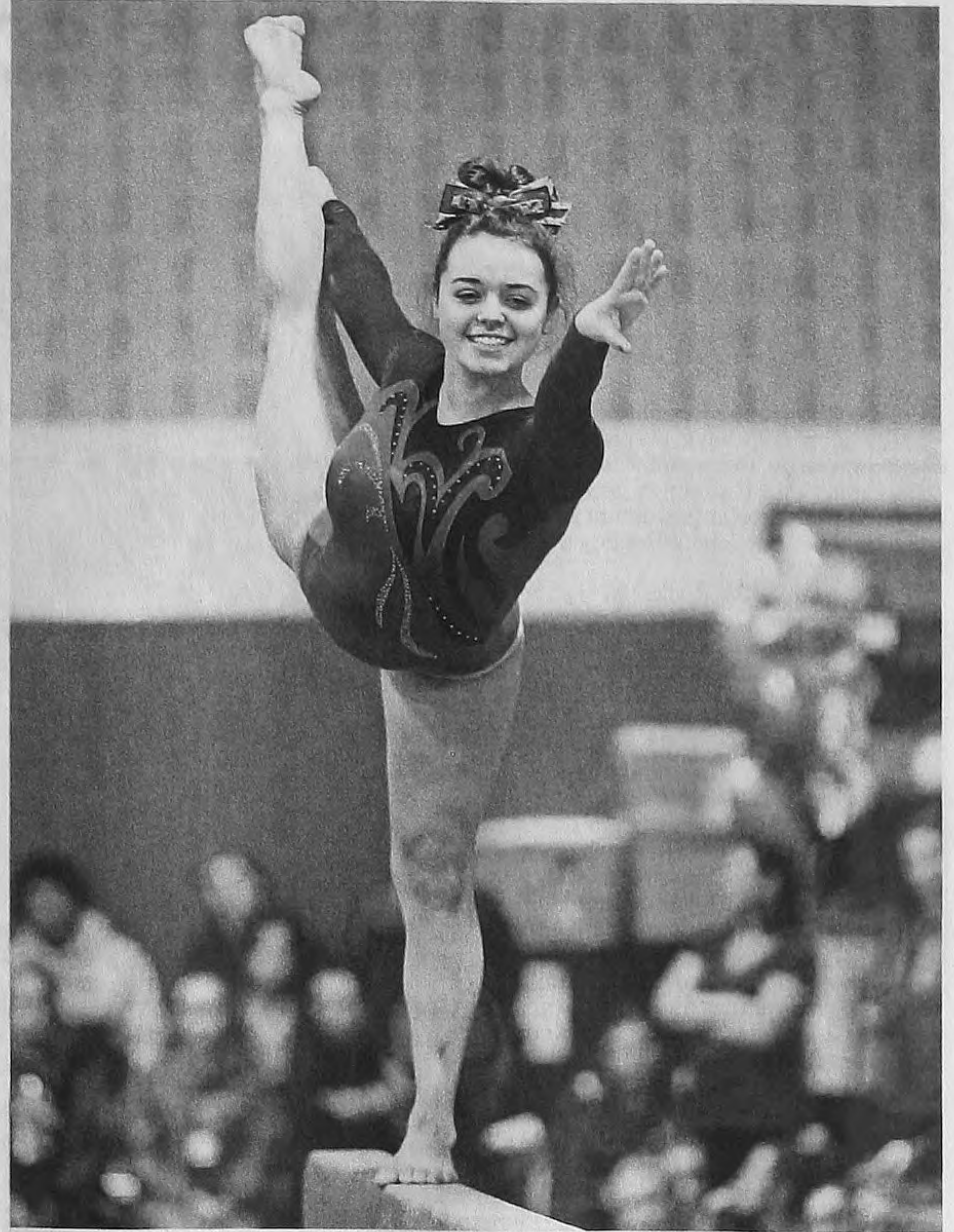
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MADONNA ATHLETICS

Going to the rack during a game earlier this season is Madonna University junior forward Chris Dierker, a Salem graduate.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS



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Rachel Socha competes Thursday night for Canton.

Chiefs able to hold off pesky Rocks

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Despite final exams taking place all week, the gymnasts for Canton and Salem had plenty of energy left to turn in a splendid campus matchup Thursday night.

Canton's superior depth turned out to be the deciding factor, as the Chiefs came away with a close-fought 142.6-to-136.775 victory.

"We both had great meets considering the sleep deprivation and finals week tension," joked veteran Canton coach John Cunningham, noting that the Rocks registered their top score of the season and that it was good for the Chiefs to finish above 140.

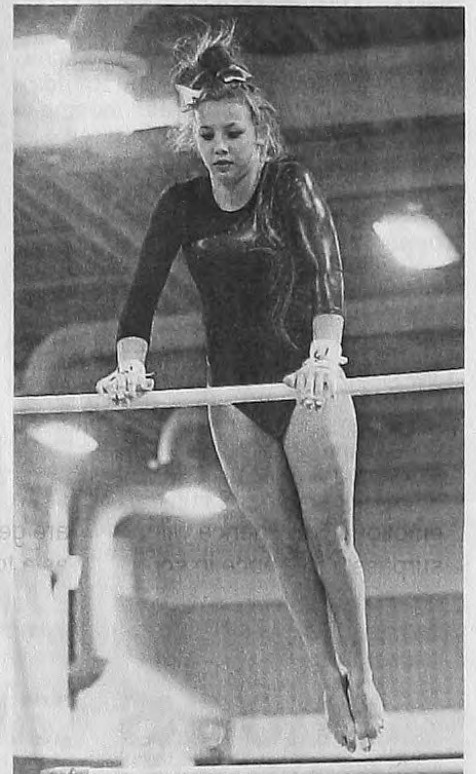
Cunningham said the return to action of Jana Hilditch was a key factor for his team. She won vault (9.35) and the all-around (35.7) and tallied nines both on balance beam (9.0) and floor exercise (9.2).

Other Canton standouts included Victoria Faber (9.025, first on uneven parallel bars), Rachel Socha (a season high score of 9.45 on beam, good for first place.

"As usual, Kelsea Kernosek put together a nice set for the meet," said Cunningham, noting her scoreline of 9.05-8.75-8.35-8.825.

Katie Dickson chipped in on beam (8.85) and floor (8.8) while Annika Wang's 9.1 on beam "rounded out another balanced scoring team meet."

For the Rocks, Riley Fisher was a



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Performing her routine on uneven parallel bars Thursday is Salem's Riley Fisher.

standout. She won on floor (9.25) and took second on beam (9.35).

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lutheran Westland edges Thurston; Zebras top 'Cats

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Lutheran High Westland overcame a five-point deficit with less than two minutes left and went on to earn a 47-45 non-league girls basketball victory Wednesday night at Redford Thurston.

Taylor Jones scored 15 of her game-high 19 points during the second half, including the game-tying basket with 40 seconds left to knot the game at 45-all.

After a Thurston turnover, Lutheran Westland's Kelli Orme converted the go-ahead basket with only nine seconds remaining off an out-of-bounds play to put the Warriors ahead for keeps.

Thurston's attempt at a three-pointer with only six seconds left missed the mark as the Warriors held on.

Jones also added 10 steals as the Warriors improved to 8-2 overall.

Rachel Reddeman contributed 16 points and 12 rebounds for Lutheran Westland, which trailed 22-20 at halftime before leading 36-35 after three quarters.

"I'm proud of our effort tonight, especially in the second half," Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade said. "We still have some things to work on and improve upon, and we will do that, but for now we will enjoy this one."

Bryanna Burton and Naudia Jackson each scored 13 points for the Eagles, who dropped their fifth straight to fall to 5-7 overall.

WAYNE 60, PLYMOUTH 50: Host Wayne Memorial built leads of 18-8 after one quarter and 29-16 at halftime and went on to post a KLAAs South Division girls basketball victory.

Chantal LeDoux scored 15 points for Plymouth (4-8, 3-3), with Alexa Ebeling and Gabby Chouinard adding 13 and 12 points, respectively.

No individual stats were available as of press time for the Zebras.

"Our group is battling consistency right now," Plymouth coach Ryan Ballard said. "We played Wayne tough again for three quarters. We have to find a way to put it all together."

CANTON 61, FRANKLIN 8: On Friday night at Livonia Franklin, the Chiefs were dominant from start to finish. Erin Hult scored 15 points for Canton while Brianna Finn and Shymya Butler helped the cause with 10 and nine points, respectively. Canton led 36-7 at halftime.

"It was clear the team was relieved to have finished their end of the semester finals today and came to the gym absolutely ready to play basketball," Canton coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "We shot a solid 48 percent from the field and also made six of 11 three-point attempts so it was one of those nights."

Conversely, it was a tough night for the Patriots. Aleaha DeFrain scored three points to lead the team.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 54, HURON VALLEY 47: On Friday night at Huron Valley Lutheran, the Warriors played a steady game and posted the seven-point victory.

Lutheran Westland (9-2, 4-1) led 13-12 after one quarter and 23-20 at halftime.

Leading the Warriors with 26 points was Rachel Reddeman while Taylor Jones added 15.

The Hawks dropped to 5-8 overall and 2-2 in the division.

"Coming into this game, we expected it to be tightly contested and that is what we got," Lutheran Westland head coach Sandi Wade said. "They (Hawks) do a good job with some pressure and that caused some problems early, which we took advantage of."

"We settled down and ended up getting some good looks eventually. We were able to take advantage of some size inside and Reddeman was able to have a big game which also allowed Jones to get some space and attack the basket."

THURSTON 43, CLARENCEVILLE 23: Junior Bryanna Burton scored a game-high 14 points to lead Redford Thurston (6-7, 2-3) to a 43-23 Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division win Friday over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (1-11, 0-5).

Senior Gillian Drake and sophomore Naudia Jackson chipped in with eight and seven points, respectively for the Eagles, who snapped a five-game losing streak.

Myla Hoskins-King who hit a three-pointer to start the game giving Clarenceville its only lead of the night, finished with a team-high 12 points.

Thurston led 26-8 at halftime and 32-11 after three quarters.

The Eagles were 6-of-15 from the foul line (40 percent), while Clarenceville was 2-of-8 (25 percent).

PANTHERS LOSE: On Friday, Johnnae Steele's 19 points were not enough as Redford Union (7-4, 3-2) fell to WWAC Red Division leader Dearborn Fordson (9-4, 5-0).

CHURCHILL 41, STEVENSON 35: Livonia Churchill earned a 41-35 victory Tuesday over Livonia Stevenson.

Sparking the Chargers was Annie Yeaton, with 20 points and 16 rebounds. Sarah Tanderys scored 12 for Stevenson.

"When Annie plays with that kind of energy and hunger we can compete with any team and tonight was proof of that," Churchill coach K'Len Morris said. "Shae Smith did a good job attacking their defense and creating plays for others. As a collective unit, I was very proud of how tough we were mentally."

Spartans head coach Karen Anger said her team was hurt by poor free-throw shooting, with the team missing 21 of 28 attempts.

Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.

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What to expect from a job search in the new year

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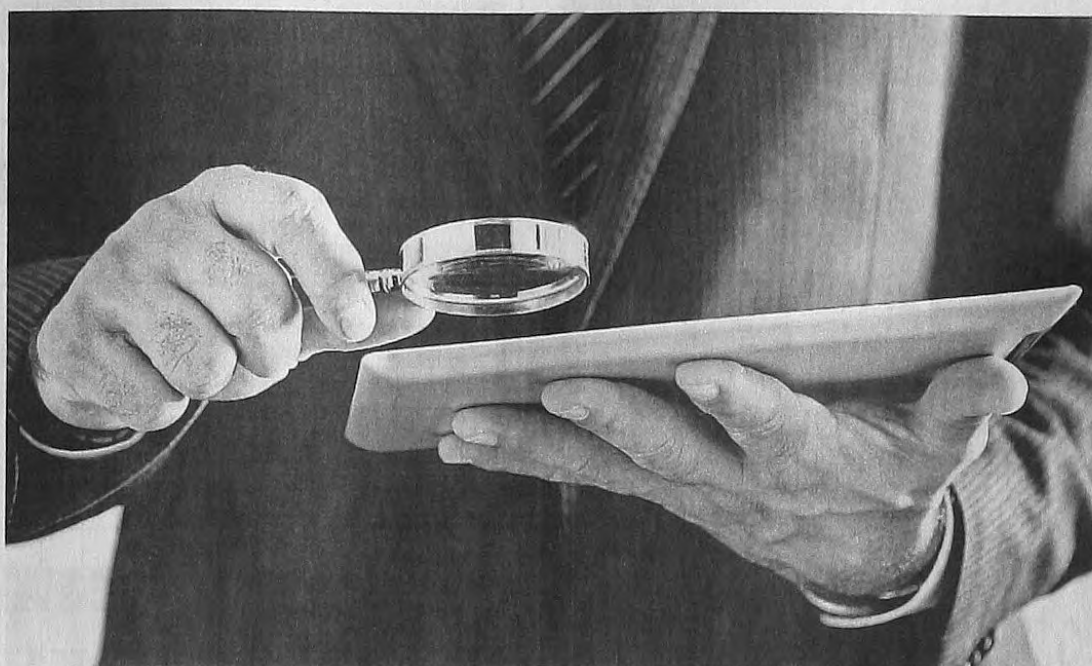
Whether you made a New Year's resolution to find a new job or are considering revisiting your options later this year, it may be hard to keep up with what is changing when it comes to the job-search process.

Here are some of the expectations employers will have for candidates – and job seekers will have for employers – in 2017.

Emotional intelligence

Many employers have come to place a high value on emotional intelligence – the ability to identify one's own, and other people's, emotions – and that is likely to continue through 2017.

"Demonstrating high emotional intelligence will surpass experience in some cases," says Valerie Streif, senior adviser with The Mentat, a San Francisco-based organization that hires, manages and mentors job candidates. "Due to the sensitive nature of society today, especially post-2016 elections, demonstrating a high level of emotional intelligence and empathy will be seen as crucial traits to have, and employees gifted with these talents will soar above the crowd."



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Social media

Pretty much everyone is on social media, and employers are getting better at using this as a tool for both connecting with and learning more about potential candidates. As a job seeker, make sure you check out a company's social media presence while applying – and don't forget to make sure yours is respectful and professional.

"Connecting with companies via social media not only allows easier access to their jobs, but also helps candidates get a better grasp of what working at the company is like, which helps with interview preparation," says Jason

Smith, senior vice president of KNF&T Staffing Resources. "Now more than ever there are smarter and more advanced tools available that make finding the right job easier, and candidates are jumping on these opportunities."

Better benefits

As employers are getting more competitive in their search for skilled workers, job seekers are able to use this to their advantage. In 2017, job seekers will continue to have more than just salary on their mind when comparing open positions.

"On a good note for job

seekers, salaries are expected to be a bit higher in the current year, and there very well could be more benefits and perks associated with any position you can find," says David Bakke, a career expert at Money Crashers. "If possible, try to negotiate a flex schedule, telecommuting options, or even a bit more paid time off if you can get yourself in the position of receiving a job offer."

Culture fit

Job seekers often seek a company where they think they will fit in with their co-workers and they will enjoy their time at the office. On the

flip side of that coin, companies also consider culture fit when deciding between candidates, and this is likely to continue this year. It is important to keep that in mind when interviewing, so you can highlight not only why you're a strong fit based on your skills, but also why you're a strong cultural fit.

More than just money

What factors you consider when evaluating a potential job opportunity are up to you, but it's worth noting that job seekers overall are increasingly looking for a fulfilling job with the potential to lead to a career.

"The shift will continue where job seekers are looking for two things: a challenging role that stretches them and the opportunity to grow their skills and career," says Ian Cook, head of workforce solutions at Visier Analytics. "Money always remains important as a baseline, but the key differentiators for job seekers will be related to how the work experience presents them with growth opportunities."

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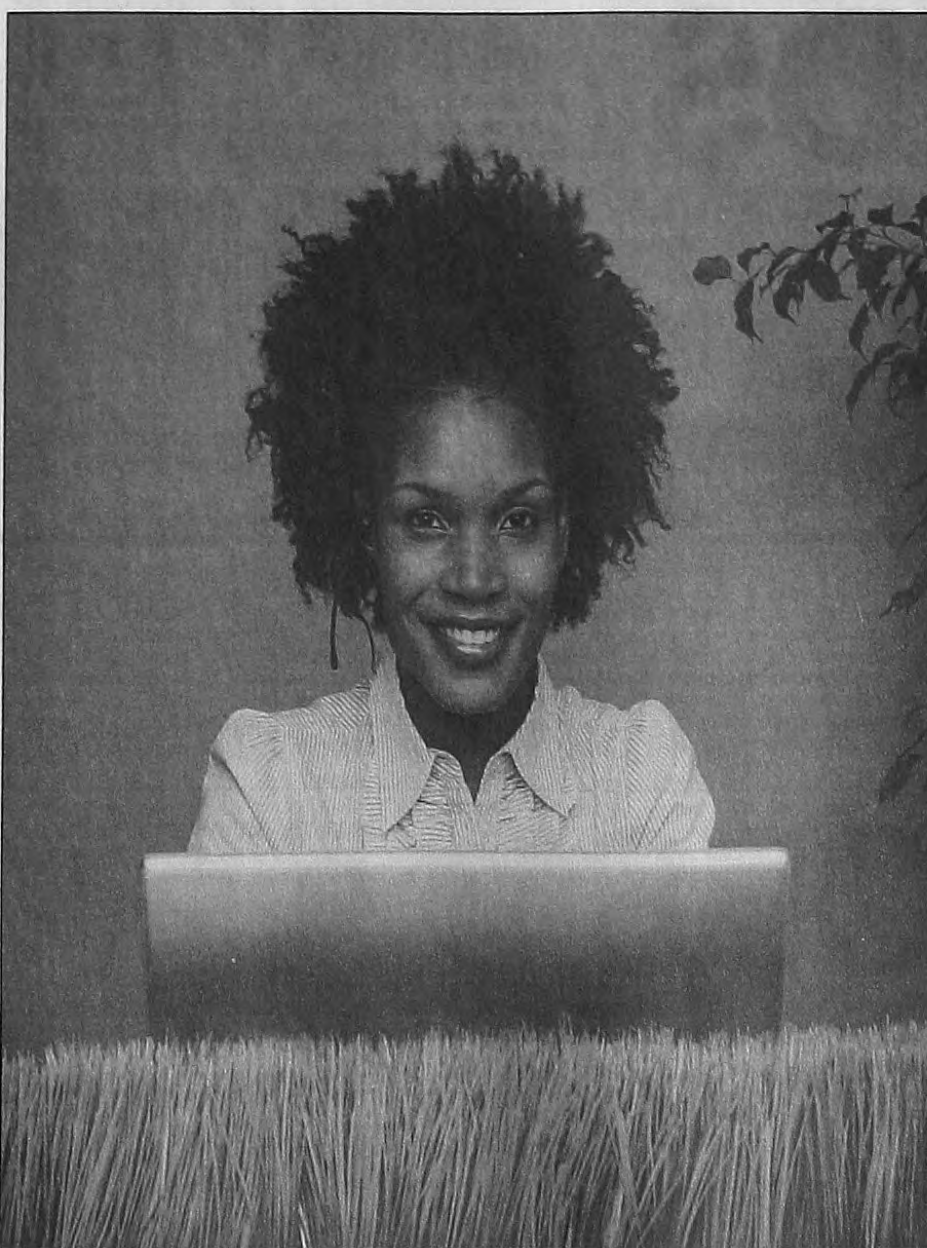
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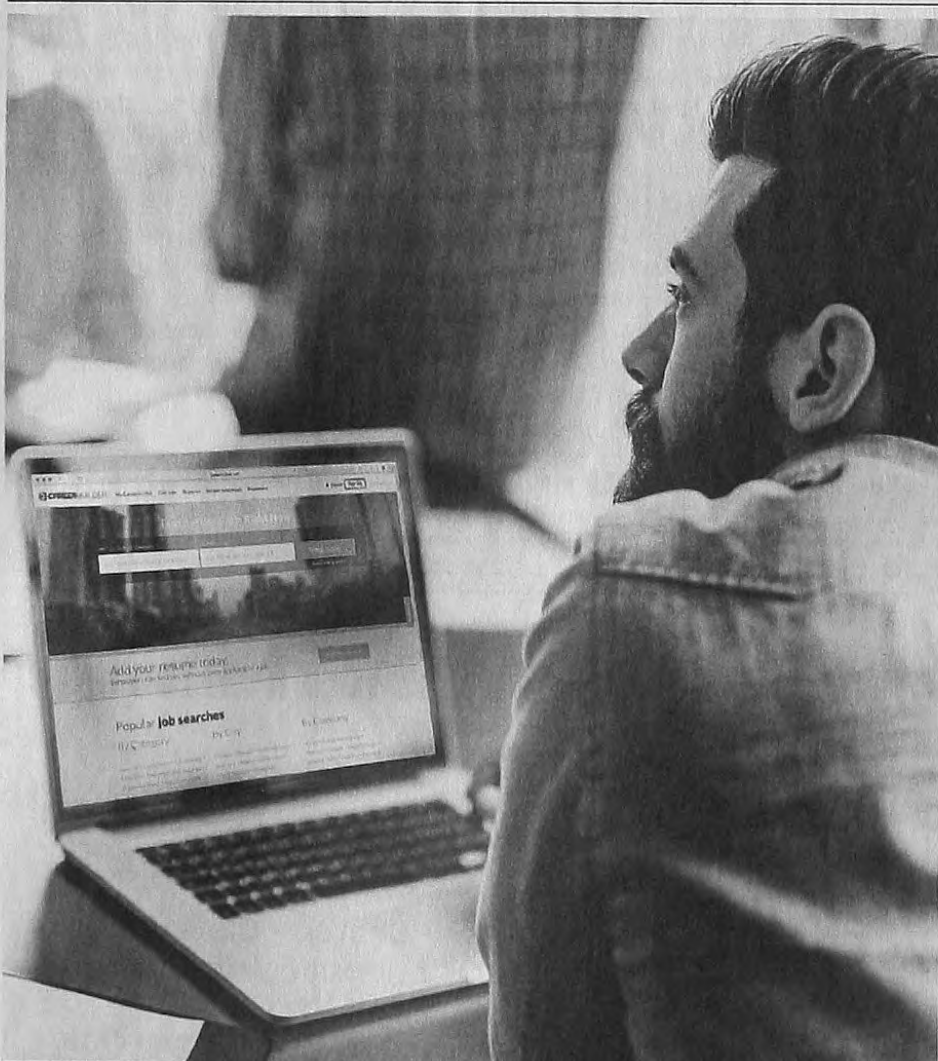
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- 1 Deluding deliberately
 - 8 Stiff cat hair
 - 15 Capital of Morocco
 - 20 Of the side
 - 21 Plane for short hops
 - 22 Put a hex on
 - 23 Dog having no bounds?
 - 25 "I repeat ..."
 - 26 Gal pal, in Grenoble
 - 27 Parts of lbs.
 - 29 Bring to ruin
 - 30 Dog hanging out with pride
 - 39 Gawk rudely
 - 40 Restrained with shackles
 - 41 Bit in trail mix
 - 42 British money depicting a dog?
 - 45 Capital of Indonesia
 - 49 Hollywood's Raines
 - 50 Edible mushroom
 - 51 Sack fiber
 - 52 Catering hall receptacle
 - 53 Take eager advantage of
 - 55 Equaling a dog's level of coziness?
 - 60 Plant pore
 - 63 "When I was ..."
 - 64 With 32-Down, Lucille Ball's partner
 - 65 Dog carrying a container of high-fat spread?
 - 73 Verdi song
 - 74 Cozy recess
 - 75 Old heads of Iran
 - 76 Dog along with Mrs. Truman?
 - 81 Gunfire noise
 - 86 Pindar work
 - 87 Heavy cart for haulage
 - 88 Ejects
 - 91 — Alto, California
 - 92 Fund for the future
 - 94 Dog's felt-tip pen?
 - 98 — Vicente
 - 99 Drum machine
 - 100 Property claims
 - 101 Dog that doesn't dial long-distance?
 - 107 Latin love
 - 108 Detroit-to-Charlotte dir. —
 - 109 Golfer McIlroy
 - 110 Circle measures
 - 112 Hit by a dog?
 - 122 Heart's place
 - 123 French "Stephen"
 - 124 Resembling element #50
 - 125 Speediness
 - 126 Electrified
 - 127 Made irate
 - 10 Audit gp.
 - 11 Racecar fuel additive
 - 12 Chiang — -shek
 - 13 Glorifies
 - 14 "The Godfather" character
 - 15 TV maker
 - 16 Capital of Maine
 - 17 Ranch iron
 - 18 Brief digression
 - 19 Carpentry joint part
 - 24 Harder to grab hold of
 - 28 Haydn work
 - 30 Ripped off
 - 31 St. — Girl (beer brand)
 - 32 See 64-Across
 - 33 Memo words
 - 34 Nabisco's — Wafers
 - 35 Prefix with 20-Across
 - 36 Sugar pie
 - 37 H.S. subj.
 - 38 Zaps in the microwave
 - 39 — Out of My League
 - 43 Whacked, biblically
 - 44 Thus far
 - 45 Wine vessel
 - 46 Indian money
 - 47 Tie up tightly
 - 48 #1 Rolling Stones hit
 - 51 A tribe of Israel
 - 54 Subj. for U.S. aliens
 - 56 Burlap bags
 - 57 Camera inits.
 - 58 Scottish refusals
 - 59 Gator's tail?
 - 61 Mork's girl
 - 62 First little bit of progress
 - 65 BLT part
 - 66 Wear slowly
 - 67 Buenos — (capital of Argentina)
 - 68 Comedy bit
 - 69 Weeding aid
 - 70 Cuban hero José
 - 71 Deep fissure before DDE
 - 72 President before DDE
 - 77 Noble goal
 - 78 Dialects
 - 79 Equine loser
 - 80 Hercules player Kevin
 - 82 Spring month
 - 83 Sulu player George
 - 84 Coeur d'— (Idaho city)
 - 85 Rocky crags
 - 89 Atop
 - 90 Gender determiners
 - 93 Like Russia before 1917
 - 94 Visualize
 - 95 Chance, old-style
 - 96 Pt. of NCAA
 - 97 Sliding (with)
 - 99 Yasmine of "Baywatch"
 - 101 Pine relative
 - 102 Nebraska city
 - 103 Claphers, say
 - 104 Kefauver of old politics
 - 105 Terra- — (capital of Argentina)
 - 111 Ending for Tokyo
 - 113 Copa's home
 - 114 Fun and games, for short
 - 115 Printer fluid
 - 116 Butyl ender
 - 117 Lipstick color
 - 118 The Indians, for short
 - 119 Aperitif with white wine
 - 120 Scrape (out)
 - 121 Beauty of "1941"

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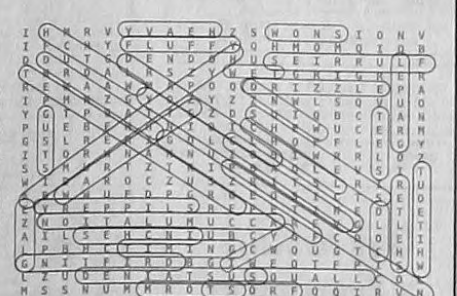
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Car Report

SOME AUTO CEOS COMING TO BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT TRUMP MIGHT NOT BE SO BAD FOR THEIR INDUSTRY AFTER ALL



By Dale Buss

President Donald Trump and the U.S. auto industry seem closer to understanding one another after his first few days in office. Ford CEO Mark Fields was one of a handful of top-company CEOs who met with the new American leader on his fourth day in office, about business issues, and he came away saying he believes that Trump may be good for business and the auto industry.

"I come out with a lot of confidence that he is very serious about making the U.S. economy strong, and will have the policies on taxes, regulation and trade to drive that," Fields said after the meeting that he shared with Tesla CEO Elon Musk, fellow Michigan-based CEO Andrew Liveris, of Dow Chemical, and others.



Ford CEO Mark Fields

The meeting followed weeks during which Trump drove automotive CEOs nuts with all of his job-shaming and tweets about car production in

Mexico. Many of the captains of the industry spent the first few days of the North American International Auto Show in Detroit trying to out-promise one another about creating new jobs in the United States.

And when they weren't doing that, these execs were wringing their hands about whether the president understands international trade well enough not to ruin it.

At some other auto leaders at NAIAS were sounding a far more sanguine view of the unfolding drama, figuring two things.

First, by tweeting his displeasure about car-making jobs in Mexico that he thinks should be in the United States, Trump basically was staking out a negotiating position that is ultimately designed to improve the North American Free Trade Agreement for his country, not to punish America's automakers.

And indeed, one of the first executive actions taken by Trump after he ascended to office was to put Mexico and Canada on notice that he wants to meet soon to renegotiate aspects of NAFTA, which on the campaign trail he repeatedly thumped as a "bad trade deal."

Second, the auto executives who are more optimistic believe that while Trump already has been pretty good for the car business as a whole, he'll likely prove even better now that he's actually in the White House.

Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn is among the more optimistic group. When he mentioned Trump in remarks to the press at the Detroit show, the journalistic cognoscenti tittered with anticipatory glee that he'd ream Trump because many of his peers do, privately and publicly. But instead, Ghosn stunned them.

"Obviously whenever there is a new administration coming, particularly in the second-largest car market in the world, everyone is anxious and everyone is listening — that's predictable," Ghosn began. "Trump said America comes first, and, 'I want jobs in the U.S.' That makes a lot of sense [to] us — a lot of countries in the world want to promote [themselves] first."

Ghosn suggested that every auto company could adapt to new trade rules if they were uniformly enforced. For a long time, he said, "The rules have been NAFTA. And we all adapted to it." With Trump as president, he said, "It will be something else — fine, as long as the rules are the same for everyone."

And there was more. Ghosn had the temerity to imply that Trump's election already had juiced consumer confidence in America and to say that "the only thing that can be reasonably expected from the new administration is to maintain [high] consumer confidence. That's it. And by the way, [such sentiments are] very high in January ... It looks now like 2017 will be better than 2016 for U.S. auto sales, an expectation



At the heart of Ford's Mexico strategy is manufacture there of the Focus.

that would have been considered hopelessly optimistic just a few months ago.

Throw in the fact that Trump wants to cut corporate taxes, Ghosn said, and "all of this is going to go in the direction of boosting growth" and creating "great things for the industry."

Toyota board member Mark Hogan sounded a similarly optimistic note despite Trump's opening rhetoric. "I look forward to a more pro-business environment, including tax cuts and incentives for job creation," Hogan told me. "He's willing to work on rebuilding the U.S. manufacturing base so that we can become a pre-eminent exporter again."

And Hogan pooh-poohed the apparent worries of many of his peers that Trump somehow doesn't

understand the complexities of global supply chains and the importance of free trade. "He's an international businessman with properties all over the world. He's built an empire; you have to give him credit for that. He just struck a chord with the American people" with his stance on jobs in Mexico.

Hogan also believes that Trump — author of The Art of the Deal, after all — is simply pursuing the bent for setting up the opposition to eventually accept the concession that he actually wants.

"Trump is a preeminent negotiator," said Hogan, a former high-level General Motors executive and former CEO of megasupplier Magna. "So when he makes a statement publicly or privately, it's always designed to get an advantage."

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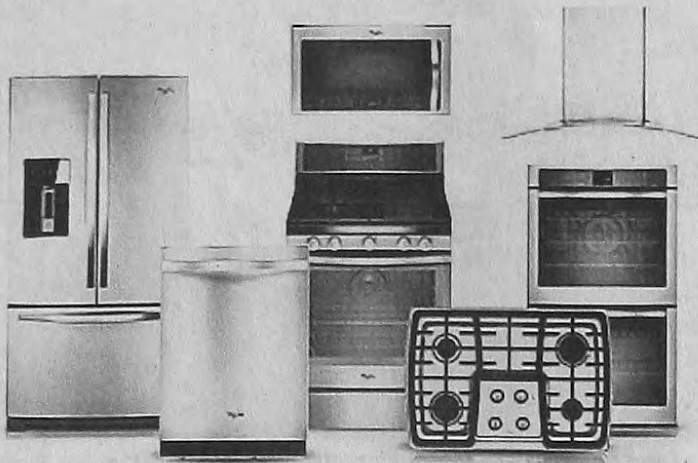
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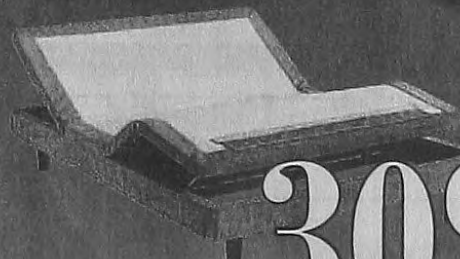


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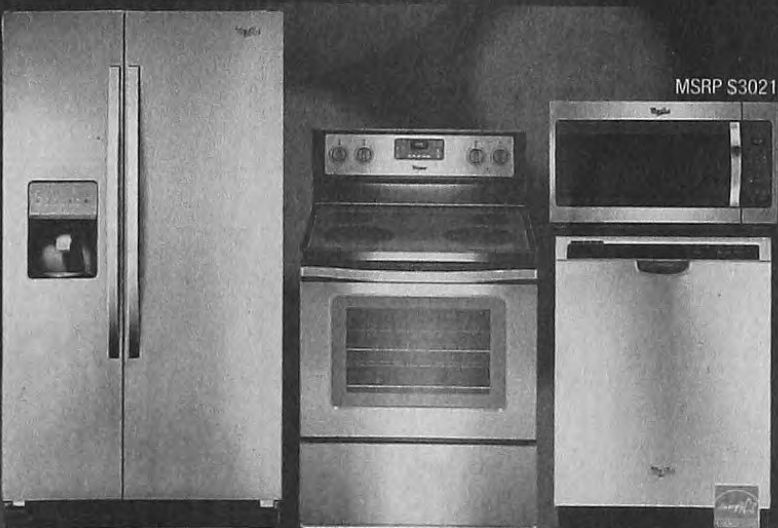
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